

effects of sin in this world, as well as promise freedom from all evil in the life to come. This is the demand made by the spirit of our age; and so far as this demand is a legitimate one, it should be the aim of all Christians to satisfy it. The churches should rouse themselves to renewed activity, and make known on a larger scale and in a clearer manner the transforming and quickening influence of that faith they teach; and in this effort attention should ever be given to improving in every possible way the methods of work, in order to adapt them to the needs and requirements of the times.

There are many problems which come before the churches for solution, and certainly not the least important of these is the question of evangelizing the crowded population of towns and cities. This question does not perhaps concern us so very nearly as it does our neighbors over the border; but even with us it is fast becoming a matter of the greatest importance. It is well known that in our own towns and cities there is a comparatively large population who seldom, if ever, enter a church. How they are to be reached, and how their number is to be kept from increasing, are questions we cannot afford to ignore. It is not wise, it is not safe, it is not Christian to do so. We cannot, we dare not, shut our eyes to the misery and sin around us, and attempt to wash our hands of all responsibility.

If we do not check and conquer the ungodliness and indifference, the shallow skepticism and practical atheism, which exist to a considerable extent in our towns and cities, we must be conquered by them. If we would transmit to those who come after us the faith and religious privileges we enjoy, we must not only guard them jealously but also seek to gain a wider sphere for their influence. And yet, as things are now, it is in many cases as much as our churches can do to hold their own. It is often found extremely difficult to retain within the church those born and brought up in it, and though the spirit and the desire for aggressive work may exist they do not seem to accomplish much.

What is the cause of this? One cause would seem to be the inadequacy of the means employed for the accomplishment of the ends aimed at, and particularly the fact that the greater part of the work is left to be done by one man. More is expected