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This had been beyond question the rule, though exceptions have been noted in the foregoing pages, and from the earlier part of the eighteenth century onwards the Moravians in particular gave a noble illustration of Protestant enthusiasm and capacity for missionary work. But before the century ended Protestant missionary societies began to multiply abundantly in Great Britain—the Baptist Missionary Society, the London Missionary Society, the Scottish Missionary Society, the Church Missionary Society, the Religious Tract Society, all between 1792 and 1800, and in 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society. These societies and others following went zealously to work. It seemed as though some pent up religious force had at long last been set free in England and Scotland, which was to carry the Gospel message to all the dark men and into all the dark places of the world.