

question is how they are to be made a part of our American civilization and republicanism.

III. Thirdly, we owe it to our *DESTINY to redeem this land for our Lord*. The United States has from the beginning been divinely stamped as a commissioned missionary nation. Here not only the great problem is to be wrought out, of liberty civil and religious, of individualism independent of all abnormal restraints, even of aristocratic caste; but most important of all, here is to be the great *supply* of workers for the world-wide field. Heathen Asia cannot furnish them, because heathenism is the field needing mission work. Papal Europe cannot supply them, for Romanism itself needs reformation and purification of her corruptions. Where shall the great training school of missionaries be found if not in this land? Great Britain is doing nobly her share in a world's evangelization; but where, if not here, shall her great ally be found?

The work of home and of foreign missions runs together. When Dr. John Hall was visiting in Scandinavia, he learned at a missionary meeting then in progress in Sweden that in Wisconsin and Minnesota alone were 140 Scandinavian ministers laboring among their own countrymen, sent out by the mother churches of Sweden and supported by their contributions until such time as the Scandinavians resident in this land could take care of their own pastors. The same distinguished Presbyterian clergyman, coming out of the Yosemite Valley, tarried over night in a village where there might have been perhaps 1200 people, and where there was no church of any denomination! So oppressed was he by the sight of such destitution that he went from house to house, inviting the people to meet for worship, and himself addressed them. These two facts, or classes of facts, illustrate the kinship of all missionary work at home and abroad. Dr. Pentecost goes to India to *evangelize English residents* in that stronghold of Brahmanism. The heathen come to our shores. We have here from 8,000,000 to 1,000,000 who came from African ancestry. The Chinese and Japanese are here by the thousands to learn our political system and our faith. If we do our duty we may on this very soil grow the seed of the kingdom to be planted the wide world over. Neglect of our own land makes all our future and the future of the world so far hopeless. To evangelize our country, to leave no part to desolation and degradation, to abandon no class of the population to vice, crime, ignorance, infidelity, and irreligion; to build churches, gather Sunday-schools and Christian congregations everywhere, scatter Bibles, tracts and good books, to multiply all means of grace and bring them into contact with the entire population of the land—that is to root up evil growths and displace them by trees and plants of godliness, whose seed is in themselves after their kind. We shall thus get bread for the eater and seed for the sower. When the Lord by these means builds up our waste places and makes our deserts His gardens, we shall draw the eyes of the world to us, and we shall be prepared to send into all the earth the sowers of the seed of the kingdom, and turn every other waste into an Eden.

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