

progress of the last century exceeds that of any previous 2½ centuries, and more has been done during the last in giving the Bible to our race than in the first ten centuries, 20 versions in the first 10, and 120 in the last, in languages spoken by more than half the globe. It is true, too, that the world is open, the barriers having been nearly all thrown down, by the God of Providence and of nations, it is true that the facilities of travel are nearly unexampled, and that men could soon reach the remotest nations. It is also true that Christendom has all the wealth necessary, and could soon produce the fifteen millions of pounds sterling necessary to carry the Gospel to every human being in ten years. But where are the men? Where are the missionaries? Where? In the bosom of the Christian Church, and in her pews and homes. There to be instructed and stimulated and moulded by her pastors, and from that bosom or heart of love, they will, if the Pastorate is what Spurgeon calls a Holy Ghost ministry, come forth in hundreds and thousands to perform this work of service due to Jesus and dear to Jesus, the evangelization of the world. Dr. Angus says:

It seems a great company—fifty thousand preachers. And yet the number is not one per cent. of the members of evangelical churches in Christendom. There are three or four denominations in America, any one of which could supply all the preachers we need. England sent as many men to the Crimea to take a single fortress, and to keep up for a few years a Mohammedan despotism. Ten times the number fell on each side in the great American war. Five hundred years ago the Crusades had cost more lives, and they fought to win from men, well nigh as chivalrous as the invaders, an earthly Jerusalem and a temporal sovereignty. And cannot fifty thousand redeemed men be found to win back the world to Jesus Christ? Have our hymns no meaning?

O send ten thousand angels forth,  
From east to west, from south to north,  
To blow the trump of jubilee,  
And peace proclaim from sea to sea!

#### THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.

But it *could* be done, and it *shall* be done by the CHURCH IN EARNEST, and the Church will be in earnest, almost as soon as her pastors and teachers work with the heart to set all working.

So far, says Dr. Duff, we have only been *playing* at missions, and it is a true saying. If the people had a mind to *work*, if they all had the fervor of the young Scottish revivalists who addressed us four months ago, or of Robert Haldane who wished himself to go to India and work for Christ,

and to devote his princely estate to carry a band with him as fellow labourers; or of our own young Thomas McLean who sold his farm, to devote himself, supported by its proceeds to the Trinidad mission, the Rubicon would be crossed, and colonies would go forth, seeking a place to work for Christ. And may not the same training, and the same work of the Spirit which constrained them to break off from the beaten track, lead hundreds and thousands to consecrate themselves to the Lord?

#### WORK—WORK

The time has come when the Christian world can no longer afford to play at missions. *She must work*, and with intense earnestness. The thousands and the millions must be cast into the treasury of the Lord, and beyond this, *the people, the people* must have "a mind to work." Godly merchants and mariners, traders and soldiers, mechanics and professionals will yet be heard to say, Why stay we among the sheep folds when the trumpet calls us to the battle-field? We can no longer be satisfied with donations and proxies. In the name of God, let us go ourselves and have a share in the great battle. Our fellow men are perishing, let us away to the highways and hedges, away to the destitute and dying, away to the isles of the sea, away to India, China, Japan, New Guinea with the healing balm and the bread of life! Men will choose professions and trades which will facilitate their going abroad, and coming into contact with those who need the message of salvation. If a God ordained, pastorate of ministers and elders, in Evangelical churches will do their duty of prophesying and praying, if the Spirit be poured out from on high, our sons and our daughters will yet see this vision realized, in a glorious advance of the Sacramental host of God's elect, against heathenism, and the consequent dawn of a millennial day. Otherwise a terrible reaction will come, the Lord's heritage will be given up to reproach, and the people of Christ will quail before the serried ranks of Infidelity, and hear with trembling the scornful taunt, "Where is now thy God."

#### PRAYER.

Brethren, "Our God is in the heavens." He who hath done whatsoever he hath pleased, wills and commands that *to Him* we should go for help. And the felt want of this Church to-day, the want of laborers for Christ, He alone can supply. We want Home Missionaries, official servants, educated, earnest, living men, who are willing to labour. The harvest, yes the Lord's harvest is white, is ready for the sickle, awaits the reaper—is suffering—is going to waste, and especially in some parts of these