

to lay His head; despised and rejected, was in the world and yet not of it. He pleased not Himself; laid down His life for others. And the Apostles? What marvellous Missionaries they were! Beaten, imprisoned, a hungered, rejected, suffering want, abounding, ever triumphing and rejoicing in God; not counting their lives dear; kept alive by the power of God; baptized with the Spirit; leading souls to Christ; witnessing before kings, etc. Paul's own history, in 2 Cor. xi. 23-28; Phil. iv. 11-13; iii. 7-10, etc., is a short epitome of all the apostles' lives. Your soul glows and blood flows quicker as you read it and think of the possibilities of the foreign field to-day, if—and then you heave a sigh, for how many Missionaries fail to fill the ideal!

And now, dear friends, would you like to hear what the Missionary's ideal of a home Christian is? He has, happily, the same Bible that you have to draw upon. Before him rises up the lives of Christ and the apostles as examples. He fails to discover that there is one ideal laid down for the foreign Missionary and one for the Home Christian. He sees in the Word that you (1) should be wholly sanctified; (2) men of prayer; (3) of great faith; (4) unworldly; (5) indifferent to praise or blame; (6) free from the everlasting struggle about yourself, with hearts at leisure for others.

Dear friends, it is dishonest for churches or bodies of Christians to send out Missionaries, expecting of them what they are not living out themselves. What you want us to be, be that first yourselves. A Laodicean Church will send out Laodicean Missionaries, and they, in turn, will have Laodicean converts. The stream does not rise higher than its source. "Like home priest, like Missionary."

Do you send us out to reproduce the same religion that is among you, and work, and lives? Many Missionaries never knew a higher life than what they saw; never had their faith stirred to anything higher. Is it strange if, on the field, they would not expect anything higher? As they read of the apostles, is it strange if they are tempted to think those days are past? Will it be strange if he fails to make himself comfortable, just as he has seen hundreds at