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DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Excuses for Not Doing More to Evangelize the World.

By REV. W. H. SHEPHERD.

Man is fast passing into a world of retribution. Those who have the gospel of the son of God, and obey it, rise to unite with the angels in the song of heaven. But what about those who have not the gospel?

Multipled thousands of heathen souls have not the gospel, and they have not a living Ministry. What is their final destiny?

St. Paul gives us a pen picture of their character, in the first chapter to the Romans, he says: "They are filled with unrighteousness, covetousness and malice; full of envy, murder, deceit, haters of God, inventors of evil things, without understanding, without natural affection and unmerciful."

Our missionaries in Africa and China today are eye-witnesses of what is here described and place an emphasis on every epithet and would clothe every word in capitals.

The character of the heathen today is worse than it was in Paul's time.

A mortal disease becomes more and more malignant until a remedy is applied. A sinking weight hastens downward with accumulating force. A mind thrown from its balance wanders farther and farther from reason. It is thus with the disease of sin and the downward propensities of a depraved nature and a soul avoluted from God. Will God transplant this vine of Sodom, unchanged in its nature in the paradise above? Will he open the gates of the holy city to persons whose visage is marred by sin and whose hands are red with blood?

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Know ye not those who sin without law, shall also perish without law? Where, then, is the hope of the heathen who have not the gospel? The heathen world, as a mass, has been left to perish. By whom? Not by our Father in heaven; He gave his son to redeem it. Not by the saviour of sinners, he tasted death for every man. Not by the Holy Ghost, he is ever ready to accompany the truth or gospel. The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." God has committed the gospel to the church, and Jesus says to the church, "Preach the gospel to every creature."

The church has been slothful and

negligent. Each generation of Christians has, in their turn, received the vast responsibility of giving the gospel to every creature, neglected in a great measure to do it, and has transmitted the work to the generation following. The guilt of this neglect, who can estimate? God says to his church, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto church and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, behold I knew it not; doth not he who pondereth the heart consider it; and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? And shall not he render to every man according to his work?" This solemn and awful interrogation needs no comment. The import is, if our fellow men are perishing and we neglect to do what we can to save them, we are all guilty of their blood. Over six hundred millions in heathen lands are sinking to the consequence of your neglect.

The Master says: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. You must obey and give the strength of body, time, talents and means to save the lost. Let us follow heavenly wisdom, as laid down in the Bible." "Give, go and thereby save ourselves and the world."

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The spirit of the gospel is a spirit of self-denial for the sake of Christ. If I mistake not, we will see a great deal of our conduct in a different light from what we do now. Call up your contributions and your personal efforts. Compare what we have done with what Jesus did for us. Confer not with flesh and blood. Meet all excuses with a deaf ear and a determined spirit. Let pity move you, the love of Christ constrains you and a sense of responsibility urges you to take the precious gospel on which your hopes of heaven rely and carry it without delay to the perishing nations. Time is short, soon we shall meet our Saviour in the presence of a world of souls. Feel as Christ felt, do as he did when he beheld us in misery.

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Tickets will be sold from Decatur to Rome City and return from July 27 to August 10, good returning August 12th, for \$1.70 round trip. These tickets include one admission to the assembly grounds. An elaborate program of all subjects to inform themselves in respect to the laws of their country?

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a sense of duty that caused you to choose your present occupation? Are you trying to believe that preachers only should go forth to the world? It was far otherwise in the days of the apostles.

Then the whole church driven out by persecution went everywhere, spreading the truth of the gospel. If you work for God, you are morally bound to give of your earthly substance. The silver and gold are the Lord's, we only dig it up. The cattle upon a thousand hills are his. We only herd them. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." He gives you power to get wealth and you must pay God his due or suffer the consequence of your neglect.

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Bluffton N. L. church will give a special low rate excursion to Detroit on Wednesday, Aug. 10, via Clover Leaf. Special train will leave Bluffton at 5:30 a. m., Craigville 5:45 a. m., Decatur 6:00 a. m., connecting at Toledo with Star-Cole Line steamer "City of Toledo," arriving at Detroit about 12:30 p. m. Returning leave Detroit at 5:00 p. m. same date. On arrival at Toledo special train home, arriving about 11:30 p. m., or tickets will be honored on regular train No. 3, leaving Toledo at 12:20 midnight. Rate, adults \$1.75, children \$1.00, which includes railroad fare street car and lake trip of 120 miles. Special tickets may be had covering extension of limit three days for \$1.00 additional. For further particulars inquire of committee or Clover Leaf representative, C. C. Jenkins, Toledo, Ohio.

The Clover Leaf will run its annual excursion to Mackinac, August 27th. Tickets will be sold for Fast Line No. 6, leaving Illinois stations night of August 26th, Indiana and Ohio stations morning of August 27th, arriving at Toledo at 8:55 a. m. and connecting with the magnificent steamer "City of Alpena," of D. & C. Nav. Co., which leaves Toledo at 11:00 a. m. and arrives at Mackinac Island at 5:45 a. m. August 29th. Good returning from Mackinac not later than 8:30 a. m. steamer Monday, Sept. 5th, from Toledo until Sept. 7th inclusive. Side trips ad libitum may be arranged for at slight cost upon arrival at Mackinac or Toledo. The benefits and pleasure of this delightful water trip of \$20 miles must be experienced to be fully appreciated. The universal popularity which our Mackinac excursions have enjoyed in former years insures us in advance of the success of this one. An early reservation of berths and space will certainly be advantageous to patrons. For full information as to rates, cost of berths, meals, side trips, etc. call on any agent Clover Leaf Route or address, C. C. Jenkins, Toledo, Ohio.

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