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his love, and in a unity of purpose and of effort that commands the promise of the fulness of his power to make him known throughout all the earth, "the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

"In the years that have been I have found man closer to man,

And closer woman to woman:

And the stranger hath seen in a stranger his brother at last,

And a sister in eyes that were stranger.

In the years that shall be I will bind me a nation to nation

And shore unto shore," saith our God.

"Lo! I am the burster of bonds and the breaker of harness;

I am he that shall free," saith the Lord.

"For the lingering battle, the contest of ages is ending
And victory followeth me."

Chairman Marling.—Dr. D. Clay Lilly, of Richmond, Virginia, will now speak on "What Laymen Can Do."

WHAT LAYMEN CAN DO FOR MISSIONS

THE REVEREND D. CLAY LILLY, RICHMOND

If any of you know anything that a layman can not do for missions, I wish you would mention it just now. (Applause.) He can do everything that missions needs to have done for it, and that is what he ought to be doing. For a man's life is his opportunity for service, and the service of God is the greatest aspect of all service, and the service of men while

we live in this world is the most practical aspect of the service of God which we know.

God calls his men first to spiritual awakening, in his call for faith and repentance. And then he calls them to spiritual attainment as he builds within them a character like unto himself. But he calls them to something besides spiritual awakening and spiritual attainment; he calls them to spiritual activity, to spiritual achievement, and that is what God is calling you men to, to-day. You have heard and answered his call to spiritual awakening and he has built much of spiritual character and attainment into your life already, but he is calling you to-day to spiritual achievement, to conquest of this world for our Christ, his Son.

You can do something in the educational work; you can fill your lecture room with charts and maps, with diagrams, with statistics that will mean much as your people sit before them constantly. The appeal of statistics is the appeal for to-day. I remember in one of the conventions in which I had the privilege of presiding, that at the very initial meeting there was circulated among the men of that convention the statistics of that city. They were not very complimentary to the churches of that place, and at the close of that convention, I said: "Men, we are ashamed of this record. Let us tear it up and make another one," and, to my surprise the whole house just echoed with applause for such a sentiment as that. They were ashamed of what they had been doing. Why were they not ashamed of it before? Because in all that congregation of men there was not one single man that could stand and say with authority what that city had been doing before for the missionary cause. Put it up before your people and let them see how much or how little they are doing. I think it would be a good plan for some of you to take some church

in some neighboring city of about the same size as your own church, and then go to another neighboring city and get the statistics of that church, that is, get about six churches of the class in which your church is, and put all those statistics up before your people and let them see where you stand in a class like that. You may be standing down at the foot of it and not know it, and if you are, you do not want to stand there. I have never seen anybody yet who liked to bring up the rear in that fashion. (Laughter and applause.) I asked a certain church once in one of these conferences, "You fellows are working in the lead. Do you like to work there?" "Oh, yes, yes, we do." They liked to work in the lead and so does everybody else, but a good many of the churches are working far from the lead and do not know it. *You* show them the facts, and they will come out of it.

Lift up standards for your churches. I am not trying to tell what every man in America can do. I am trying to talk to you about what you men can do for your churches when you go home, if you decide to do it. Go home to those churches and put the statement before your church of our responsibility as it has been outlined by the great conferences and synods in your churches. Every one of the churches of America practically has set for itself some definite standard of responsibility, of how many souls we shall be responsible for, of how many dollars we want to raise to send the gospel to them. But many of your people are not acquainted with these standards. Wouldn't it be a good thing to bulletin them before them all the time? And say, "Here is what you are responsible for. Here is what we want to do." And the chances are that your church, composed of real men and women, will put their gifts up to the stand-

ard at least of their church. That is what men can do, a practical thing that you can do.

You can put books in your church. In one of my own congregations a young man became interested in the missionary cause, and he bought some books and put in the library. That church then was giving a small sum for foreign missions, that was before the general awakening, even before the forward movement. That was part of the thing that aroused that church until it has come up to the support of its own missionary. It is a small church and the support of a missionary is a good contribution from that church. They have come up to that because that young man was interested some years ago to begin systematic education there among that people of what the missionary cause is and what it needs and what it does. You can do that much in an educational way and you can do it easily, and it is practical for you to do it. The question now is, Will you decide to do this when you go back to your people?

But you can do something financially. The first thing of a practical kind that you can do is to put your own giving on the scriptural basis. God sets before us in his word a great ideal of conquest. It is a tremendously inspiring thing as we remember that our Christ shall become the crowned King of all the nations of the earth. But just alongside of that great truth that runs through the entire scripture, he has put another set of principles and he has linked the two together. And one is dependent on the other and no man has any right to accept the scriptural standard of the conquest of this world for Christ, who does not at the same time accept the scriptural standard of the consecration of his life and wealth to that end. (Applause.) Now, that is not an exaggerated statement at all. Those things are everywhere throughout the

whole word of God, and you will be surprised to find how much the Bible has to say about the consecration of your life and substance to this service of Christ. And no man need ever hope to see the world won to God until he first puts himself on this basis of scriptural giving. And you know what that is. Nowhere in the scripture does it say that a man shall give less than a tenth. I am not going into that. But if you are giving less than a tenth to-day you are giving less than the scripture says you ought to give. You ought to give more than a tenth.

But there is something else I want you to do, not only to put your own giving on a scriptural basis, but to secure it from other men of your class. Are you a banker, go to your banker friends and raise money for missions. There is a man sitting perhaps in this audience to-day, at any rate he is a member of this Congress, who began some years ago on the men of his own city. He is a prosperous business man, and he began to call on the prosperous business men of that city and to get them to give more toward the great enterprise of missions. He learned to do that in his own city, and in later years he has gone out to do that through his own church. He is the pioneer in many things that have been done in the last three years. He has begun two great enterprises in his own church, and he has gone out to enlist with himself the men of his own church.

You can do that. And something else you can do, in the financial world that is practical. You can get your church to put its giving on a scriptural basis to give proportionately and regularly; but there is one other thing that sometimes we do not hear mentioned right along here—we should get a true and just perspective with the whole world in view. Now a great many people give individually and proportionately

and systematically, but they confine practically all their giving to the home land and the home Church. We want to add just one more standard to that, and that is that they shall give with some sort of just proportion, with some sort of true perspective with the whole world's needs before them, and not give ten times as much to the field that is just one-twelfth as big as the great outlying heathen world. Let us have some just proportion in our gifts to the causes at home and the great world of need for which Christ died.

Then I want you to do something in the spiritual realm. Nourish your lives. Draw close to Christ. Sit at his feet for inspiration. From your communion with him, receive your commission to do some great thing for him. The best thought that comes out of your life will come from above, as it comes into your life by the Spirit of God dwelling there. And you can not constantly call upon yourself for spiritual activity, unless you are constantly nourishing yourself with spiritual food. So put all these things that I have been speaking about on a spiritual basis. You sometimes hear men say: "Well, we can do nothing but pray," and they say it in a kind of pessimistic tone as if God by his providences has just driven them into a corner, and they have got at last to the place where they had to pray. Well, that is the poorest kind of a view of it. They can do nothing as good as to pray. They can do nothing as efficient as to pray. They can do nothing as far-reaching as to pray. Instead of putting it as a last resort that ought to be put before them, put it before them as the first privilege. And when men look upon prayer with that aspect, and they desire it, the volume of prayer that is lifted up to God to see "Thy kingdom come," will be sufficient to bring that Kingdom to pass.

I want you to put all that I have spoken of on an

imperial plane. When the Marquis of Salisbury was complained of about his colonial policies, he said to his critics: "Gentlemen, study larger maps." Get hold of it from a bigger standpoint. And that is what I should love to impress upon every layman of the Church in America to-day. Look at this question in the large. View it imperially. Be satisfied with nothing less than worldwide evangelization. Be satisfied with nothing less than churchwide enlistment. Put this question before every man of the Church until he shall have to decide for it or against it, so that no man can stand indifferent to it. Go into the heathen world and found there great colleges for the training of physicians. Go into the heathen world and found there great theological schools for the training of the ministry. Go into the heathen world and found great universities for the intellectual development of the people. Do it on an imperial plan. We began with the little end of this thing. It is time we were getting to the big end of it, so that we shall do these things no longer in the little way of sending out one man to become a physician. We will provide some way of training a native doctorate there that will be able to minister to the needs of the people, and we will do the same thing in the theological world and in the intellectual world and in the industrial world.

I should love to see a new order of nobility established for the world, a princely uprising here in this land of those men to whom I speak to-day that have sufficient means to become the rulers of great principalities yonder in the heathen world, not ruling them politically, but ruling them in a spiritual way, providing for their spiritual destitution, teaching their ignorance, founding great enterprises, fathering great institutions, laying deep the foundations of future empires, so that when the future ages come, these men

shall be looked up to as the fathers of those countries, a nobility after the pattern of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Applause.)

Chairman Marling.—Now we are going to have a business man talking to business men, Mr. John R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tennessee; “Business System in Missionary Finance.”

BUSINESS SYSTEM IN MISSIONARY FINANCE

JOHN R. PEPPER, MEMPHIS

When the fact is known that only one out of every four women, and only one out of every eight men of the average church have given any amount, or not exceeding a dime per year to foreign missions, it would appear that no argument is necessary to show the crying need for business system in missionary finance.

The old plea for more information should now find answer in more inflammation, after the tens of thousands of men have been stirred by public appeal and personal contact with many men who have seen long and heroic service at the front during the National Missionary Campaign just closed. So it seems now very necessary that a somewhat uniform and yet adaptable system of missionary finance be given our men.

Most men are no longer asking questions about the missionary propaganda, but they are waiting for some one to present them with a business-like system for regularly and adequately financing that part of