

who are willing to make cheerful sacrifice in order to advance His work. Then how is it that there are yet 1,000,000,000 people who are without the light? And besides this let us remember that during all the ages that have passed since Christ came to fulfil the prophecy many times the population of our entire globe have passed away without a Bible and without the slightest knowledge of the great gift of God's love. Then you ask again why this slow progress?

Because the Christian Church has not done her duty. When the sigh ascends to heaven, Lord, the thousand million souls of the unchristian world have "no bread," no spiritual bread, what is the answer? Just the same as in the wilderness, "Give ye them to eat."

The Lord does not send angels to carry the gospel to the nations, nor does He send down Bibles from heaven in all the saving tongues of earth. The disciples were to feed the multitude, and we are to do the same thing, feed the starving throng who are calling for bread. Let us look for a few minutes at some of the reasons why we are so slow in evangelizing the world. It is not because, as almost every Christian knows, that the world is not open to receive the truth. There are few portions of the globe where the missionary of the Cross, and especially the medical missionary, cannot go. All doors are open. The fields are everywhere ripe for harvesting. The world is an open parish, and every true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ knows that the "call" is urgent, very urgent.

There are, no doubt, men and means enough in the Christian world, if devoted to this grand purpose, to carry the truth into all lands in less than a quarter of a century. But men and money often go into wrong

channels. We waste much of the money that, if rightly used, would be sufficient for this work. Christian nations spend enough money for this object in question in keeping up standing armies and navies. It is said that for what it costs to fire one shot from one of our largest cannons, a missionary and his family can be supported for over two years in Japan. What would you say? Better spike the cannon and send the gospel abroad. It costs nearly three times as much to maintain a soldier in any of the standing armies of the world as to support one missionary in a foreign field, and numerically there are about 330 soldiers in standing armies for every soldier of the cross in foreign service. Then think of the enormous drink bill of Christian Great Britain, with Canada and United States. Much, very much, might be said on this subject. It would fill a paper itself. Surely this drink curse is a terrible hindrance to the extension of the Master's kingdom. And again, more money is said to be expended in tobacco than in bread, and this by a Christian people who are supposed to be doing what they can to furnish men and means to evangelize the earth. If we could only feel that on us rests the responsibility of this work—if we could only learn to sacrifice a little more for Christ; like a poor Scotch woman in Scotland who gave a penny a day for missions, and when a friend, learning one day that she was a stranger to the luxury of meat for food, gave her a sixpence to procure some, she thought to herself, "I have done very well on porridge, so I'll give the sixpence to the Lord!" We do not very often live on porridge, in order to give more to God, or to advance His cause. We are more like a little girl to whom her father gave two nickels, one for candy, the other for missions. Shortly after-