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INTRODUCTION

I HAVE read with very great interest what Mr. Wishard has written, and what he proposes to publish, on the relation of the Students' Christian Movement here and abroad to the evangelization of the world. I have been profoundly impressed by his statement of facts, by the conclusions which he draws from such facts, and by the bright and vast outlook into the future which his book suggests.

I most earnestly commend it to the thoughtful and devout attention of those into whose hands it may come, surely believing that the blessing of God will go with it to every mind and heart which it shall reach and stir, and that money and men will be powerfully attracted by it to a Christian work already of so large a reach, and, for the future, of such immense and shining promise.

RICHARD S. STORRS.

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"In the great Eternity which is beyond, among the many marvels that will burst upon the soul, this surely will be one of the greatest, that the Son of God came to redeem the world, that certain individuals were chosen out from mankind to be the first-fruits of the new creation, that to them was committed the inconceivable honor of proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to their fellow-creatures still in darkness, and that they did not do it. Centuries were allowed to move slowly by, while myriads of the lost race were passing into that mysterious and awful Eternity without the knowledge of Him who died for them. Those chosen ones in each age who knew Him were not without love and loyalty, glorify Him in their lives and sometimes by their deaths. They defended His truth; they cared for His poor; they gathered for His worship. But-but-the one grand purpose of their existence as the living spiritual Church, that they should be witnesses unto Him 'unto the uttermost part of the earth,' that they should 'preach the gospel to every creature'—this they failed to fulfil; it scarcely occurred to them that they had to fulfil it. Here and there an individual among them would rise to a conception of his calling; a Raymond Lull or a John Eliot would spend and be spent for the perishing heathen; but the Church, the spiritual Church, was asleep. At last some few members of it awake. They stirred up others. The evangelisation of the world was undertaken. Yet how feebly! And all this while, the Lord, whose promised advent they professed to look and long for, was tarrying because the work was not done that must be done before His return. In Eternity, we repeat, will any feature of the Past be more startling than this?"

EUGENE STOCK.

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