

and tribes of men remain in ignorance, in barbarism, and spiritual death, a Christian spirit would lose its purity and expansive beneficence ere it could rest contented amidst such claims upon its active and generous interference to help and save the lost. It is by Christian co-operation and enterprise that Zion has lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes. It is by the vitality of her principles, and the zeal of her sons that she still lives amidst the ruins of so many institutions raised up to oppose her progress and thwart her designs: and never will the genius of the Gospel be fully developed until provision is made for still wider conquests than those already achieved; until provision is made for the instruction and salvation of every nation and people under heaven, and until the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

It remains, however, an important question where shall we begin? The fields are white unto harvest, where shall we thrust in the sickle? Abroad and at home there are cries for help. Forms of error to be overturned, and of spiritual destitution to be supplied, may be called legion for they are many. The reason and the rule of our Christian enterprise is, Go into *all* the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Whether at home or abroad the Christian labourer is fulfilling his mission. Whether he is striving to awaken to practical earnestness the sensibilities and energies of a people already blessed with the letter and the institutions of the Gospel, or whether he is instilling into the mind of the heathen or the savage the elementary principles of our holy religion he is still employed in his master's service, and shall enjoy his master's smile and blessing. The principal necessity is that whatever we find to do in the field we should do it with our might; and then whether we have taken a wider or a narrower, a nearer or a more remote circle as the sphere of our toils, we shall meet at last in some part of the field, and rejoice, bringing our sheaves with us.

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