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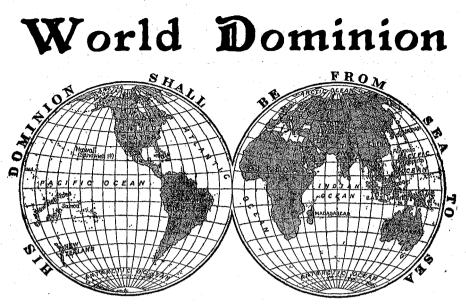
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# A Serious Situation

THE situation throughout the world to-day is so serious that there never was a time when Christian statesmanship was so sorely needed. The crisis which is upon us synchronizes with a diminished missionary income, the withdrawal of missionaries, and a rise of nationalism which greatly increases the difficulty of carrying on the missionary enterprise upon the old conventional lines.

The only satisfactory solution of this tremendous problem which confronts the Christian Church would be a World Plan into which existing agencies would fit by a co-ordination having central direction. If missionaries were properly distributed, resources expended in harmony with indigenous principles, societies amalgamated or coordinated—and overhead charges thereby reduced fellowship with nationals encouraged, non-professional missionaries multiplied and the Spirit of God outpoured, the world might be evangelized in our generation.

As we write these words we are pained to receive a letter from a missionary society complaining that another society is coming into its field, a field which,

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it is averred, has been so effectively evangelized that the number of missionaries should be lessened rather than increased. Not a penny piece should be given for work that overlaps. When shall we have a Christian constituency so well educated that it will ask its societies questions which will expose and prevent comparative waste? Our pain is increased when we reflect upon the fact that World Dominion Surveys are drawing attention to immense *unoccupied* fields.

We would congratulate our American World Dominion Movement on the great meeting held in the Marble Collegiate Church in New York on 11th April last. A pouring wet night and a heavy fog---' the worst night of the season'-did not prevent an audience of about 1,000 people gathering in the beautiful old church. 'It was the greatest achievement in connexion with a missionary meeting that New York had seen in years.' Dr. Robert Speer, representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, took the chair, and the Very Rev. M. H. Gates, D.D., Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, gave the opening address. The other speakers were all members of our New York Committee: K. Scott Latourette, D.D., Professor of Missions and Oriental History, Yale Divinity School; John A. Mackay, Ph.D., Secretary, Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., Professor of the History of Religions and Christian Mission, Princeton; Hugh K. Monro, LL.D., the Treasurer, and Miss Constance I. Brandon, our International Secretary. The subject, ' Facing the Crisis of the Christless Multitudes,' was handled in a masterly way. Many representatives of various churches and organized activities were present (although the storm prevented no less than seven of the delegations from attending). The meeting will long live in the memory of all who attended it.

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The following is an extract from The Presbyterian:

'The North American Committee of the World Dominion Movement have opened new headquarters on the tenth floor of 156, Fifth Avenue, New York City. The offices have been for several years at 113, Fulton Street. The occasion was marked by the presence of a large number of friends of the Movement, and was participated in by hundreds across the country who remembered the hour in prayer and sent gifts and greetings.

Among those who brought personal greetings were Mr. Charles G. Trumbull, of the Sunday School Times, Philadelphia; Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, of the Watchman-Examiner (Baptist); the Rev. H. Hogg, representing the International Faith Mission Conference of North America; Mr. Delavan L. Pierson, of the Missionary Review of the World; the Rev. A. C. Snead, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Mr. Leslie B. Moss, of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; Dr. John R. Edwards, of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions: Dr. John W. Wood, of the Protestant Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. Robert E. Speer, of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. R. L. Howard, of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society; Dr. S. M. Zwemer, of the Moslem World; and Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, of The Presbyterian. . . .

'The World Dominion Movement has an international outlook and is gaining throughout the world an everwidening constituency among those in every land who are pondering the world situation as viewed from the standpoint of the Lord's divine appointment. It has already given to the world a great library of surveys, which are both scientific and sound.'

We should like to call the attention of our readers to our excellent contemporary, *The Missionary Review of the World*. This Magazine has long held a place of its own in the missionary world. It is intensely interesting and of great value to all students of missions.