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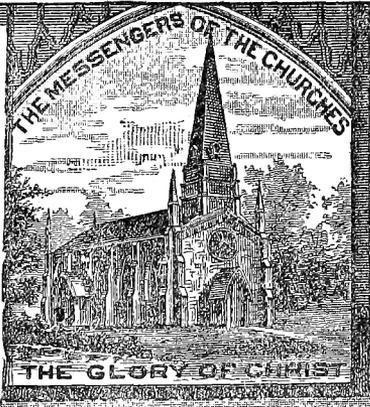


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OUR VIEWS OF MISSION WORK.

INTENSITY IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE.*

Rev. J. R. Woods.

In Luke xii:50 we find these words of the Master: "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished." This is the utterance of one wrought up to the greatest intensity. Death is the only possible completion of His work; and He is troubled in soul—"straitened"—"till it be accomplished." To-day the work of Christ can only be well and truly done, when His Spirit actuates the workers. The Master was intense; the servant must be intense. We, who are Sabbath-school teachers, deal with young and susceptible souls. Nothing is more certain than this—a low temperature makes them shiver; they shrink at the touch of frost, while they open and yield, take new form and refinement, at the touch of fire.

Christ Himself was the perfect example of this intensity. Fervor reached white heat in the Son of Man, and the service of the kingdom received the whole of it. Do you think these words were spoken calmly? Can they even be read calmly to-day? Centuries have passed, yet this sentence heaves, as waves of the sea heave long after the storm has ceased; the ground swell has not subsided. As we listen to the Speaker, we are conscious of the strain, the tension of spirit, the travail of soul! And what was it that moved the Saviour

so profoundly, that made His soul "exceeding sorrowful"? His death on the cross, and burial in Joseph's tomb; but not these things regarded by themselves. Death and the grave had less terror for Him than for the saintliest of His followers; but He thought of these in their august and solemn relations to His redeeming work. In His Cross and passion, love to God and love to man were mysteriously and perfectly blended; His surrender to God was absolute and entire, wanting nothing; while the appeal of His love to man, unsurpassed in tenderness, maintains to-day its unrivaled influence and power. St. Paul used Christ's word—"straitened" in another and most significant connection. "The love of Christ constraineth us." Christ was Himself "constrained," that He might "constrain" His servants by His own great love to the end of time. This revelation of love to God and man in the death of Christ by no means adequately accounts for the agitation of the Saviour's soul. We must go deeper; unless we do so we have no sufficient clue to the mystery of this hour. The beginning of Christ's passion was reached; already He is the Sin-bearer. This is the adequate account, the sufficient clue. "It pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He put Him to grief; Jehovah made His soul an offering for sin." "The doctrine of vicarious suffering is too strongly imprinted on the 53rd of Isaiah

*An address to Sabbath-school teachers, delivered in the City Temple, London, G. B., April 30, 1889.

THE TRUE MOTIVE OF SERVICE.

When a great citizen of Florence lay dying of the plague, deserted by his courtiers, abandoned by his friends and his own family, he appealed to a crowd under the window for some office of charity. "No," said one, "you are not rich enough to buy us. We will not give life for gold." But up started a young man and rushed through

the crowd, exclaiming, "I will come in to you, not for money, but for gratitude; for I am one of those you saved from the death-block." That is the language of true Christian love. It says to Christ, "I will come to Thee, not for Thy great name, not for reward, not for praise, but because I am one Thou hast saved from death."

NOTES AND REVIEWS.

—Rev. D. Metheny, M.D., with his family and Miss Evadna M. Sterrett, of Tarsus Mission, arrived at New York, July 1, 1889. All the friends of the Mission will unite with us in wishing these devoted laborers a restful and restorative visit to this country.

