

It is common knowledge that we are living in changeful & momentous times. The past ten years have seen greater changes than have occurred in any hundred years previous, perhaps we might say than in any thousand years before. We are becoming almost weary of hearing ~~of trouble~~ in ~~Ireland~~, of labor unrest, of industrial disputes, of trouble in Ireland, of Bolshevism in Russia, of threatened revolution in India, of uprisings in Egypt, and so we might continue. We may be weary hearing of these things, but they exist in the world and we must face the facts. It would be well for us to consider ~~what~~ the factors that brought these things about and to see if our nation and we ourselves are at all concerned in causing them. This is a subject too deep and too vast for me to attempt to handle, but I should like at least to remind you of a few facts in connection with it.

Statesmen are agreed that war is an evil and they are trying to devise a scheme to do away with war. Let us remember that for over a hundred years struggles for trade

have been a greater cause of war than struggles
 for territory. Near the commercial nations,
 which are also the Christian nations, are the
 nations concerned. ~~The East India Co. dragged~~
~~the Brit. Govt. into war with France.~~ Mission
 commerce where it has come in contact with
 Eastern peoples has often been degrading to them.
 Every trader who goes to these lands is, whether
 he knows it or not, a missionary in a very
 real sense. The native expects the missionary sent
 out by the church to be what he is, a religious
 man. But the trader coming from a Christian
 country is looked upon as the product of that
 religion, and by him it is judged. Too often
 these men are any thing but Christian in
 life or ~~the~~ character, and much of the work
 done by missionaries is offset by them.
 So much for the individual. As a nation we
 are no less guilty. Remember the war
~~forced~~ ^{swaged} upon China to ~~make her~~ ^{force} ~~to~~ ^{to} open her
 ports to the opium trade. What for? For
 gain to British merchants. The first
 commercial imports into Africa ^{were} ~~were~~
 rifles and gin. It is said that the

New Englanders developed Harvard University on the profits made by their trade in carrying New England gin to Africa, slaves from Africa to Virginia, and these loading contraband supplies for Boston. India has been exploited for the benefit of England. South Africa the same. Even the League of Nations has awarded Shantung to Japan, leaving the Chinese feeling unjustly treated, and causing the Chinese delegates to report ~~to~~ to their government that if China is to get justice from the world she must become a great military power. What kind of a recommendation have the Christian nations been giving of their Christianity. ~~What effect has it had on the rest of the world to see practically all of the Christian nations of the world, the nations that profess a religion of peace and good will, to find that these are the nations that were engaged in the greatest war of all time?~~

What is a non Christian from the East to think of the effects of Christianity, when

he is told that Europe has been Christian for centuries, and then sees as the outcome of it, a great war with terror and death on a scale never before approached in the annals of history. What effect must a spectacle like that have upon the nations looking on?

In many cases western traders have inflicted unspeakable ~~things~~ ^{cruelty & injustice} upon helpless natives. The horrors of the slave trade in Africa can never be told. And yet it was carried on for years by Christian nations. Traders in many parts of the world have carried diseases and vices from the west that have decimated the native populations in places almost to the vanishing point. For instance a trader who had some cases of measles on board his ship called at some of the islands of the N. Hebrides group in the South Seas. ~~He knew~~ knowing that measles was an unknown disease there. He invited the natives on board but they at first declined to go. He coaxed them on board offering presents to all would go.

When the unsuspecting natives had been in contact with the sick and exposed to the infection they were ordered off the ship and told that that was the present ~~the~~ captain had for them. Now, measles is a much more fatal disease among these ^{South Sea} Islanders than among us and many of the natives died. This horrible deed was done to turn the natives against the missionaries who had been trying to get some protection for the natives from the cruelty and cheating of the traders.

As Christians we are under the obligation to obey the command of the Master to Preach the Gospel to every creature. Most of us have a lot of lost time to make up. ~~As Christian nations have in many instances, either thro their govt. or thro their commercial representatives in commerce, made the lot of the non Christian worse than it was before, surely this res~~
 As Christian nations the responsibility is ours ^{to} ~~to~~ undo the evil we have done & lead the way ^{to better things}

But the nation and the church is made up of indivs. And as some one has said the only way to have a perfect world order is to have it composed of perfect indivs. We may not be able to change the nation, or to make the church all it should be, but each one of us is responsible for being himself and herself all he or she should be, and ^{by the help of God} we can do that.

Is it nothing to you that

1 That $\frac{1}{3}$ of the world is still illiterate and beyond the reach of Med. skill?

That the thirst for Western education has gripped the far East and that they are pleading for teachers to be sent?

That the hermit nations are now open to the Gospel, that the educated classes of China are ready to hear it, - and in the mass movements of India scores of thousands are turned away because there are no teachers to instruct them in the way of life?

That America ~~is~~ is growing rich at the rate of about nine millions a day

The wealth of Prot. Church members alone
being estimated at \$3 billions of dollars.
That not 1/2 these church members give to
support a local church, nor are engaged in
any active Christian work.

That there are 230 000 000 Mohammedans
in the world, the most aggressive foes of
Christianity, every man of whom is a
missionary winning converts to his religion.
That there are 122 000 000 people in lands
not now occupied by any Prot. Christian
worker.

That there are more non Christians in
the world today than there ever were before.
That 1000 million fellow human beings for
whom Christ died await the Gospel message
and that Jesus Christ expects his people
whom he has so richly blessed, to follow
him, and carry out his commands.

~~Out of ev. 4000 Christians 3999 are
remaining in this country. Out of college
grads. more than 99 out of 100 are
remaining in this country.~~

Is it any thing to you that you were born into a Christian
home in Canada in stead of in Central Africa?

