

Go with me, in imagination, to Aneityum, Eromanga, or Tana, in the South Seas, or visit "in your mind's eye" the sun-scorched plains of India, and gaze upon the native churches with their palm-leaf and sugar-cane roofs and their substantial mortar and stone, and there you have the mighty bulwarks of our religion and the majestic monuments of God's truth. "Missions," says Prof. Christlieb, of Bonn, "are the embodied courage of the Church, the touchstone of her faith, and their own best apology."

Lord Lawrence declared, when at the zenith of his fame, that Missions had done more to benefit India than all the other agencies combined." Most weighty testimony.

Charles Darwin, the celebrated naturalist, was an ardent believer in foreign missions and was in the habit of supporting them liberally. He saw the beautiful effects of Christianity in many heathen lands which he visited. He pronounces "the march of improvement consequent on the introduction of Christianity throughout the South Sea as probably standing by itself in the records of history." Most striking and valuable testimony.

Even Chunder Sen, the founder of the theistic sect of the Brahma Somaj, a man not friendly to Christianity, yet he was constrained to speak in these forceful words: "The spirit of Christianity has already pervaded the whole atmosphere of Indian society, and we heathens think, feel and move in a Christian atmosphere. Native society is being roused, enlightened and reformed under the influence of Christianity. Christ, not the British Government, rules India." There is nothing succeeds like success. Napoleon, in one of his great battles, saw his right wing and left wing giving way, but he exclaimed, "We have won the centre." So Christianity in India and many other places has won the centre, and ultimate victory is now assured.

In 1786 there was not a single missionary from Great Britain labouring in any part of the heathen world. Now there are 146 missionary societies, with an income of \$10,800,000, in Protestant Christendom for sustaining foreign missions.

Within the last half century Protestant missions have made their greatest progress. There are now in the aggregate 2,700,000 subjects as the fruit of modern missions. But what are these in comparison with the vast un-Christianized hordes yet in darkness? In China 300,000,000 of heathens to 70,000 Christians. In Africa, 200,000,000 of heathens to 320,000 Christians. In India, 250,000,000 heathens to 700,000 Christians.

The conquests of Jesus are as yet only a drop in the bucket, and much remains to be done. But yet there is much ground for encouragement. The Christian world is becoming every year more and more in earnest in this matter. There is more enthusiasm and zeal than ever before. The machinery and organization for work is becoming more and more perfect, and everything points to mighty ingatherings of souls as the years roll by.

The foreign missionary societies of Protestant Christendom, with their powerful auxiliaries, the Bible societies, are sending their embattled columns into every land and over every sea, carrying the sunbeams