—Since our last issue we have received from the children the following dollar contributions to the Industrial School Fund:

Roy Anderson.....	\$1.00
Sadie Adams.....	1.00
Anna Frazer.....	1.00
Hattie Frazer.....	1.00
Renwick Fleming.....	1.00
Willie Fleming.....	1.00
Beaver Falls, Pa.	
Minnie Anderson.....	1.00
Edna Anderson.....	1.00
Allegheny, Pa.	
Ernest Kilpatrick.....	1.00
Ethel Kilpatrick.....	1.00
William Kilpatrick.....	1.00
Olive Barr.....	1.00
Nellie Dean.....	1.00
Valencia, Pa.	
Alvin Copeland.....	1.00
Bernard Copeland.....	1.00
Edgar Copeland.....	1.00
Hebron, Kansas.	
Previously acknowledged.....	87.00

Total \$103.00

—The new Mission to the Indians also continues to call forth the liberality of

youthful workers in the Church. It gives us pleasure to record the following names, with the amounts earned and contributed to this deserving enterprise:

Laura Mitchel.....	\$1.00
Hattie Milroy.....	1.00
Stella Dunlap.....	1.00
Lizzie Dunlap.....	.50
Ella Speer.....	1.00
Lizzie Quay.....	.50
Myrna Patterson.....	1.00
Bertha Patterson.....	1.00
Willie Milroy.....	1.00
Ira Speer.....	1.00
Ernest Mitchel.....	1.00
Fred Milroy.....	1.00
Anna Patterson.....	.50

Total \$11.50

—We often meet with incidents in Mission life that forcibly illustrate the self-denial that consecrated workers are willing to practice "for the sake of the Name." But we have not within recent years read or heard of anything more touching and inspiring than the following instance of devotedness. The story is almost too sacred to make public. But, as it was told before Synod, we cannot be charged with violation of brotherly confidence, when we put it into this more permanent form, that it may be preserved in the history of the Church:

“DEAR BROTHER: In the April number of *HERALD OF MISSION NEWS*, in a letter from Evadna M. Sterrett, to the children, I read these words: ‘We are not having as many children in our schools this year as we had last year, because we have not enough money. Many little Fellaheen children in Tarsus and Adana would go to our schools there, but they cannot get food unless they work for it. Little children who can pick cotton out of the hulls, receive about one cent a day each, and with this they buy food. If we could only have given them one meal a day, they would have come to school; but as we cannot do that, they must either work or beg.’ We did not intend to pay anything to the Foreign Mission just now, as we felt it would require all the money we could spare to pay our subscriptions to the buildings here; but, when we read that letter, we felt we could not meet those children at the judgment seat, if we allowed that call to pass unheeded. How hard it seems that the Gospel call does not reach those children because people *must have luxuries*.

“I enclose a check for \$100. We would like to have \$50 given for those children, and the other \$50 to the National Reform Association. . . I would have sent directly to the Treasurer, and not have troubled you, but this is all in one check and I have no way to divide it. * * *

Your loving sister, ELLA.”

“Ella,” as many of our readers know, is Mrs. W. W. Carithers, who recently went with her husband to labor among the Comanches in Indian Territory. This is only one of many instances of devotion on the part of these young missionaries. No one can read of their leaving a beautiful home and loving friends to live and toil un-

der many privations and amid many perils for the salvation of the perishing Indians, and not realize their claim to the earnest prayers and generous support of the whole Church.

—Read the following facts: The Protestant Churches of the United States contribute annually \$11,250,000 for Foreign Missions, and, according to Dion Boucicault, “more than \$200,000,000 are paid every year by the American people for their theatrical entertainment”—nearly eighteen dollars to support the theatre for one given to send the Gospel to heathen nations, and yet there are those who declaim against the cost of Foreign Missions.

Now read the following circular, and reflect that, while members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church do not waste money “to support the theatre,” there are *many* dollars spent on luxuries in one form or another, for *one* dollar devoted to the evangelization of heathen nations.

FOREIGN MISSION CIRCULAR.

The prayerful attention of the Churches is called to the financial condition of the Foreign Missions. Last year the disbursements reached a total of \$19,770. If we add to this \$3,000, the excess in round numbers of expenditure over receipts from all sources, we get the lowest estimate for the current year—nearly \$23,000. To raise this sum, the congregations will require to at least double their contributions on the first Sabbath of December. An honest effort should be made to reach the full appropriation of Synod. We appeal to pastors and elders: Make yourselves acquainted with the work that our King is doing in the midst of the earth, and then