

these agencies and reap a glorious harvest here at home as well as in foreign and pagan lands?

It is time to look at the question of *policy and methods in the matter of the world's evangelization*. For this end the church exists, and for no other. What can be done to save our cities in order to save the world? We are confronted with facts and conditions that demonstrate that the cause is imperiled—that our past policy in reference to the city is a ruinous policy—and that without immediate, concentrated and united efforts to Christianize our great and growing centers of life and power the conversion of the world is hopeless.

1. First of all let our ministers, our intelligent laymen, and all our church-workers study carefully and thoroughly this serious, stupendous problem, which we have brought to their attention. It is of the utmost moment to the whole church of God. There is none more urgent. It touches her at every point. It demands immediate, solemn, prayerful attention, and prompt, intelligent and combined action. We cannot take these facts into full view, and give them due consideration, and yet sit still and do nothing. We cannot discern the failure of past methods and policies, and not anxiously cast about for something better adapted to the tendencies and changed conditions of the times. Upon the *church* of God devolves the fearful responsibility of solving this greatest problem of the age. Let us fully understand it, in all its essential facts and relations, as a necessary condition to suitable action. The movement which found expression in Chickering Hall recently was not begun a moment too soon. Let it be followed up in every city.

2. The teaching and example of Christ and the Apostles present a marked contrast to the policy which has ruled the church in these modern days.

(a) Christ himself devoted almost His entire ministry to the *city* population. Says Matthew: "And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their *cities*." Luke quotes Him as saying: "I must preach the kingdom of God to other *cities* also, for therefore am I sent." "And behold the whole *city* came out to meet Jesus." "And all the *city* was moved, saying, Who is this?" He taught and wrought wonders in Nazareth, Jericho, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. He was frequently at Jerusalem. It was over that metropolitan *city* that He "wept," crying: "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Though born in the country, and living there till He entered upon His public ministry, yet the greater part of that ministry was given to the *city*. And how He upbraided the *cities* "wherein most