

forest and plantation—a land where beauty is enthroned forever in the gorgeous colors of the day and in the silent splendors of the night.

When I desire to preach a "foreign missionary" sermon to an unsuspecting audience, I deliver a discourse about some, far distant, nation which happens, just for the moment, to be in the lime-light. For, I must present my "foreign missionary" exhortations by gulie. There are two subjects which are supposed to be mentally exhausted: "foreign missions" and "intemperance." The people imagine that they know all that they ought to know about one and more than they care to know about the other. So, having a conviction that I ought to preach about both, I wait for the psychological moment when the drunkard has battered his wife into a bundle of bruises or when Mexico is threatened with an invasion from the United States—this is the psychological moment for a sermon on "Mexico."

And, I am justified in giving a sermon of national proportions, for, the International Book, is national in its base and apex. The Bible is a serial book. Across its pages there pass, hither and yon, the imperial tides of history. What awful doom is pronounced upon the nation which forgets God:—"Before Him shall be gathered all nations"—our theme is biblical.

The greatest game is the game of the nations and that game is played by politicians, statesmen and diplomat. The United States has two neighbors — Canada on the north and Mexico on the south. Canada is the hinge between the Old World and the New. We ought to be interested in the game of the nations. And from the standpoint of our own geographical relationship, there are two things in which we ought to have a special and peculiar interest, namely, the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama Canal.

The Panama Canal will be the new cross-roads of the sea. A narrow track of land and a narrow sheet of water, joining two oceans and two continents, form a great geographical CROSS. Keep your eye on the Cross. You will find the cross in history, astronomy, architecture, chemistry, physiology, geology and in every nook and crook of nature. In the cross is the secret of the solution of all the problems of life, individual, social and international. I speak as a mystic. Study the meaning of the cross.

The opening of the Panama Canal will mark the marriage of two great oceans. The Atlantic of History and the Pacific of Prophecy will meet and merge. Thus will be formed a new highway upon the seas. The canal will open a new route to Australia, New Zealand, China, and the islands of the sea. The Panama Canal is a channel fifty miles long, from deep water to