

and what His truth is. Mr. ~~McGovern~~ McGovern here spoke about a man a Chn° fellow young man he knew who he says has given up any long-range planning whatever because he says he is so disturbed about the condition of the world. I can easily understand a person getting into such a situation who is a non-Chn°. I would think that such an one might easily give way to despair, but to one who knows that God is in control and that God's purposes are going to be established he can put M his faith in God and move ~~forward~~ forward, doing the best he can to ~~I~~prepare to make his life accomplish for God. If in the providence ~~of~~ of God nothing is accomplished, or if he has to suffer for his faith, if this is God's will he can certainly praise the Lord for it. On the other hand, it may be the Lord's plan to use whatever preparation he gets and to use it in a great way.

Suppose that we were on the shoulders of a mountain which had a great volcano in it, and that there was no way of leaving it, that we were fastened there, and that we knew that a great eruption was coming. It might come in two weeks; it might come in ten years. If in those two weeks we should lead ^{to the Lord someone who would} someone who would ^{live} live with Him through all eternity, surely that would be a tremendously important service to ^{have} ~~be~~ rendered. It would be far better than just sitting still and bemoaning our ~~ft~~ fate. Suppose that ten years from now there would were to become a great atomic war and the bulk of the people in the world would be wiped out. Is that a reason for a person to just sit still and worry all the ~~time~~ time during these ten years and do nothing? Of course if one is ready to have a great evangelistic campaign to reach out and win many souls to Christ, to accomplish a great immediate work for Christ, that is wonderful. But if a person is quite convinced there will be such a war in ten years, this does mean that he should not necessarily continue his preparation as if he ~~had~~ has a life ahead. After all, if such a holocaust were to occur, it would not destroy all the people of the world. There would be some left, and no one can tell who those few might be. If ~~there were~~ they were people who did not know anything, then of course there would be nothing but barbarism and chaos for a long time afterwards. However, some of