

literature and education, the moral advancement of society and mission economics. These appeal to the men of science and of society, to the statesmen and administrators, who rule two hundred and eighty-eight millions to-day, on lines which this friend of many a governor-general marked out, to all who love the progress of man in any upward direction, to unite with the whole Church in grateful commemoration of the founder and the father of missions a hundred years ago. All may adopt the lines of a contemporary verse-writer, a man of the world, who knew him :

“ Thou’rt in our heart—with tresses thin and gray,
And eye that knew the Book of Life so well,
And brow serene, as thou were wont to stray
Amidst thy flowers—like Adam ere he fell.”

But the believing Christian will specially take to his heart the last written message of the dying saint sent to Christopher Anderson on September 30th, 1833 : “ As everything connected with the full accomplishment of the Divine promises depends on the almighty power of God, pray that I and all the ministers of the Word may take hold of *His* strength, and go about our work as *fully* expecting the accomplishment of them *all*, which, however difficult and improbable it may appear, is certain, as all the promises of God are in Him, yea, and in Him. Amen.” Carey began the first modern missionary century with “ Expect Great Things ; Attempt Great Things ;” he summons us to enter on the second not only fully expecting the accomplishment of all God’s promises, but taking hold of God’s strength as we go about the work of evangelizing the world.

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DISCERNING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

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Deus in historia (God is in history). The undevout historian, like the “ undevout astronomer, is mad.” If only the fool can say in his heart, as he beholds the universe, with its marvellous arrangements and adjustments, “ There is no God,” only the fool can say, as he looks upon the unfoldings and infoldings of the historic mystery, “ It is the work of chance.”

Yes, events have an articulated plan. they are not *disjecta membra*. As the author of Psalm 139 said of yet unborn life, we may say of the historic ages to come : “ Thine eyes did see their substance, being yet unperfect ; and in Thy Book all coming events were written, which in continuous succession are fashioned when as yet there was none of them.”

Christ said to the imperious demand for “ a sign from heaven” that the signs were already in the very horizon, but were not discerned by that