

true that the majority of mankind are unsaved. Almost a thousand millions of our lost race perish in the life of each generation without the Gospel. Does not that Commission throw the responsibility for all this upon the Church of Christ, and especially upon its leaders, the ministry?

2d. We have evidently reached a great crisis in the history of our race, when nothing but the universal spread and triumph of the Gospel can save the Church and the world from dire disaster. The Gospel has wrapped up in it the solution of all the industrial, financial, political, social, and moral problems of the age with which the philosophers and statesmen and philanthropists are hopelessly struggling. Is not the call a clear one, to those who have the Gospel and understand its regenerating and transforming power, to apply it speedily in making over mankind and transforming human institutions by this divine agency?

3d. Christ requires that we should give the Gospel to the world immediately. His command is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." That is the plainest of commands. It means us personally. It means now, for it is in the present tense, and God has now unquestionably, for the first time in the centuries, removed out of the way every obstacle to the immediate evangelization of the world and given to the Church everything needed for the completion of the work of preaching the Gospel to the world. The whole world is open and accessible physically, geographically, politically, to the gospel messengers, and waiting for them.

The Church has the means, the messengers, and the promise of the Spirit at her command, and seems dangerously near to suffering eclipse of faith and blight of life because of her failure to avail herself of them in fulfilling her great and pressing mission. Christ is waiting for her to move in obedience to his command. Who among her leaders will risk the responsibility of holding back or of hindering the onward movement He demands?

4th. The organizations and machinery necessary for the immediate and world-wide forward movement to victory and conquest for Christ are all ready and in working order, and need simply to be directed under the quickening breath of the Spirit of God. The agencies are all organized for reaching every class and condition of mankind. There are our general societies—Bible, Tract, etc.,—and our special societies in all denominations, for home evangelization. There are the numberless agencies for saving heathendom through the foreign mission work. There are the lay organizations that take in substantially the church-membership of Christendom—the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young People's Societies for Christian effort, the Armies of the Cross, etc.—already marshalled for the final conflict. Every agency needed to reach all the world is already in existence. And all these organizations will inevitably deteriorate into *mere machines* and become hindrances rather than helps, curses rather than blessings, unless they speedily become Spirit-filled and consecrated to the accomplishment of their intended work. And does not the responsibility for their use fasten