

and even fraternal relations existing ; prejudices have been removed, treaties established ; there is commercial interchange and mutual acquaintance by travel, diffusion of literature, etc. The year 1884 witnessed the august spectacle of fourteen nations assembled by representatives at Berlin to mature a constitution for the Congo Free State, and in that conference not only Protestant and Catholic peoples united, but even a Mohammedan power was represented ! Again, there is world-wide *emancipation*. Britain and America have made all their slaves free, and Russia her serfs ; and there is not one civilized and nominally Christian nation to-day that upholds slavery ! There is world-wide *civilization*—i.e., barbarism, savagery, cannibalism, superstition, and cruelty are fast disappearing before the advance of a new civilization, with its greater intelligence and enterprise, liberality, and humanity. There is also world-wide *organization*. Every class of men, every calling, however humble, finds strength in association. The world is belted by these monster zones of associated and organized capital and labor, brains and brawn.

Besides all this invention and discovery seem to have reached their golden age, constraining the greatest statesman of Europe to declare that one decade of years in this century has seen more progress than five millenniums before it. Who has opened world-wide doors before His Church ; put in the hands of Christian nations and Protestant nations the sceptres of the world ; given the printing press and steam engine in wedlock, so that their countless offspring should pour into all lands ; who has provided the Church with between 35,000,000 and 40,000,000 of evangelical members, and given them thousands of millions of pounds sterling, and organizations that reach round the world ? And for what has God done all this if these are not His signs of the times, which mean that just now the King's business requireth haste, and His swift courseers, even steam and lightning, are yoked to His car !

While the Church lingers and hesitates, behold the activity of the devil, who seems to work with mad haste, as though he knew he had but a short time. See him organizing anarchy to destroy the foundations of all government, pouring his missionaries into every land, to carry their doctrinal demons ; see him setting up his printing presses and scattering infidel books and tracts, undermining the family, poisoning the fountains of public learning, pulling down the palladium of liberty, the Sabbath, destroying the very flower of our society by strong drink, locking up the very will in the chains of opium, and using Christian nations to forge the fetters ; if we do not, he *does* discern the signs of the times !

At this centenary of William Carey ; God's signals flash like lightning and boom like thunder around the whole sky. By every mightiest argument and most persuasive appeal ; by every motive drawn from a world's need and our opportunity ; by every open door and loud cry ; by every Scripture prophecy and promise, and by every unfolding of Providence Christ is just now saying to His Church, " GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD,