

enthusiasm without knowledge, for "to know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest."

A good plan is to make a special study of some one country for each social evening. Study its literature, manners and customs, its religions, superstitions, its home-life; and picture vividly the misery and degradation of woman in that land. When interest is awakened in the mysterious dark sorrow of our heathen sisters, let a paper be read showing that all this is slowly, perhaps, but surely to yield to the sway of the lowly Nazarene, our blessed Saviour, and that the privilege belongs to each one of us of being co-workers with the great Creator in hastening the time when the hearts of our now down-trodden sisters shall be altars for the living King. Someone has asked us "to think of a heathen in all his blindness, sin, and filth, and prejudice, converted, cleansed, redeemed, saved, entering into the golden gates, and the gates closed behind him as God shuts him in to go out no more forever. Let us imagine a mighty Archangel flying through heaven, with a loud trump proclaiming, 'Room, make room, a new name in heaven.'" Oh, when we think of it, there enters into our hearts a pure joy, like that which comes when the sweetness of a little new life has entered the sanctity of our homes. So let us draw visions before our audience, they will help them and us.

Another thought we would suggest for a missionary programme is, that truths and arguments be prepared with which to meet objections. Some people think that too much money is sent out of our country to foreign missions already. Let us tell them that the estimated wealth of the church members in America is thirteen billions of dollars. And the actual increase in their wealth last year, after all living expenses were paid, was five hundred million dollars. This amount alone would support one million missionaries for one year, and thus the world would know the gospel immediately, without taking one single dollar from the capital of these Christian people. As it is, the twelve millions of American Christians just average fifty cents a year towards redeeming a lost world. So let us present facts, for we know that they are stubborn things. Some of these thoughts and suggestions have lately come to us in some of our leaflets, but it is by repetition that we hope to make an impression on the mind and heart.

To conclude, let our local programmes be programmes of prayer, programmes of thought, programmes of study, interspersed with sacred, inspiring music, with the foundation thought:

"Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only for my King."

If it be true that not a sound has ever ceased to vibrate through space, that not a ripple has ever been lost upon the ocean—much more is it true that not a persuasive word has ever been spoken in vain. He who watches the sparrows fall, will watch and record each word as it falls from our lips. Nothing is lost; the smallest seed carried by a wild bird will find a home and will grow—so it is with our words and actions, they are like seed-grains that cannot die. So then at our local gatherings let us scatter words of information, words of truth, words of love, concerning our great work, for we are assured that none of these words go forth in vain:

"Every word has its own spirit,
True or false, that never dies;
Every word man's lips have uttered,
Echoes in God's skies."

Let our words be true and high-purposed, so that they will echo in the hearts of our hearers, and re-echo on the shores of the great eternity, when they shall be to us as ringing bells of duty done.

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BISHOP TAYLOR says that "when a Kafir dies the body is placed in a sitting posture near the grave and left there for two or three days, that all who wish may come and give to him messages for their friends who have departed to the happy land; thus showing that even the Kafirs, whose very name, given to them by the Mohammedans, signifies infidels, believe in the immortality of the soul. But of a Saviour they know nothing." Does not the duty of the Christian Church to disciple all nations become more important each day?

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