

God is Marching On.

Dr. A. J. GORDON, taking Jacob as a type of Christ, says :

"Our Immanuel has been serving six millenniums for his bride, the church, and the seventh is close upon us in which I expect the marriage of the Lamb ; and because the time is short God seems to be in haste to gather in the guests for the bridal feast.

"For quick results and large returns there was never such an ago before. 'Man's extremity is God's opportunity,' we are wont to say. What if I turn it about and reverently say that 'God's extremity is man's opportunity.' It is such now. He is pushed for time ; He is straightened for help. He will hire in at the eleventh hour if laborers have not come at the first. He will take reformed drunkards and converted gamblers, salvation armies and traveling gospelers, if only His work can be done before the night cometh in which no man can work. It is God's extremity, and therefore man's opportunity. Obligation presses a pound to the square inch where once it pressed an ounce. The Lord is in a hurry, and it becomes us, as never before, to be in haste. We have a magnificent opportunity on this continent, and we have magnificent resources if only we will use them. Let us have done with glorying in our numbers then and give attention to our opportunities. It is not more men, but more *man*, that the Church of God needs for the accomplishment of His work. John Wesley, looking over the needs of a lost world, made the startling exclamation : 'Give me a hundred men who fear nothing but God, hate nothing but sin, and are determined to know nothing among men but Jesus and him crucified, and I will set the world on fire with them.' Therefore I exhort that we all, and altogether, do these three things :

"*Contemplate.* Lift up your eyes round about, and behold what fields are white unto the harvest, what wide and effectual doors are waiting to be entered.

"*Consecrate.* Boast no more of numbers or resources. For 'It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.' The meekest man among us with the Holy Ghost resting upon him is stronger than the strongest. Therefore, through all our borders let us fall on our faces and wait upon God anew for the endowment of the Spirit.

"*Concentrate.* Too long have we been using our wonderful prosperity as a magnifying glass for enlarging our own importance and so ministering to our self-complacency. Let us use it henceforth as a burning glass for concentrating our religious influence, and bringing it to bear upon a perishing world, kindling the love of God where now there is only the love of sin and self, so shall we do our part towards setting the world on fire for Christ."

The Great Women's Council.

WHAT a grand power for evangel-

ization and for Christian missions if this array of women reformers and pleaders were all enlisted under the banner of the Cross, and with singleness of heart were preaching the evangel of spiritual redemption! Woman's organized power in human society is for the first time seen and felt. Henceforth it will be a tremendous factor in the world's thinking and acting. Unhappily, while there is much to rejoice in and hope for in it, no intelligent observer and student of the times can avoid grave fears. At least there is abundant reason for earnest and constant prayer on the part the church for the descent and power of the Holy Ghost upon these countless rallying hosts of female agitators, thinkers and actors in these stirring and eventful times.—J. M. S.

"The International Council of Women, in session in the city of Washington from March 25th to April 1st, makes public announcement that fifty-three different organizations of women have been represented on its platform by eighty-seven speakers and delegates from England, France, Norway, Denmark, Finland, India, Canada and the United States. Of all these organizations but four are of national scope, and three are of national value. The subjects of education, philanthropies, temperance, industries, legal conditions, social purity, political conditions and religion have been discussed. While no restriction has been placed upon the fullest expression of the most widely divergent views upon these vital questions of the age, it is cause for rejoicing that the sessions, both executive and public, have been absolutely without friction.

"It is the unanimous voice of the council that all institutions of learning and of professional instruction, including schools of theology, law and medicine, should, in the interests of humanity, be as freely opened to women as to men; that opportunities for industrial training should be as generally and liberally provided for one sex as for the other; and the representatives of organized womanhood in this council will steadily demand that in all vocations in which men and women engage equal wages shall be paid for equal work, and finally that an enlightened society should demand, as the only adequate expression of the high civilization which it is its office to establish and maintain, an identical standard of personal purity and morality for men and women."