

work all church members. Nominal Protestants include millions of mere professors, members of state churches, formalists and ritualists, and millions more who, while they profess to be disciples, are actually immoral and infidel. But let us suppose that there are *ten millions* of true disciples who can be brought into line, and who by systematic effort can be made to furnish men and money for this work, even *with this tenth part of Christendom the world may be evangelized before the twentieth century dawns.*

We are not responsible for *conversion*, but we are responsible for *contact*. We cannot compel any man to decide for Christ, but we may compel every man to decide one way or the other ; that is, we may so bring to every human being the gospel message, that the responsibility is transferred from us to him, and that we are delivered from blood-guiltiness. God will take care of the results, if we do our duty. We are to preach this gospel everywhere "for a witness"—not coldly, officially, formally, but earnestly, prayerfully, lovingly. Christian churches, schools, institutions, homes, reared in the midst of pagan communities, constitute part of this "witness" to the power of the gospel ; then, whether the gospel prove a savor of life or of death, our fidelity will not fail of its reward.

We repeat, that it is our solemn and mature conviction that before the close of this century the gospel might be brought into contact with every living soul ; for if we could so organize and utilize ten millions of disciples as that every one should be the means of reaching with the good tidings one hundred other souls, during the lifetime of this generation all the present population of the globe would be evangelized ; or, if the sublime purpose should inspire the whole Church to do this work before this century ends, each of this ten million believers has only to reach between eight and nine souls every year for the twelve years that remain.

When Sir Thomas More's "Utopia" was first published there were some who construed the fiction as fact ; and they said, "But there is among these Utopians no mansion of gospel truth : let us go and tell them the good news !" Is it not high time that we realized that the destitute and desperate condition of a lost race is fact and not fiction ; and that, having the Bread of Life, we carry to the starving millions of earth's population the gospel of salvation, with the promptness and holy haste which are the only fit way to attend to the King's business ?

At the beginning of this new year, let us write on the very door-posts of our churches and houses, and on our gates, this grand motto :

THE WHOLE WORLD TO BE EVANGELIZED IN THE PRESENT
GENERATION.

"Let us go up at once and possess it ; for we are well able to overcome it." The Earl of Shaftesbury said : "During the latter part of