

Each individual church is interested in these universal instruments of the Gospel. Working its own field through its own pastoral and lay agencies, it has spare energies to devote to the common work of Christianity, and furnishes men and women to be pastors and workers in the destitute places of the earth, and money to insure their support. This is organization on business principles. The business of saving the world requires organization, complete and extensive ; it requires administrators, agents, means, machinery, enterprise. All these the Church has provided, and a great system has been worked out, rivalling in its universal operations and the volume of its transactions that of any commercial project that we have knowledge of. Any kingdom, country, province, island, settlement can be reached directly and quickly through the numerous channels of communication established by Gospel enterprise. If a devoted man or woman wants to enter a field of work abroad, the widest range of choice is presented. Any country between Greenland and New Zealand in the western or eastern circuit of the globe may be selected, and there is a Gospel society to commission him and send and support him. Has some aged Christian a thousand dollars or so to be applied to the proclamation of the Gospel? He may expend it in any presidency in India, in any division in Japan, in any kingdom in Africa, or in any island of the sea. The machinery exists to place it wherever he wants it to go.

We have the same appliances for work at home. Here are Indians, Chinese, and Negroes ; ignorant and vicious populations ; groups of foreigners ; the frontiers of civilization and the centres of cities ; the prairies and the slums ; the jails, asylums, and workhouses. Here are book and Bible work, evangelistic work, reformatory work, educational work, missionary work, and many other forms of Gospel benevolence, with abundance of machinery for all the exigencies of service—everything, from a posey for a fever cot to the conquest of Africa. Places are ready for the men and women ; and societies exist to commission and direct them and to collect and administer the necessary funds.

Organization is, indeed, one of the characteristics of the Church of to-day. The idea of organization was in the first church ever formed. Where two or more believers are, there is a call for fellowship, for association, and for co-operation. The Church of the present is but working out more fully the central idea of Christian fellowship. This fellowship is now understood to be for mutual helpfulness and for service. We are saved to serve, and we can serve best if we serve according to some system. Hence we organize. Every church has come to have its committees for regular and special work. The women are organized for those parish duties which they can best perform ; for missionary work for which they have special aptitude. They are given a much larger share of the Lord's business than our forefathers dreamed of allotting to them. We have organized our young people. This is one of the most remarkable movements of the century in religious work. The mighty development has come almost