

conversion of such as repent and believe through their instrumentality. They are not to be viewed as hirelings, or paupers, or the servants of men, but as ambassadors for Christ, servants of the most High God, whom the people are to honour and esteem highly for their work's sake, and to maintain in circumstances of comfort that they may, without mental anxiety as to the things of this life, prosecute their high and holy mission. Here comes in the proper work of those who profess to be followers of Jesus. *All* cannot preach, yet *all* are commanded to take a part in the fulfilment of the Saviour's commission to evangelize the world. The field is the world. Hundreds of millions of human souls are perishing for lack of knowledge; and, while there is one nation, or tribe, or family among the children of men without a knowledge of God and the way of Salvation, the responsibility rests upon those who profess and call themselves Christians to give of their substance, their influence, and their prayers for bringing their fellow sinners out of darkness into God's marvellous light. The claims are pressing. Multitudes are dying daily without God and without hope. Every tick of the clock, every beat of the human pulse, every second of time that we live, a human soul is passing into the spirit world, to appear in the presence of Him before whose judgment bar we must all stand to give an account of our stewardship, and to answer according to the deeds done in the body. Out of the 1,300 millions of human souls composing the present population of our globe, 800 millions are heathen idolators; 11 millions are Mahometans; 240 millions more are the devotees of false systems of religion; leaving but 100 millions of nominal Protestants, too many of whom, alas! have the form of religion without the power.

If we direct our thoughts to the Home Mission field, facts equally startling come to view. Shewing the great spiritual destitution in professedly christian lands. One half of the population of London city—i. e., 1,500,000 souls—never enter a church door! One fourth of the population of Glasgow are non-church-going. So on this Western Continent multitudes are practically heathen—no man caring for their souls. In the United States, for example, containing about 40 millions of people, church accommodation is provided for only 19 millions, in all the evangelical churches, and no doubt the actual attendance is much below this number. The same thing is probably true of our own Canada! Here, then, is ample field for Christian effort—for enlisting all the sympathies and taxing all the energies of the Church; inviting the pious rich to cast in of their abundance into the Lord's treasury, and the pious poor to employ their influence in sending the Gospel to the remotest bounds of the earth, and urging *all* to put forth their earnest cry to God for the outpouring of His Spirit, that He may revive His own work, and visit us with times of refreshing.

Whatever great scheme or plan may be propounded by the Christian Church for carrying into effect the Master's commission to evangelize the world—however deeply each evangelical denomination may realize the obligation of taking its part and doing its work in the field of missions—there is a first and a paramount necessity for individual effort, and personal consecration, and thorough devotion on the part of every professing Christian to carry on the Lord's work. We fear that too often individual responsibility is lost sight of in our numerous organizations for carrying on Church work. The problem of the present day is, how best to utilize the material within our reach, and to bring home to the conscience of every Christian man and woman the paramount claims of the Gospel. The statement was made at the recent Conference of the Evangelical Alliance, by a distinguished member from England, who submitted a paper on Missions, that what was wanted to