

when a live shell strikes a fortification. These laws of the natural world find their application in the spiritual, and the impact of bodies terrestrial is a parable of the spiritual and moral effects resulting from the impact of a living Christianity on the other religions of earth.

Christianity and the non-Christian religions are two distinct conceptions. Their real relation, therefore, when they come into contact is that of impact, and not of compromise. Christianity is distinct in its origin. Its revelation is supernatural, and its Founder was the Lord from heaven. In a real sense the Church of Christ can say with the Psalmist: "He hath not dealt so with any other nation, and as for his statutes, they have not known them." Christianity is distinct in its character from all other religions. If it were not, there could be no universal mission. It is distinct in its effect. If it were not, there should be no foreign missions. "There may be comparative religions," as Dr. Parker has said, "but Christianity is not one of them." The non-Christian religions are inadequate to meet the intellectual, social, moral and spiritual needs of the human race. Only the Bread of Life can meet the famine of human hearts. Only the torch of the Gospel can lighten spiritual darkness; and the human heart finds no rest until it rests in Christ. The missionary character of Christianity, therefore, demands impact with every non-Christian system. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel." The glory of God is manifested in the strength