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"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD."

The Church's work is a great work. Her field of operation is the world—the wide, wide world, with its teeming millions, its hundreds of millions. From well authenticated statistics we learn that at the present time there are 1,300,000,000 of human beings scattered over its length and breadth; a number so great that we have and can have no conception of it. To us it is an inconceivable number—we might almost call it an infinite number. But not so to Him who of old said, "the field is the world." He surveys it all, and knows each and every one of the vast throng. The field in its vastness and all its need is ever before Him, and should occasionally at least, be in review before us, so that we might get to something like the magnitude of the object when we speak of the evangelization of the world.

And we would be greatly helped if we had in our churches and our Sabbath schools missionary maps—maps showing at a glance those parts of the world that yet are in darkness, the inhabitants of which are worshipping gods of their own imagining. Would we not see and would we not realize more than we do now that large important parts of the world are a vast desert, under malign influences and full of evil, but barren of good.

"The field is the world," and is it all to be claimed? are all Earth's people to hear the Gospel? It is reasonable to suppose they are.

They need the Gospel! Man as man, all need it. Not merely a few here and a few

there, a few of one generation and a few of another; but man wheresoever he may live or wheresoever he may be found. He is miserable without the Gospel. He is morally helpless and undone. He is lost. He perishes for lack of knowledge. If there is none other name under heaven, than the name of Jesus whereby men must be saved, then in some sense or other those who hear not of Him and know Him not are lost. They need the Gospel—the Gospel of 800,000,000 who are worshipping idols—they all need it, equally with us; for they belong to the same fallen, lost race of Adam—the race that Christ came to save.

And the Gospel is suited to man—to all men. It can be transplanted anywhere. There is nothing sectional, or national, or narrow about it. It suits all types of mind, all peculiarities of disposition and all stages of progress. It can accommodate itself to all circumstances and benefit man under all conditions. It is really an adaptation to the moral state of man as fallen, a perfect adaptation. It meets his case no matter what the individual peculiarities of the case may be.

And moreover since the Gospel has been given by God to man, all men have an equal right to receive it. It is for man—not for Britons only, or for Anglo Saxons only, but for all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues. We who have it, and who have always had it, have no more or better right to it, than the thousands of millions who have never yet heard it. Equal rights to all would give the Gospel to all.

But we have the sure Word of God to