

India's mine if his brethren would hold the rope, and thus began the great work in which his name stands so high. Perhaps no missionary story is more familiar than that of Greenland's conversion. Long the Esquimaux held out against the pleadings of Hans Egede, who sought to teach them the Scriptures in their chronological order. But when the Moravians came they obtained the help of the chief, Kaiarnak, in translating John's Gospel. At length they came to John iii., 16, "God so loved the world," and were proceeding, when the chief cried "stop, let me hear that again, for I would fain be saved too." The result is that there are now no heathen in Greenland's icy mountains. A few years ago a young Japanese in translating the New Testament read the same verse with the same happy effect, and many through him rejoice in the truth.

One of the heroes of the London Missionary Society was John Williams. At Atiu, one of the Hervey Group of islands, he preached among idolatrous savages in the open air. His sermon was on Isaiah xlv., 15-17, "Then shall it be for a man to burn, &c." He played upon the native words, "moa" and "noa," the former meaning "gods," and the latter "things eaten or profane." At once, as in the case of Knox's sermon at St. Andrew's, the idols fell throughout the whole island, and other islands, learning that "moa" were "noa," gave up their idolatry. That same missionary society to which Williams belonged, undertook a Siberian mission in 1819. The Calmuc language and character were only understood by two Buriat nobles, and they, with their Lama'or priest, were sent by the people, who contributed 2,500 dollars, to the Russian Bible Society, to have the New Testament translated into their language. They arrived in St. Petersburg and set themselves to their labour of love. When they had proceeded as far as Matthew xxiii., 37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" the thought of the Saviour's wonderful pity broke their hearts, and they gave themselves to the Lord and to His work among their fellow-countrymen.

These are but a few instances in which the Word of God has