

CHAPTER II

Thinking Gray in Missions

IN his book, *Thinking Black*, Dan Crawford has introduced us to the psychology of the black man so as to give us a new angle of vision. The primitive mind seems, naturally, to think in black and white rather than in gray. Perhaps our modern civilization has made us lose the power of sharp distinctions in the world of thought. We were told that one of the results of the war would be to teach men everywhere to think less superficially and more conclusively on moral questions. Is this true?

There is always a tendency to compromise in morals, and the same tendency is evident in regard to the work of evangelization. God divided the light from the darkness, not only in the world of nature, but in the world of thought. "This, then, is the message," says John, "which we have heard of Him and declare unto you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth." The attitude of the apostles toward the non-Christian religions is not expressed in gray or twilight shades. There are no blurred edges to their convictions. "Sharp as a sickle is the edge of shade and shine" in their teachings.