

God's plan regarding the evangelization of the world is concerned, for it is clearly set down by Christ in His commission to His disciples. He says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The apostles were to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. Christ gave the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" to about five hundred disciples, and not only were all those without exception commanded to go and preach, but they were to preach to every person, Jew and Gentile bond and free. According to the 8th chapter of Acts the apostles were not the only ones who were thus commissioned, for they remained at Jerusalem. Therefore those who did the work were the common people, thus we do not wonder that the Gospel found its way to the bounds of the Roman Empire in the first century. Now the only qualifications for this kind of preaching, are: To be saved, and being saved to be able to tell that salvation to others. There is great simplicity seen in this plan, and so long as the Church went according to it she succeeded, but when things changed, so that to be a Christian was to be popular, and the Church's evangelical spirit was dropped, and it became necessary to form councils to define her doctrines, then came the dark ages of her history, when the lamp of the Gospel was almost completely extinguished. In looking at the matter in this way, the speaker said, we can easily understand why the Church to-day is not more alive to her responsibility. Its possible for her to carry the truth to the ends of the earth before the year 1900 if she only goes at the work with that true earnestness and zeal with which she should be characterized. This he showed to be possible, when compared to the wonderful work which was accomplished in the days of Ahasuerus. Here we see the sentence of death passed on all the Jews throughout the King's domain. Something had to be done at once for the rescue of this people. It was necessary to overtake that decree of death before a certain time. The extent of territory to be gone over embraced 127 provinces or a district of 2,000 miles from east to west and 1,200 from north to south, and although they had to do all their travelling by mules and dromedaries, yet they were successful in getting that proclamation to all in that vast domain within less than nine months. Now when we know that the extent of that territory is about one-twelfth that of the whole of the unevangelized nations of the world to-day, why should we, with all our modern facilities of printing, telegraphing, &c., not be able to send the great message of salvation to those who are now exposed, not to temporal, but eternal death, in even less than twelve years.

Dr. Pierson after speaking in this strain for a short time, said that he was not particular what kind of fields a missionary went to, but he was preeminently particular what kind of men they were. It does not matter, so much, where a man is labouring so long as he is of the right stamp.