

we must do what's the best we can while we're here. Then when he finished, the singers rose and sang, "I'se Got A Mansion In De Sky - I'se Got a Mansion In De Sky". And as I heard that and saw the clash there, I realized the idea which was in the minds of the organizer of that conference. Here they had, they thought, science giving us these facts; here they had education showing us these tendencies in which we should move forward into a better world. And then, to satisfy our religious emotions, they would sing these old-fashioned songs. And thus they put facts and they put thoughts over on this side with their ideas which they thought they had worked out which they felt pointed the way of progress in the world and over on the other side they put the old-fashioned songs which they thought would represent the emotions of ideas now given up. And that is an idea that is very common in the world - that religion is a matter of emotion of singing some beautiful words and it doesn't matter particularly what they mean; that it is not something that has a relation to basic, substantial, solid fact. Now, of course, it is true that knowledge alone will never save a person. You will never save a person's soul by argument. In fact, you can't save a person's soul. The Holy Spirit must enter into the heart, and thus convict him of sin and show him his need of the Saviour. And that man may be utterly ignorant, he may have no background, he may have no training, he may have little knowledge. But if he looks in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, he can be saved and put on the road to everlasting life and far better off than the most learned man in the world without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. But it is a fact that education is increasing in our country, and it is a splendid fact. Our country is going forward and knowledge in improving our understanding of technical things is constantly being made better; and if the idea is accepted that religion is simply something for the backward and for the ignorant and that the person who knows doesn't believe these old-fashioned ideas, only an unexpected and sudden miracle of the Spirit of God can keep our nation from falling into utter heathenism and darkness. Let no one think that this is impossible. Other nations have been just as Christian as the United States ever was and have relapsed into heathenism, into wickedness, into idolatry. It has happened over and over again in the history of the world and