

Life and Work.

THE MIND THAT WAS IN CHRIST.

"The mind that was in Christ Jesus—"

Dear Lord, it is what I need
To make of my life a joy, a song,
Wherever my path may lead.

Let that grace, O Father, to me be given,
And this earth shall seem as the door of
Heaven.

The mind that was in Christ Jesus,
So loving, forgiving, kind,—
So patient and meek,—in lowliness
To the will of my God resigned,
At thy bidding, my Father, with joy to go
Or to wait and suffer,—yet gladness know.

The mind that was in Christ Jesus,
O give to me, I pray,
That its power divine in my life may
shine

A glowing, Heavenly ray,
To illumine the souls that are lost in sin,
And to pathways pure and peaceful win.

The mind that was in Christ Jesus,
Let this be our chief desire,
That all may believe in His love and
grace,

Endowed with its holy fire;
Then the world shall be as a foretaste
sweet

Of the mansions waiting our weary feet.

FORWARD.

The following appeal is issued by a number of men representing the F. M. Boards and Societies in Canada and the United States. It is sent to us by Rev. R. P. Mackay. We trust that with the incoming year it may awaken many to new resolve and more earnest work for that great end, the evangelization of the world.

New York, Dec. 1, 1896.

To the Pastors of United States and
Canada:—

Beloved Brethren:—

The Twentieth Century of the Christian era is upon us, and yet millions have never heard the name of Christ. The darkness of heathenism still enwraps nearly two-thirds of the population of the globe.

The "marching orders" of the Church are explicit and imperative. "Go." There is no suggestion of limitation. "Into all the world." The terms are universal. "Preach the gospel to the whole creation." Any narrower conception of the Mission of the Church is a belittling of our faith. Any smaller endeavor is unworthy of the Christian name.

The opportunity for world-wide evangelization was never so great as at present. Ability has kept pace with enlarging opportunity. The Christian Church has the

men and the means. Her responsibility has, therefore, proportionately increased. Yet, on fields long occupied and white unto harvest, the supply of laborers is utterly inadequate. The established work is crippled. Reinforcements are needed. Advance is impossible until gifts are enlarged, while the Church at home is suffering from the very "heresy of inaction."

In the hope of quickening the Church to a due conception of its blessed privilege and solemn responsibility in the sacred enterprise of Missions, we issue this appeal, and as the representatives of the Foreign Mission Boards in the United States and Canada, we suggest the enclosed Plan of Campaign.

The appeal is first to pastors. It has long been an axiom with our Mission Boards that where there is a Missionary pastor there will be a Missionary Church. The plan contemplates united action. It is in the theme of paramount importance. It seeks a concentration of Christian thought aims to secure the cumulative force of a series of meetings. To ensure the attainment of these ends, we ask your prayerful and hearty co-operation.

Your in fellowship of service,

E. E. Chivers, Secretary.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

1. A Sermon on Missions from every evangelical pulpit, on Sabbath, Jan. 10th, 1897.

The Evangelical Alliance has designated this day on its Programme for the Week of Prayer for preaching upon the Great Commission. Matthew xxviii: 18-20.

2. A Mid-Week Prayer Meeting for Missions. It is earnestly desired that the prayer meeting following the Sabbath sermon be devoted to prayer for enlargement and blessing in the work of Foreign Missions.

3. District Missionary Rallies, in the larger cities, on Thursday evening, January 14th. For this meeting let the City be divided into districts, and a Local Committee appointed in each district to make all necessary arrangements.

4. An Inter-Denominational Mass Meeting in the interest of Missions. We suggest that on Friday evening, January 15th, unless some other evening be better suited to local convenience, an Inter-Denominational Mass Meeting be held in the largest hall or church in every town in the United States and Canada.

In arranging for this meeting, do not wait for some one else to move, but confer at once with brother pastors, and select the most efficient laymen in your city or town to serve with you on a Committee or Arrangements. Be sure also to enlist your Young People's Societies in this movement, placing as much responsibility upon them as you think advisable.