

redeeming forces and influences, had all gone out in that momentous shock of which I have spoken. The march of the centuries had been reversed by the movements of those memorable midnight hours, and I found myself looking upon an age and world from which had disappeared the highest organizations, examples, interpretations, consolations, hopes, songs, joys, and the grand substantial facts of history. It was a Christless world that lay out before me, marked by myriads of hopeless ruins, and utterly bereft of that which had been its glory and its crown. As the great moral darkness crept over me I seemed to hear a voice, full of deep solemnity and a pathos which words can never describe, crying out with an inexpressible bitterness of soul: "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

This was a dream and yet it is vastly more than a dream, for let men say what they will about the place and power of Christianity in our world to-day and of its slow progress in human affairs, if that Christian system should be displaced and entirely removed to-morrow from the world, and be no more, instead of our picture of resultant catastrophes being in any sense overdrawn, it would be found to be an understatement of the change that would follow a withdrawal.

The hold of the Gospel is deep and strong upon the age and world of to-day, and unbelief has taken a gigantic task when it attempts to unseat this divine and beneficent power.

WILLIAM HARRISON, in *Wesleyan Methodist Magazine*.

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