

before, nor since, nor will such be given again. It was the completing, on man's part, of what had been unfolding in the councils of God from the eternities. It is startling, overwhelming! *"All authority hath been given Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you; and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."*

He portrayed the time, the place, the Speaker and the hearers. He sketched briefly, but vividly, the circumstances leading up to the occasion. He spoke of the wonderful humiliation—the life of perfect obedience—the patient toil—the great life-surrender of Christ.

As a result He was crowned, gifted with power, and entitled to command. He had won His right over every heart and life, and called for complete submission. He had left us a command, yet He had graciously coupled with its performance the promise of His continued presence.

"But," he went on to say, "the promise could not be divorced from the command; the two condition one another, so that one cannot be claimed apart from submission to the other.

Yet this Royal Commission remains *unfulfilled*. It would appear that the disciples of the first generation grasped its meaning and attempted its fulfilment, with results that have never been equalled since. Had succeeding generations followed their example, we should not be compelled at this late day to lead a forlorn hope against the serried ranks of heathen millions. But this example was not followed, with the result that two-thirds of the world are without the knowledge of Christ.

This is a sad, humiliating, disgraceful confession; and all the deeper is the shame because it is so palpably evident. Could it but appear that the commission had been partially fulfilled—but no, there is no breaking off the ragged edges from this unwelcome truth. Make but the attempt, and a thousand millions of heathens rise up at once to witness against us. Their testimony would be one continued refrain, "unfulfilled," and could