

making over mankind and transforming human institutions by this divine agency?

3rd. Christ requires that we should give the Gospel to the world immediately. His command is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." That is the plainest of commands. It means us personally. It means now, for it is in the present tense, and God has now unquestionably, for the first time in the centuries, removed out of the way every obstacle to the immediate evangelization of the world, and given to the Church everything needed for the completion of the work of preaching the Gospel to the world. The whole world is open and accessible physically, geographically, politically, to the Gospel messengers, and waiting for them. The Church has the means, the messengers, and the promise of the Spirit, at her command, and seems dangerously near to suffering eclipse of faith and blight of life because of her failure to avail herself of them in fulfilling her great and pressing mission. Christ is waiting for her to move in obedience to His command. Who among her leaders will risk the responsibility of holding back or of hindering the onward movement He demands?

4th. The organizations and machinery necessary for the immediate and world-wide forward movement to victory and conquest for Christ are all ready and in working order, and need simply to be directed under the quickening breath of the Spirit of God. The agencies are all organized for reaching every class and condition of mankind. There are our general societies—Bible, tract, etc.—and our special societies in all denominations for home evangelization. There are the numberless agencies for saving heathendom through the foreign mission work. There are the lay organizations that take in substantially the Church membership of Christendom—the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young People's Societies for Christian effort, the Armies of the Cross, etc.—already marshalled for the final conflict. Every agency needed to reach all the world is already in existence. And all these organizations will inevitably deteriorate into mere machines and become hindrances rather than helps, curses rather than blessings, unless they speedily become Spirit-filled and consecrated to the accomplishment of their intended work. And does not the responsibility for their use fasten itself chiefly upon the ministry as the leaders of God's hosts?

The reasons in favor of the movement are answerable and overwhelming.

A year and more ago the secretaries of the Foreign Missionary Societies of the various religious bodies sent out a paper calling the Church to the "Final Rally of the Century." We understand that they are now planning for an Ecumenical Council of Missions to mark the

coming anniversary. All this may be well; but discussion and resolutions always fall short of saving the world. What is needed is well-directed personal effort for saving men and saving the world, reaching out from one to another in all directions till the tide of sacred influence shall belt the globe. Hence, we ask the personal questions of each one of our readers:

1st. Are you ready to co-operate in this great movement now?

2nd. Are you ready to consecrate yourself to and to enter upon this work now?

3rd. Are you ready to cry mightily to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit of power for the work now?

4th. What will you do NOW?

We have only some brief suggestions to make for aid and guidance. Are they more than Christ requires in this great crisis? They are as follows:

1st. That you set to work in your sphere immediately yourself.

2nd. That you stir up the Christians next to you and seek the salvation of the sinners nearest you.

3rd. That you seek to rouse every Christian organization with which you are connected—whether church or young people's or missionary society—to enter immediately upon the work for which it was made and for which it exists, the work of giving the Gospel to the world for its speedy salvation.

4th. That in all this you do not wait for someone else, or some organization or mass of Christians to move, but that, without delay, you yourself rise to present duty by taking advantage of present emergencies and opportunities.

It cannot be denied that the task is gigantic, almost appalling; but the Gospel, as St. Paul assured the Roman Christians, is "the power of God unto salvation." Even in the old dispensation the Lord, by the Prophet Malachi, cried to Israel: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now therewith . . . if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." What limit, then, to Gospel grace in this the dispensation of the Spirit? God delights in Pentecostal scenes. We have only to cast ourselves on the divine grace in a full consecration.

In so doing we shall, by the grace of God, make the movement for which Christ calls world-wide and effective, and the twentieth century will dawn with bright prospects for the conquest of the world for Christ.

We ask you to ponder this matter prayerfully and make your own decision regarding your personal duty, as one of the appointed leaders of God's host, and to let the Master know and the world know what you propose to do as your part and in your place. Give us and give the