

nize them as integral portions of the land of their nativity. What we need most is to have a deeper interest awakened throughout the church in the operations of the Home Mission. No one would be more loath than the writer to throw a dime or a dollar into the depths of the ocean; and at this moment the Home Mission treasury is empty. But at the same time he feels confident that if the matter were frequently and fairly brought under the notice of our people; if it were talked over in the family circle and prayed over in the congregation; if the Clerks of Presbyteries would from time to time tell in the *Record* of the aid-requiring stations in their respective localities; if such an interest as this were taken in this great and good work, not lack of funds we believe—would cripple the operations of the H. M. Committee. You remember how it was in the olden time with the construction of the Tabernacle. The rule laid down by the Hebrew Lawgiver, was:—"Take ye from among you an offering unto the door: *whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it.*" No dictation here as to how much should be brought—no dunning about duty—no compulsion brought to bear on the reluctant. *Whosoever is of a willing heart let him bring it.* And what was the consequence? Read the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth chapters of Exodus. The people considered themselves highly privileged in being permitted to aid in the erection of the tabernacle. They brought the specified offerings with willing hands and cheerful hearts in so great abundance that there was "*much more than enough* for the service of the work which the Lord commanded to make." A proclamation had soon to be issued throughout the camp to *restrain the people from bringing.*

his blood-bought church—by the instrumentality of men deeply imbued with his spirit, men of consuming zeal and of intense affection for the perishing. Is not the church engaged in this very work? She is; but with what zeal, with what earnestness, with what devotedness? Can you say that she is really *in earnest*?—that she is doing *all she can*? Fix your eyes on the 400,000,000 of China, and on the 200,000,000, of India, containing together more than half the population of the globe, and ask, what is she doing for these? Their doors are open, their arms are outstretched, and they are "calling us to deliver" their souls from the coming wrath. We are indeed carrying the torch of truth with measured pace to a distant group of islands in the far of South Seas; but is that the utmost limit of our numbers and our resources? The population of that whole group will not equal that of a second class city of India or China. In doing what we have, we have done well; but how very far beneath what we might have done for the heathen world.

It is high time for the churches in Britain and America to arise from the dust of spiritual sloth, and from the obscurity of inadequate ideas, and contemplate clearly with fixed resolution and unflinching faith the mighty work to which their Lord calls them. His cry is—"SHINE! give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and therefore *go and go now unto all the world and preach my gospel to every creature.*" Never had providence and grace continued to give so loud a call to this great work as this year. Am I answered—the churches in Britain and America are doing as much as they can for the salvation of the heathen—they are sending as many men as will offer for the service, and spending all the money they can collect and even more for their support. I answer what does it amount to? They are sending a few scattered officers—brave men, all honor to them! to take post on the high places to be assaulted, but where are the rank and file? These few officers, who numbered by tens, not even scores, are expected to win over from the foe, an

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The whole earth belongs to *Jesus Christ*. It is his by an indisputable title. As yet, however, the prince of darkness holds the greater part of it in chains of ignorance, superstition, and idolatry. How shall our king recover his inheritance? Through