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1852 years have passed since the words of our record tent were uttered — and never since that time has there been any spirit wh. they inspired died out. Paul the model missionary made his toils through the Roman empire planting churches — & making converts, his zeal never flagging — though suffering many evils — perils to see perils to land perils for false brethren & at last suffering death for the cause he had espoused. He had fellow workers — zealous & successful — and I may be allowed to conjecture at the death of the last of the disciples who received their commission direct from Jesus — there was not one in 10,000 of the population of the Roman empire, a Christian. — A writer in the Encyc. Brit. Notes that at the end of the 3^d C^y there was about one in 150 of the population of the globe, a Christian. — Now, it is said that there is one in five, a professing Christian — perhaps this estimate is too large — if we would say true followers of X^t. In the ^{Jan. '85} Number of the Tr. Miss^y is the following statement 351

Taken from the Independent — of the status of religious denom^{ns} in the U.S. 17,250,000 Communicants, including R. Catholics, in a population of 50,100,000. If we subtract the R. Cs. we will have 10,500,000, Protestant communicants — If we add, then children & adherents, to each Protestant, the Protestant population will be 42,000,000 — If the R. Cs. be added, then will be 48,832,000, for the total Christian population — leaving but one Million 1,000,000 for Jews, Mahomans & other classes. — If such are the results already attained in this X^{tian} Country — & if the gains in heathen lands are four or five times as great proportionally — Why should any one despair of the final missionary success a doubt the clear statements of God's Word that the Nations shall yet be won to the faith of our L. J. C. In the mission of the Presbyterian board — ^{p 342} we have the following comparison of the number of Miss^y affairs in 1884

1874.	Male Miss ^{ns}	1884	1874
	187	187	134

	1884	1874	
Native commun.	19.897	6.272	p. 335, Read.
Day Scholars, Boys -	18.521	8.071	Field already, Wren.
Girls	6.000	2.552	p. 353.

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P. F. Leavenworth.

Never in the whole course
(says Dr. Whilhelm)
human history, have two so un-
equal powers stood opposed to
each other as ancient heathen-
ism and early Christianity -

Apparently the weakest forces con-
fronted the strongest - the con-
flict lay between the Roman
State & the Christian Church - but
the conflict was to become world
wide - From the beginning Christians
were within itself the consciousness
of universal dominion & the
full assurance of victory over
the powers of the world -

— What a comment on the words
of our Lord Luke xii 32. Fear not
little flock for it is your Father's
pleasure to give you the kingdom.

& if it when so small & feeble pre-
vailed over such mighty forces
how much more able is it, when
so much stronger, to prevail -

To day the conflict is between

Evangelical Christianity & the many
old forces of heathenism & false religion
& unbelief on the other,

Constantine - A. D. 313. D. 337