

ergy. One who lives that way, as I am afraid too many Christians do, cannot hear what the blessed Spirit says.

His work is still the same as in the first century of the Church. It is he who chooses and sends forth every successful worker. Men and women hear his voice, receive his anointing, find their joy in service and their courage under trial directly and only from him, just as did Barnabas and Saul.

Recently, from a lonely place in India, far from all English-speaking people, with only a few native Christians near her, a brave missionary woman went up to receive her crown. She had endured solitude and the loss of every comfort for the joy of showing Jesus to the hungry hearts around her. One hundred and eighty miles carts must travel through jungles and deep sands to bring her supplies of ordinary food. Tired and faint one day she came from a tour among the villages, and wrote to a friend: "How I would enjoy a piece of toast made of wheat bread and a cup of tea! And I was baby enough to cry because I could not have it." But in the same letter she says: "We are pushing on to reach the thousands, yes, tens of thousands, in near-by towns who have never heard of Christ." One who knew her well says: "She was ever ready to minister. Her heart was full of plans, and she was ever working them out. She was poor in the things of this world, and severely simple in dress and mode of life, so that she might have more to set aside for God. She walked and talked with God. More than once I happened to enter her quiet study when the house seemed empty, and I found her on her knees communing with her God."

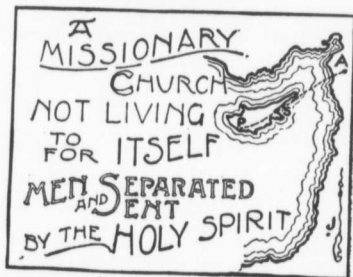
It is the same old story of the Acts of the Apostles. The Holy Spirit calls the workers; sends them forth; strengthens them to endure hardships; leads them through the path of suffering; fills them with the joy of service; bears them finally home to Jesus, to shine as the stars forever and ever.

The Teachers' Meeting.

Two effective pictures in this lesson: 1. The consecration of Barnabas and Saul; 2. The overthrow of Elymas the sorcerer....The calls of God: 1. The general call to holiness; 2. The special call to special duties....*Divine guidance*: It comes in the written word; we have all that Paul had when he began his career, and all that Paul received by special inspiration through his later life, besides what comes to us from the other apostles. It comes by the

enlightenment of our reason; what we cannot think out alone God helps us to see. It comes by God's work on our conscience. It often comes by providential surroundings....*The wickedness of opposing goodness*. It is opposed now by sneers and laughter in the playground, by innuendoes and skepticism in the newspapers, by inconsistency in the behavior of Christians, by wicked orders on the part of employers, by foolish advice to young people not to become Christians too soon, and by outspoken and direct methods....Inevitably God's side will prevail.

Blackboard.



The progress and prosperity of a Church are measured by its power to diffuse its influence abroad and extend its work. This Church had no sooner grown strong in membership and doctrine than leaders in its ranks were divinely chosen and charged for a missionary enterprise. The Church that lives exclusively to itself or selfishly for itself will die. When men have such agreement with the Spirit that they listen to his voice and obey with implicit faith the Church they represent will flourish.

Coloring.—Land, light brown; water, blue; course and "A," yellow; phrasing, purple and blue, alternately, filled in white.

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