

THE RELATION OF MONEY TO THE PROGRESS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

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In one of his sermons Horace Bushnell says : " The great problem we have now on hand is the Christianizing of the money power of the world. What we wait for and are looking hopefully to see is the consecration of the vast money power of the world to the work and cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ. For that day when it comes is the morning, so to speak, of the new creation. That tide-wave in the money power can as little be resisted, when God brings it on, as the tides of the sea ; and like these also it will flow across the world in a day."

The day for which Bushnell longed has not yet come. We shall not see it until the power of money in the development of Christ's kingdom is more clearly understood. So far are we from the realization of this vision that even the money in the hands of Christ's own followers is not yet fully consecrated to His service. The need of such a consecration is enforced by vastly more imperative claims to-day than ever before. How to bring about this consummation is one of the greatest questions which now confronts the Church of Christ.

The expression, " The progress of Christ's kingdom," which forms a part of the heading of this article, assumes that progress is the law of that kingdom. It assumes that great conquests are yet to be made in the name of the King. This assumption is both scriptural and in harmony with the clear indications of Providence. This progress of the kingdom is conditioned upon two things—Divine power and human agency. According to the Divine plan these are the two factors which combined are to work out the triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom. Both are embodied in the authoritative commission, " Go ye and teach ; lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We must not lose sight of either of these factors. It is ours to be the heralds of a world-wide evangelism ; it is Christ's to furnish the power which alone can give success to our efforts. Christ gives to every believer the privilege and the honor of being associated with Him in carrying out His far-reaching plans. " We must work the works of Him that sent me," said Christ in loving fellowship to His disciples.

Upon the side of human agency, what hinders the speedy fulfilment of command and prophecy ? It is not distance and difficulty of access to the heathen world. Modern invention has brought the nations near to each other. With marvellous rapidity and in ways least expected God has removed the barriers which separated the Christian from the pagan world. Although there are many adversaries, yet with scarcely an exception great and effectual doors are everywhere open to the ambassador of Christ. Moreover, men and women are now coming forward in constantly increasing numbers, saying, " Here are we ; send us." The recent uprising of young