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FOREIGN MISSIONS.—A FEW FACTS.

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When the historian of some distant age, in searching among the archives of our country, shall, it may be by chance, come across the records of this nineteenth century, he will at once be led to characterize it as the golden age of discovery and invention. He will find it a period full of the most absorbing interest and importance. He will find it a period in which, in politics, arts, science and literature he will be amazed at the progress made, as well as the quality and quantity displayed. He will not find it difficult to analyse the component factors of our erudite civilization. The Education, morality and general refinement will be found expurgated from the discordant elements that mediæval ignorance and superstition had thrown around them. He will find the clear-cut, life-size, indelible stamp of a strong and vigorous religious life pervading the rank and file of the people. And this he will discover, if not blinded by prejudice or smitten with infidelity, was the most important element in moulding the lofty civilization that he finds to exist. And as he goes further and digs deeper into the manners and customs of our times, he will find that the spirit of Christ and Christianity come to the front and shows itself in many ways; not only in gorgeous and stately religious architecture where God can be worshipped; not only in charitable and benevolent institutions thoroughly equipped and endowed; not only in the dissemination of a cultured and varied religious literature, but in the intense desire for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts among those who know not "Christ and Him crucified."

Never in any former period of the Church's history were "the marching orders of the great Commander"—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—more zealously and intelligently carried out. The very air of our churches, colleges and Christian homes is full of missions. More sermons are preached about missions than ever before. More regular, systematic information about missions is communicated from the pulpit and platform than ever before. More young men and young women are offering themselves for the foreign field than ever before. More Christian people are alive to the necessity and importance of this work than ever before. More money is flowing into the treasury of the Church for missionary purposes than ever before. We live in a time when the missionary spirit is at high tide.