

We complain over slow progress  
Poor prospects -

### III Encouraging Signs

#### 1. Discovery Materialism not answer.

Proff - Tyndall - address in Belfast around 1850 - resolved everything to be Matter - Even life.

Froude: all is matter - Body is matter & there is no room for spirit.

Science is coming around to a rel. view of the world.

#### 2. Discontent of men & women.

Indifference to Rel. no satisfying -

Not happy -

Lack of contentment - Prodigal Son Parable - far country a hard place to live.

Dispair of folks who say "I am rich & need of nothing".

#### 3. Hunger for the spiritual.

Christian Science - full of superstitions -

Theosophy -

It is a cry for the living God - if it can not get God it will take.

### The Whiteness Harvest John 4:35

our Lord uttered these words with overflow emotion.  
Why?

Saw procession of inhabitants of Sychar - coming - led by the Woman.

Sight moved Him like Rapture - A prophecy of the rich fruit - a result of travail & sorrow.

Disciples: Been discussing the Harvest prospects.  
Green blade just begun - 4 months a golden ear -  
Thinking of Crops - Lord Thinking of Men.  
" Grain - " seeds.

4 months: Wait for one!  
Other ready Now!! lift eyes - look -!

#### I. Unlikely Place

Difference in Ideas of Disciple & His about  
Samarita

They saw scarcely a promise of Harvest!  
He " Already white "

Sychar - Barren soil.  
Not see any recruits there -

Pass through quickly - Never thought Jesus  
stop to preach there.



Hard ground - Barren - No Harvest -

What did Jesus see?

- 1 - Fields White
- 2 - Waiting -

Characteristic of Christ - most unlikely place -

ISAIAH - open rivers on bare heights -  
Plant in the wilderness -

Burnt forest - plant new trees - New growth -

Top of Mt - usually bleak - air cold - soil rocky - psalmists "There shall be abundance of corn in the earth on the top of the mountains."

Why catch your Master with publicans & sinners?

Why waste time on them - Barren soil -

Matt - & Zacchaeus 2 of the sowers - hopeless field.

Disciples marvel V. 27

Never imagined any good could come out of it.  
Doubted if such could be saved -

Jesus saw Miserableness, unhappiness, sin -

He saw fruit -

Elijah felt only worshippers - 7,000 no backslid.

Present Moment - Anxious, Troubled times -

Bad times for Religion -

We groan about poor soil -

## II. Dis Encouraging Signs

I want to speak about something cheerful -  
A disheartened & discouraged church is always  
a weak & ineffective church.

Great death of depression & despair among Christians!  
They work like men who have lost heart & hope.

(Admit) great deal to discourage us.

### 1. Religious indifference

General disregard & neglect of religion.  
Rel. seems to have little hold upon the people.  
We boast atheism not as a quarrel -  
we do not possess enough conviction  
to believe or disbelieve. No concern -

Masses turn to labor clubs, social clubs rather than church.

Such a bitter gospel -

" " idealism - moral aspiration -

" luxury - pleasure -

Bulk of people pay no heed to Rel.

### 2. Unrest & Dissatisfaction within the Church

Seek new Theologies

I do not wish to live in a world of

make believe - or minimize the hard facts But I do want now to see the encouraging facts.



refuge in a god of its own making -

#### 4. Hunger for Rel.

Men now enter a church with disdain Rel.,  
living in (momentous times) -  
on the eve of social developments -

Socialist are taking over -

New Testament speaks of a new Society -  
a regenerated Society!

Left - Right - Already!

We must carry our message to a Barren  
world... Dissatisfied world -

We must interpret to the world its need!  
This is a good time for us to witness -

Let's go to our work with brave hearts -

The world needs our Christ -

The Revival for which we long may be at our door.

A Day of the Church's opportunity - Let us  
arise -