The Pres. Ch. in Canada has about 2 000 000 members & adherents. In this Christian land we have ~~the~~ Laws founded on the Ten Commandments. We have our Sabbath day, We have S. S., Church, ministers, teachers, good literature, prayer meetings, hospitals, etc. — ~~But we~~ We have 2000 ministers and we don't consider that nearly enough. We have accepted responsibility for 16 000 000 non-Christians with none of these aids that we have. 2000 to 2 000 000. 300 to 16 000 000. Is that a reasonable prop.? I have not got the figures for the Methodist but I know they are not very different ^{those of the Pres.} from ~~ours~~.

If you were sent out to pick berries where would you go? To the part of the field where there were dozens of pickers already or to the part that had none? Is there any common sense even in the way we go at this God-given task of ours? For every 6 cents Prot. Churches in America spend to evangelize the heathen, they spend 94 in the home churches.

The average giving of Prot. Christians to missions is 3 cents a week. Out of every 4000 Christians 3999 remain in this country. Think of it. 3999 Christians living comfortably at home giving 3 cents a week for missions. 1 miss. ~~man~~ abroad among ¹⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰ ~~1000000~~ non-Christians giving his life to the work. Does it seem a fair division of labor?

When we think of what is accomplished by some of the converts to Christianity ~~among~~ just out of heathenism and living in a land where heathen customs and heathen practices prevail and without the means of spiritual uplift that we so much need even after generations and centuries of Christianity, we are moved to shame ourselves.

It is only a little over 20 yrs. since the church began work in the city of Hankung in Korea. There are now 2 self supporting congregations one with an attendance of 800. From this centre the Gospel has been carried to the neighborhood, and in the surrounding country are about 50 other preaching stations wrought by native workers who were

trained by the missionaries. And I am told that in the past 25 yrs. the Pres. Ch. in Halifax has barely held its own tho the city has increased greatly in the same time.

The Koreans are not only working for the evangelization of their own land, but poor tho they are, they have undertaken foreign mission work and are supporting three Korean ^{missionaries} ~~pastors~~ into China, ^{for the Chinese} besides sending missionaries to Koreans who have emigrated to China.

Two men who were travelling in Korea ~~asked~~ ~~during~~ a tour round the world, saw, one day, a boy pulling a reed plow while an old man held the plow handles. They were amused and ~~asked~~ said to the missionary who was guide to the party, - "That is a curious sight. I suppose they are very poor." "Yes," he replied, "When the church was being built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold their only ox, and gave the money to the church. Now they are pulling the plow themselves." The lawyer and the business man were silent.

Then one said, "That must have been a real sacrifice." "They did not call it that," replied the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate that they had an ~~eye~~ ^{eye} to sell."

Have any of us professing Christians ever sacrificed like that?

I have here a Korean woman's wedding ring that my father got from Rev. Mr. Robb missionary to Korea. ~~A~~ ~~church~~ A church was being built in Korea and the Koreans were giving all they could towards it. Some women there wanted to give too but they had no money, so they took off their wedding rings and put them on the plate. Mr. Robb took them home when he came on furlough and sold them ~~for the~~ to help build the church. Have we sacrificed like that?

God demanded of the Jews one tenth of their incomes as his right. Can we, who have so much more than they, we in this enlightened generation, give to God less than that?

At least one tenth we owe to Him who gives the all. It is a debt. Until that is paid, we are not giving at all. What we owe to

some one is his right - it is no gift. A gift is what is given over and above what we actually owe. Are there some of us who have not only kept back our gifts, but have not even paid our just debts to God?

"For giving is living," the angel said,

"Go feed to the hungry sweet charity's bread."

"And must I keep giving again and again?"

My selfish & querulous answer ran.

"Oh, No!" said the angel perceiving me thro;

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

When God gives us money to spend for Him in sending to perishing millions the Good News of a Savior from sin, and we spend it in needless luxuries, or keep it hoarded up in the bank, or earning more money for ourselves, what does He think of it?

A recent visitor to Korea described a meeting he attended there. He says the church which was a large one had no seats and the floor was packed with

Koreans seated on the straw on the floor. It was impossible for the church to accommodate the crowd. Even when there was not room enough for another person within the building, the courtyard outside was full. This was the 9th day of a 10 day revival and this meeting was held at 6.30 in the morning. Four meetings each day for 10 days, at 6.30, 10, 2, & 7 and every meeting crowded with native Christians and those who wished to be. How many Christians in Canada would attend a religious meeting at 6.30 in the morning. How many are even willing to come to the Y. P. S. or the Prayer Meeting once a week at 8 in the evening? When the Church at Home shows earnestness and enthusiasm like that, our tasks will be accomplished and our problems solved.

The Church is asking for 300 young men & women to sail go to the foreign fields within the next 5 yrs. We must get them at once if they are to be ready to go within 5 yrs. Where are they to come from? Out of

our Mission Bands, and our S.S. out of our day schools and out of our home. Mothers and fathers are you training your boys and girls to do this great work for God or are you neglecting it. Are you going to hear in the day of judgement - Well done good & faithful servant - or Depart from me

The young people will offer themselves when the question is placed squarely before them. ~~In this congregation so many~~ But are the older folks giving them the right backing? ^{Are you praying for their guidance, are you going to be able} Our greatest problem ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{to support} ~~is~~ work among students is opposition of Christian parents. Elaborate.

It is the most glorious thing in the world to fight for the King of Kings overseas. The nation that sent 400,000 men overseas in the great war cannot fail to raise the few miss. asked if the older folk will ~~go~~ do their part by prayer, & training of the young. ~~On~~ ^{On} this church, so many. Are you going to be ready to support them when they are ready to go. God grant that we may ~~with~~ do our part.

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