

That the opportunity is an extraordinary one, and that the call to meet it is imperative, must be more than clear to all who have any comprehension of the real condition of affairs in the Church and the world at the present time. In order to escape the evils suggested—deadness from failure to use God's opportunities, and deadness from superficial religious awakening—the Church must be made to understand the command of Christ and her own duty and responsibility, and, if possible, must be made to obey that command and to come up to the duty and responsibility. This would result in a permanent uplift of the work and life of the entire ministry and Church.

Great awakenings and revivals always result, not from mass-meetings or from resolutions adopted by ecclesiastical bodies, but from small beginnings in the awakening of a few, and in their resort to prayer for the help of the Spirit of God and their devotion to present duty in their own sphere, while seeking opportunity to reach those who are beyond that sphere. We feel assured that if those of our readers who have been fully roused by the consideration of this subject during the past months will devote themselves in this way to the pushing of the movement for the general awakening of the Church, and for the immediate evangelization of the world, great things can not fail to be accomplished.

What we are seeking is not an ephemeral influence or movement, but to lay solid foundation for a permanent change in church life and work. With the view to the accomplishment of this we ask those in sympathy with Christ and His work to cooperate now, in this most opportune opening of the Twentieth Century, to the extent of their ability and influence in the things that will prepare the way for such permanent results.

Among these things we would note the following as essential:

I. Seek to get into the mind of every Christian you meet, whether minister or layman, the needed rational basis of truth and motive for the uplift:

(1) The great basal fact—so nearly ignored at the present day—of the lost and helpless and hopeless condition of this world in consequence of sin.

(2) The great foundation doctrine—so largely blinked at present—that Christ died on Calvary as a substitute for the sinner to atone for the world's sin.

(3) The great practical doctrine that Christ has made every Christian a co-worker with him in proclaiming the Gospel of salvation, *i. e.*, the tidings of God's free forgiveness to the lost world, and will hold him responsible at the judgment for doing it.

II. Seek to bring every other Christian within the range of your influence to understand the real condition of things in the Church and in the world,—the crisis of evil, the present boundless opportunities for good, the world wide open for the Gospel and perishing for lack of it, and the present obligation of the Christian to give the Gospel to all mankind without delay.

III. Seek in your own sphere systematically and persistently to elevate the church life and work to the Apostolic plane of spiritual power and efficiency.

There is nothing clearer than that there can be no progress and improvement without a solid rational, Scriptural, spiritual, and practical foundation for it. It is the business of the preacher to lay such foundation.

(1) Let the rational foundation for it be laid in the clearest and most authoritative teaching possible regarding the mission of the Church to lost men, the gravity of the present situation, and the urgency of the work to be done.

(2) Let the Scriptural foundation for it be laid thoroughly in the preaching