

## PASTOR'S PAGE.

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### Two Emphasized Thoughts.

This page emphasizes the necessity of all our pastors preaching regularly and often upon the theme of Missions. The Bible is full of Missions, and the Bible preacher will also be filled with the spirit of Missions. In his pulpit ministrations this spirit of world-wide evangelization will ever seek utterance.

This page also emphasizes the Missionary Life and Service as the ideal and consecrated duty of every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Christian a missionary—abroad or at home—is the great motive of spiritual experience and service for Christ and souls. To be truly spiritual in heart and activity, we must be missionary, ever sacrificing for the sake of those whom Christ died to save.

We are glad to present to our constituency of readers this month the brief outline of an address given by one of our active young people upon the theme, "Every Leaguer a Missionary."

### Every Leaguer a Missionary.

ADDRESS GIVEN AT MOUNT FOREST DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION BY MISS MARY A. ROGERS, OF CEDARVILLE.

It is taken for granted that every active member of the Epworth League Society is a Christian. Should every Christian be a missionary? Consider Christ's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Who are included in the "ye"? Not only the Apostles and disciples of Christ's time, but all disciples and Christians from that time hence. How, then, can any Christian Leaguer consider himself or herself exempt from Christ's command? and, how, more faithfully can this command be obeyed than by every Christian Leaguer becoming a missionary?

The universally accepted idea of a missionary is that of those who labor upon foreign fields. This conception is too narrow. Every Christian should be a missionary of the Cross, independent of earth's distances and our human boundary lines. In the kingdom of God, China is as near the heart of God as Canada is—although China is heathen and Canada is Christian.

Every Leaguer should be a missionary at home or abroad. Take the key verse of the Book of Acts: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Is not Jerusalem and the home land included here? Then let our motto be, "*Beginning at Jerusalem,*" for if we are not good missionaries at home we shall make a poor excuse for the foreign field. As to whether we shall always remain in the home land—"at Jerusalem"—or go out "unto the uttermost part of the earth," is a question to be settled between the individual Leaguer and God.

It is the privilege of but a very few to go abroad, and it is the privilege and obligated duty of the many to stay at home—at home to be actively engaged in the propagation

of Christ's Gospel, and supporting those abroad who need home help. "Go ye into ALL the world." Our immediate surroundings are included in the "all" as well as the distant fields. The field is still "the world" at home and abroad. But you ask, "What about that little but emphatic word 'Go'?" The fact of the matter is, if there were more go at home there would not be so many volunteers for the distant fields, all equipped and consecrated and waiting to go, but who are unable to go because of the lack of means to send them.

We have quoted but two Bible texts to sustain our proposition; many more all convincing texts await our choosing, but time forbids. It is wonderful how full the Bible is of missions. Almost every text of Scripture, if borne out to its ultimate conclusion, contains in itself the vital thought of the world's evangelization. The Word of God is missionary from first to last.

Every Leaguer should become a missionary—to serve at home or abroad. The chain is strong just in proportion to the strength of each link in it; so our Epworth League is strong for missions just in proportion as each individual Leaguer accepts the obligation of this life and service. How, then, can we live and serve at home? Read what Paul says in Rom. xii. 4-8. As we have many gifts differing, so we have different places to fill in the home Church. We all can inspire missionary interest whatever the nature of our gifts or place in this service. In the Church, the League, the Sunday School, the home, and everywhere else where a Christian Leaguer is found in life and service, there will be aroused an interest and sympathy for the needy heathen.

Then, too, let not our zeal be spasmodic. So often we listen to thrilling addresses upon missionary themes, and become enthused for the moment, and after a little time the fire burns down and goes out—our interest is gone. The ideal Leaguer is a missionary all the time and everywhere.

It is POWER we need. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Not till we have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and, consequently, filled with power, can we be truly successful missionaries either abroad or at home.

Paul says, "The love of Christ constraineth us." With Christ's great love shed abroad in our hearts, it will be our meat to do our Heavenly Father's will. Then shall we give not only ourselves, but our means to missions. In fact, we are obligated to do so by the active member's pledge we have taken. Love gives money, but it also gives prayer. Let our gifts be borne along their consecrated way by earnest and continued prayer. Let us pray for all missionaries, at home and abroad, as also for all peoples covered in heathen darkness. Love gives money, love gives prayer, and love gives self. Love's best gift is self. If self is given to missions, then prayer and money must follow.

The gift of self is consecration. Can a Leaguer say, "I am fully consecrated" and not face the question of missions? We think not. Entire consecration and missions are inseparably bound up together. The Leaguer