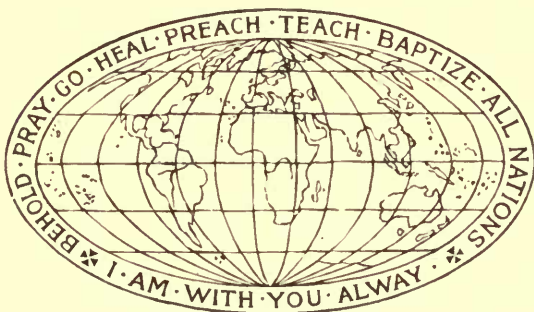


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## THE UNEVANGELIZED MILLIONS

In India

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mere galvanizing of old and dead faiths, but the real life of the Lord Jesus Christ transfusing and transforming India. I stand before you to-night as an optimist, not so much because of what I have seen, not so much because of the forces that are at work in India, but an optimist because, first and last and all the time, I believe in the promises of God, and that as surely as God reigns and as surely as His word is truth, one day Jesus Christ is to be crowned King of India. But your hands must put the crown on His brow.

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## THE UNEVANGELIZED MILLIONS IN KOREA

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WE turn from that great country, India, to a little bit of land whose geography most people know nothing at all about. I suppose that you, being students of missionary work, know something about the geography of Korea, but of the way in which that land was opened, of the opportunities for work that there are there to-day and of what has been done, I think that many of those here are more or less ignorant. Twenty years ago Korea was still a hermit nation; every door and avenue of approach was closed. It was death to any foreigner to be found upon the shores of Korea, or to any Korean to be found harboring any foreigner. A little over twenty years ago France sent her gunboats to her doors demanding that they be opened, and Korea refused. The United States sent her gunboats, and Korea refused to open the doors. The Church of Christ bowed in prayer asking for open doors, and God opened Korea.

Under these circumstances we would naturally expect, when we came to a land so opposed to the foreigner and what he brought, that there would be an intense hatred of everything foreign and Christian. However, when we got there, we found that Almighty God had not only broken down the legal barriers to our entrance, but the same God had gone before us, had broken down the barriers in the hearts of the people, so that they were ready to receive us and listen to us. Japan, that country that we speak of as a nation born in a day, we find ready to take up with foreign or new ideas. China lies on the other hand, that mighty nation that knows nothing good outside of China. Korea comes between, willing to acknowledge that there is something good outside of Korea. And there you see the leverage that we have.

Not only did we find the people willing to listen to us, but we found a strange state of affairs. We found that the people had to a large extent lost faith in their old religions. Confucian-

ism is to-day in Korea nothing more than a system of morals. Buddhism, which at one time held sway throughout the whole land and was given by Korea to Japan, has lost its hold upon the people; so that the educated say, "It is good enough for the women and children." The prevalent form of Taoism is also losing its hold, and the educated of the land are beginning to think that a little medicine, properly administered, will do more good than the pounding of tambourines and burning of incense to a sleeping god.

In addition to this we find one or two other advantages that we had to use as given us by God. Dr. Allen had won favor with the King. The favor of the officials has to the present time been ours. Now let us see what the results of the work have been. I can only touch on these. After seventeen years we are able to tell you that there are in Korea between six and seven thousand public communicants, between four and five thousand members of the catechumen classes, and a still larger body of adherents who call themselves Christians; so that there is in Korea to-day a body of over 20,000 men and women who have given up all their heathen practices and worship and are bowing to worship the God we honor here to-night.

In addition to all this there are three characteristics of the Church in Korea that I wish to name. First the extreme activity of the Church. All our churches in Korea, with three or four exceptions, are absolutely self-supporting. They build their own chapels, support their own evangelists, their own school teachers and are building their own schools and paying all the running expenses of their own churches. The second point I want to call attention to is that they are an extremely generous people. I cannot give details for lack of time. The third and most important point to which I would call your attention is that the Korean is nothing but a simple child in the faith, who takes God at His word and believes in prayer. He has not read the fasting out of his Bible yet, and he has not read "Ask and ye shall receive" out of his Bible. I wish you could hear him talk of God. He does not use the word "God" very much; he says, "Father." A little church was in trouble and meeting with terrible persecution, and addressing the leader I said, "What have you done about it?" Said he with a smile, "We have told Father about it, and it will be all right." They look to God as Father, trust Him as such and know that when they ask God in faith believing they will receive.

I do not laud what they are doing there as something exceptional; I do not hold Korea up as the only land where God is blessing this work; but I simply mention these facts as indicative of what God is willing to do the world over, if you and I will give Him the opportunity. God has opened up the world. God offers this whole world to us, but it is our duty to go up and occupy it for Christ. I wish I had time to-night to mention details, but, instead, simply

bring these two or three things before you. God is calling in Korea. We have heard His calling in India as never before; He is calling in Korea as never before; we shall hear from China, that He is calling there as never before. God the world over has prepared this world for Christ, if we will take it to Him. You remember the old Scottish clan, how eager they were to heed the summons when they were called. The farmer left his plow, the blacksmith dropped his red-hot iron, the groom at the altar left his bride:

“When flits this cross from man to man,  
Vich-Alpine’s summons to his clan,  
Prompt at the signal of alarms,  
Each son of Alpine rushed to arms.”

Shall man be more obedient to the earthly summons than to the heavenly? Can it be said that a Highland chieftain shall inspire more devotion than the Captain of the Lord’s host? Shame on us if we heed not the call! And I verily believe that the curse that was pronounced against Clan Alpine shall be pronounced if we do it not:

“Burst be the ear that fails to heed!  
Palsied the foot that shuns to speed!”

## THE UNEVANGELIZED MILLIONS IN AFRICA

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THE call of Africa is couched in the words of the thief upon the cross. In that darkest and yet brightest hour in the world’s history — darkest because human hate was doing its worst, brightest because divine love was doing its best — a cry comes from the dying thief, “And us, and us,” “save Thyself and us.” And these words to-night come up to us from the great dark continent, reverberating with the echo of the millions who are dwelling in darkness there — “And us! and us!” For, however much men may differ in other respects, there is one respect in which the whole wide world is agreed. Men the world over are one in the consciousness of God; they are one also in the consciousness that an immeasurable distance separates them from God; and the human race is one in its effort to bridge that chasm. In Africa every superstitious rite and ceremony, every horrid orgy that racks the continent with pain and deluges it with blood, is only a testimony to the universal restlessness of men’s hearts without God, and the effort, in their blinded, deluded, helpless way, to find an answer