

heads? How often will you allow that big front door to close behind you before you come to the knowledge of all that depends upon you in this work-a-day world? Not very often, surely. You will not soon forget those happy college days, and sooner or later the results will be seen in noble lives. How we would like to keep these days with us in some ways, and be forever young, forever able to study and play at games and go to college, and yet there are none of us that would like to forfeit our place among the world's workers, none that would care "to

rust in idleness." Therefore, let us all "keep a-going."

Even tho, you should be plucked,

Keep a-going.

Tisn't such an awful crime.

Don't let fall your chin, and whine,  
Tell the folks you're feeling prime.

Keep a-going.

There, how's that? Something in it. "Keep a-going." Many's a fortune has been mrd that way, picked up at the feet of those who were idly dreaming. Then, boys and girls, let us do noble deeds, not dream them all day long, and thus make Life, Death and the vast Forever one grand sweet song." Haveto.

## CHRIST'S WIDENING KINGDOM

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"Out of the shadow of night  
The world rolls into light,  
It is daybreak everywhere."

These are Longfellow's last words, and they are eminently true. The light of the Gospel is now shining in some of the darkest corners of the earth. As we look back to the day of Pentacost, and contrast it with the present time, our hearts are filled with thankfulness when we see how wonderfully Christ's kingdom has widened and increased, and we look hopefully and expectantly onward toward that ideal condition which is imaged in the Scriptures, and which imagination vividly portrays.

Before He ascended into heaven, Christ said to His disciples, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." And after they had been filled with the Holy Ghost and with power on the day of Pentacost, this order was strictly adhered to. The Gospel was first proclaimed in the city of Jerusalem, and gradually the believers gained in strength until some five thousand were numbered in their ranks. Here the Gospel lingered for some time, this being the centre of all the energies put forth by the Church of Christ until the disciples were "scattered" by reason of the "great persecution" against the church

which arose about Stephen. Looking back upon the community at Jerusalem, we see in it the beginning of that great organization, the church, which is now sending forth its branches far and wide over the face of the earth.

The death of Stephen marks an important point in the early history of the church. Where can we find the record of a death scene more peaceful or more triumphant? What could be a more confident assurance of the comfort and consolation derived from faith in the Gospel of Christ? Nothing could more truly foreshadow the certainty of its final victory. After the death and burial of Stephen, the disciples were subject to the most violent persecution. From this, and the attempts to make them disloyal to their Master, they naturally fled. "They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles." But great results followed their dispersion. Compelled to leave Jerusalem, "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." "The moment of lowest depression was the very time of the church's first missionary triumph." Thus did God in His wisdom, employing persecution as an unconscious instrument in His hands, begin to fulfil the prophecy and command, "Ye