

and show by their own self-sacrificing example that they will do without what may be called luxuries and comforts in their own immediate church or parish, as long as there is suffering for the actual Word of God outside.

Second, I believe that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew can do effective work in this direction. This organization has as its main object the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men. This is certainly a missionary idea to the fullest extent, and they can not only do this by bringing men to the services of the Church, but by themselves contributing to the missionary work of the Church. In a number of chapters there are fixed periods when offerings are made for missions, and if every chapter would do this much progress would be made.

Third, the Sunday-schools of the Church, in their Lenten offerings have set a noble example, but, strange to say, nearly one-half of the schools of the Church are not yet found as contributing. An effort is being made during the present season of Lent to have the offerings of the children reach the sum of \$100,000, and that the same shall be as a memorial to the late General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Langford. The American Church Sunday-school Institute has taken this matter up, has obtained leave of absence for the Rev. Herman L. Duhring, one of its secretaries, from his duties as superintendent of the Protestant Episcopal City Mission of Philadelphia, and he is now making addresses throughout the country with a view of awakening enthusiasm in this direction. My own diocese of Pennsylvania has always led in this matter, and the whole question of Lenten offerings is the result of the effort of one layman of that diocese, who a number of years ago, conceived the idea and presented it to Bishop Stevens, by whom it was most heartily endorsed.

I need not refer here to the noble efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary, nor to kindred associations. I think I have said enough to show that the money to supply the needs of the Church will be forthcoming if the laity of the Church will arouse themselves and do their duty as they should do. We must be conscientious, consecrated and open-handed in this work, if we expect to accomplish anything. We must have faith in the Church, and believe that she is destined to accomplish great good. We can point with pride to the self-denying efforts of her missionaries, not only in our own country, but in far distant fields, and I feel sure that I may express the confidence of the entire Church in her Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. As Treasurer of the same, I may say that the expenses are very small compared with the results that are achieved, and that all connected with the office are doing the very

best they can to serve the Church and to dispense knowledge of the needs of the work.

Our Church with her nearly 700,000 communicants should, without the slightest difficulty, raise every year, outside of sums needed for parish work, at least \$1,000,000 for her missionary work, and until at least this is done the Church will not have risen to her full duty in this particular. To accomplish this there must be enthusiasm on the part of the clergy and laity, mutual confidence in one another, and mutual desire for God's glory and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom upon the earth."—*George C. Thomas, in the Churchman.*

#### \*OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO OUR NORTHWEST MISSIONS.

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FAMOUS statesman once being asked what was the greatest thought that had ever passed through his mind, replied: "The thought of my INDIVIDUAL responsibility before God."

In the hurry and excitement of this life, with its daily cares and burdens, its giant growths of selfishness, pride, and love of the world surrounding us, and—whether we will or no—exercising an influence upon us, we are too apt to forget this responsibility. We are so much engrossed with ourselves, and all that concerns our own welfare and comfort, that we are very apt to ignore the claims and needs of others.

Unselfishness, love, and sympathy should be the key note of every Christian life. If Christ is indeed precious to us "the chiefest among ten thousand," our interest and sympathy will be aroused, and our eyes will be wide open to the needs of others, and our hands and hearts will be willing and active in the service of love. We, who are living with the true light of the Gospel shining in our hearts, and with the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, irradiating our pathway through this world's dim forest of doubt and uncertainty, should surely recognize and realize our great privileges and responsibilities, and seek earnestly to bring others living in darkness, and in the cold shadow of spiritual death, into the same warm, life-giving sunlight. Are not the responsibilities laid upon us in ratio to our privileges? Are we not in a spiritual sense, our brother's keeper?

Archbishop Benson said "The first duty of

\*The statistics in this paper have been gathered from various sources, and the writer has carefully gone over the statements, and as far as it was possible has verified them, so that she feels the figures given are in the main correct.