

illustrious example. The great naturalist Darwin described her people as the most brutal and degraded on the face of the earth, and worse than beasts of the field. To-day history gives assurance that these savages were not too low for the Gospel to reach, nor too degraded for its transforming power; that the whole island has been evangelized, and is now a radiating centre.

The list might be almost indefinitely prolonged with the story of Fiji, Madagascar, Japan, Sierra Leone, Formosa, and many other bright examples. If the changed life of the individual is a marked proof of Divine power, how much more changed peoples and communities! Such supernatural effects require a supernatural cause. Admit a Divine agency at work, realizing the fulfilment of the promise, "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," and all is evident; reject such agency, and facts remain unexplained and inexplicable.

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"ABIIT AD PLURES."

CALM are the holy dead
 When the passion of Life is o'er,
 When the green turf flowers o'er the resting head,
 And the turbulent dreams of the world have fled,
 And the wild heart throbs no more!

Blessed are the holy dead,
 Though dark were their lot before;
 For healed are the wounds that on earth have bled,
 And dried are the tears that on earth were shed
 For the sorrows that erst they bore!

Wise are the holy dead,
 Ah! wise with a noble lore;
 For to their clear glances are open spread
 The scrolls where the secrets of God are read,
 In the heavens where the angels soar!

Oh, who will bemoan the dead,
 As stricken with anguish sore?
 Though the sod or the marble be o'er his head,
 His beautiful soul with a song hath fled
 To the rest that it loved of yore!

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