

But let us mark the grandeur of the scope of those two words of command: "Follow thou me!" "Go thou and preach the kingdom of God!"

Christ is the Lord of life. He came to give life and to give it more abundantly—not to bury but to revive; not to commit to the sepulchre but to call the dead from their tombs. "Follow thou Me!" and so *get* life; then, "Go thou and preach the kingdom of God," and so *give* life.

We have intelligently chosen these words as the motto of this MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD. Taking the two accounts as presenting the whole incident in its spherical completeness, we find here the entire duty of every human being, comprehensively expressed: first to be a *follower* of Christ, and then a *preacher* of Christ; *receiving* life from the dead, to go forth bearing the potent message of salvation, and so *imparting* life to the dead.

Our Lord thus sounds, in these sayings of His, the silver trumpet of evangelization, and down through the aisles of the ages, with growing clearness, rings the clarion peal. It is time that it had reached and rallied the whole church of God to the universal assembling of the Lord's hosts, and the universal onset of the army against the foe.

Evangelization is the one word that deserves to be emblazoned on the banners of the believing host. The one immediate, imperative duty of every follower is to become a "herald." To bring this gospel of life into contact with every living, human soul in the shortest possible time and the best possible way—that is evangelization.

The scheme is so grandly colossal that it fills the whole word of God, and reaches round the whole world of the dead. Like the wheel of Ezekiel's vision, it is so high that it is dreadful. Its rim rests upon the earth, but reaches to heaven.

God's gigantic plan of evangelization embraces the whole family of man. That family consists at this time of fifteen hundred millions of souls now living upon earth. More than one-half of this vast number have never yet had a copy of the Word, heard the sound of the good tidings, or even seen the face of a missionary. There are some thirty millions of evangelical Christians within the territory of a nominal Christendom; and the problem is how to bring those thirty millions into contact with the seven hundred and fifty millions who have not the gospel within the space of a generation's lifetime!

How can it be done? That is the absorbing question. We should utterly despair of doing it but for one fact: *The Captain of our salvation has commanded it*, and the existence of the order is the warrant for obedience, and the assurance of success. Let the whole church but take the *attitude of obedience*, and we should see wonders of achievement that would astonish us.

It is, nevertheless, very plain that the *methods now employed* by the