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"THERE REMAINETH YET VERY MUCH LAND TO BE POSSESSED."

Such was the address of the God of Israel to Joshua in referencē to the conquest of Canaan. He had granted the land to the descendants of Abraham, and they were commanded to take possession of it in his name. He had promised to be with them, and the angel of the covenant—the captain of the Lord's host, had appeared as their leader, under whose Almighty protection they might expect complete victory. For a while they obeyed the voice of the divine intimation. They burned with eagerness, and every day added some new triumph. Nations greater and more numerous than they, were subdued; the walls of their enemies' cities fell level with the ground. None was able to stand before them. But soon this zeal began to relax, and they began to seek ease from the toils of warfare. They saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant, and they put off their armor to enjoy its delights. And now Joshua is old and well stricken in years, and yet much of Canaan remains unsubdued, and God in vision points out to Joshua the wide extent of country in various directions—the countries of the Philistines and of the Sidonians, and all Lebanon, still in the possession of the enemies of Israel.

Does not this, however, suggest matter of reproach to the Christian Church.—Before her has been placed a wider territory to be brought into subjection to her glorious captain: "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to every creature" is the commission. And in this

work she has the presence and aid of Him who appeared to Joshua saying, "as the captain of the Lord's host am I come." "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." For a time she nobly fulfilled her mission. "Beginning at Jerusalem," the missionaries of salvation took their course into every nation under heaven, like rays of light from a centre. And their success was beyond all that has ever since been witnessed. Within a comparatively short period not only had they planted the gospel in the cities of the Roman Empire, but distant and savage tribes had heard the simple story of the cross.

But soon they relaxed their exertions, and began to rest in present conquests.—Nay, instead of going forward, conquering and to conquer, they turned their efforts against one another, and spent their strength in intestine warfare. And what is now the state of the world? Does it not proclaim to the Christian soldier, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Five hundred millions of our race are still in the darkness of heathenism—the banners of the false prophet now wave triumphant over many of the fairest portions of the earth: goa, in lands where the name of Jesus was as ointment poured forth, are now heard only the blasphemies of the Koran. The Adam of sin still retains a multitude of our fellow men in willing subjection, and how many dark shades are there upon those lands most enlightened by the gospel! In surveying a map of the globe, we find that it is only a small section of the earth's surface that has been enlightened by the