

native tongue ; facing hostile, cruel chiefs ; meeting treachery and ferocity, passion and cruelty ; cannibalism that breaks the whole decalogue at once, the climax of theft, sensuality and murder ; on they toiled, and travelled, and suffered, until they saw the ferocious savage regenerated and sanctified, humanized and civilized. The population is estimated at about 130,000. To-day 100,000 natives of the Fiji Islands worship in the 900 churches of the Methodist mission.

Let us look at Africa. Robert Moffat, when a boy, was trained by a pious, godly mother. He worked hard for an education, and offered himself for the missionary work. In 1817 he penetrated the wilds of Southern Africa. After many years of missionary toil, he returned on a visit to England and Scotland. When he entered the churches and halls of the country the vast assemblages rose to receive him. When he spoke to the people there was deep silence. The nobles invited him to their homes. When he entered the palaces of royalty and splendor princes uncovered their heads before him. And why ? He had won whole kingdoms for Jesus Christ. Through his personal efforts bloodthirsty chiefs had been turned to God. He had given the Bible to strange tribes. He had enriched with valuable knowledge the stores of the Geographical Society. He had opened up vast regions to trade and commerce. He had honored the place of his birth, his native land, the whole British Empire, and the universal missionary cause. Did his mission pay ? It did pay. Do missions pay ? They do pay. The gospel has reached eight million Africans, and is destined to reach the remaining millions.

Arabia's desert ranger
To Him shall bow the knee.
The Ethiopian stranger
His glory come to see :
With offerings of devotion
Ships from the isles shall meet,
To pour the wealth of ocean
In tribute at His feet.

Our own continent, continent of America. James Evans ! *Nomen venerabile et clarissimum !* There is hardly an Indian mission in the whole Northwest land, whether Roman Catholic, Church of Eng-

land, Presbyterian, or Methodist, that James Evans did not commence. He travelled from the shores of Lake Superior to the land beyond the waters of Lake Athabasca ; from the prairies of the Bow and Saskatchewan rivers to the muskegs and waters of Hudson's Bay ; from the country of the Red and Assiniboine rivers to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. His soul burned with love for the Indian. No river was too rapid, no lake too stormy, no hardship or danger too great or severe to hinder him from making the most heroic efforts, in his untiring zeal, to find out the Indian in his distant solitudes, and carry to him the ever-blessed gospel. With a fearless spirit, resolute self-denial, and great powers of endurance ; with a boundless enthusiasm, natural confidence, and unshaken faith in Almighty God, he bore a charmed life in that vast north land. He ran the swiftest and wildest rapids, he crossed the lakes in the severest storms, he travelled in the coldest winter weather. With his brave brother missionaries he toiled away in these obscure places, heedless of the cold and of Indian indifference ; through poverty and sickness, and isolation and danger ; for years unnoticed and unknown ; working for people who could not repay him, the grandest, the sublimest work in the world and making the Indian an heir of salvation, and a sharer in the blessings of our Christian civilization.

Do missions pay ? Yes, they do pay. They pay in the realm of trade and commerce. Before a missionary went to the Fijis, a trade ship never touched those islands. But there is one port among those islands of the sea, with which Great Britain does a trade to-day to the extent of £3,000,000 a year. Recently orders have been sent to London for 5,000 Bibles, 5,000 hymn books, and 5,000 catechisms, to be sold in the Fiji Islands. Last year the Christian natives of those islands gave nearly \$25,000 for Christians missions. To evangelize the people of the Sandwich Islands it cost the American people over \$1,000,000. Now the United States does a trade with those islands to the tune of several millions. We Christianize our Indians and we civilize them. Civilize them