

Missionary Society followed in 1799, the Wesleyan in 1813, the General Baptist in 1816, etc.

The "LONDON RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY," instituted in 1799, and the "BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY," in 1804, became also most powerful Missionary Auxiliaries in which all Protestants could co-operate for evangelizing the world. Eternity alone can reveal how vast has been their usefulness.

The English "CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY" has done excellent work in Africa, America, New Zealand, etc. The Wesleyan Churches have flourishing Missions in the Fiji Islands, Africa, and elsewhere. The Scottish Churches have powerful and prosperous Missions in India and China, Turkey and Africa, America, and the Isles; to Jews and Gentiles far and near.

In America the "BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS" was instituted in 1810, and soon won the Sandwich Islands to Christianity; and they still go on extending their conquests. The "AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY" sprang from this in 1814; and the devoted Adoniram Judson was its first great Missionary to Burmah and the Eastern Peninsula. It has had eminent success, especially among the Karens. With our CANADIAN MISSIONS you are all familiar. All the leading Churches of America have now their Foreign Missions, and their success is growing in Japan and China, Turkey and Africa, India, and elsewhere.

In Europe, also, Protestant Missionary Societies were instituted at BASLE in 1816, and at BERLIN in 1823, besides many others more recently. Strong Bible Societies also flourish in the Protestant nations, and in those of the Greek Church. In Roman Catholic countries the Vatican and the Propaganda monopolize this work of publishing and circulating the Sacred Scriptures; and also of withholding and prohibiting them.

Missions to the Heathen are much more successful generally than Missions to Jews or Mahomedans. But of late a remarkable spontaneous movement of the Jews to Christianity began in Southern Russia, under the care of Joseph Rabinowitz, a learned Jewish thinker, of Bessarabia, whose adherents are numbered by hundreds.

The few Societies named above have grown to 26 distinctively Foreign Mission Societies in Great Britain and Ireland; 32 have been formed in America; and 28 on the continent of Europe,—exclusive of Bible Societies, etc., which are very distinctly engaged in Foreign Mission work. The *Princeton Missionary Review* gives the information that in 1886, 101

Societies (including Bible and kindred Societies) had 2975 ordained ministers, 732 laymen, 2420 women, and 3068 ordained natives, and 28,642 native assistants; while the £13: 2: 6 subscribed for the conversion of the heathen world, at the meeting at which William Carey founded his first British Foreign Missionary Society, has grown to over £1,250,000 for Britain and Europe, and over £700,000 for America—that is, an annual revenue of about £2,000,000, or about \$10,000,000.

In this Comprehensive Review of Foreign Missions we have incidentally noted many of the Aids which they have given to Science, both Secular and Sacred. We are now able to sum them up as follows:

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS have aided SCIENCE immensely,

I. As a Pioneer, in preparing and protecting the path of Science,

1st, By civilizing the Savages and the Barbarians, who might otherwise murder and devour Scientific Savans and visitors.

2nd, By sweeping away superstitions, demon worship, black magical arts, and other inveterate prejudices against Science.* What can Science do where its head may be broken if it speak against the "curious arts" or "Great Diana" of the Ephesians, or against Kali, or Suttee, or the Chinese anti-eclipse drums!

3rd, By introducing friendship, hospitality and commerce, as well as arts and learning, with true morality and piety, among the nations.

4th, By thus popularizing good Ethics and Economics, with sound principles of Philosophy and Politics. In this way it is now admitted by able British Statesmen, that the American Missions in Turkey, (and especially that of Roberts' College), have done more to build up the Christian States of Roumania and Bulgaria, and to check the influence of Russia over them, and over Turkey itself, than even the terrible Crimean war ever did!

II. As a Collector, Student, and Discoverer, of Science,

1st, In Geography and Topography. Thus "The Acts" revealed Europe to Israel, and Israel and its oracles to Europe and the world.

2nd, In Folk-lore and Traditions, History, and Literature, which become common property to friendly nations.

* If any man objects, "that Christians themselves have prejudices against Science, and smite giants like Galileo dumb with their cruel crucifix," we reply that blind Theologians did so from lack of light, and that we now labor to "boycott" such ignorant and arrogant Dogmatists, and to give free course and hearty aid to all true Science, whether Sacred or Secular.