

and tell them more about Jesus Christ. We want more men to go to the thousands of villages still in heathen darkness. Why don't they come?"

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON WOMAN'S WORK FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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THIS is a meeting, as I understand, of women who are working in the Missionary cause. It is inevitable that in speaking to such a meeting as this, there must be a great deal that you know better than I do—that is, you must know what you can do in your various parishes and what you cannot do; and you must know what is the most effectual method of reaching the hearts of those to whom you speak. Although it is possible for a bishop to have a general knowledge of such work, he cannot have that knowledge of details which is probably possessed by every one of you in particular. So I can speak only of the general character of the work; but of that general character I can speak with all the fulness of feeling which belongs to a man who has for many years looked upon the evangelization of the world as the great end at which the Church ought always to be aiming. There is no question at all of the Command that is given us; and there is no question at all about the Call that is made upon us. The Command was given by our Lord before He left this world, and the Call is made in still more impressive manner year by year at the present time. For it is a real Call upon us that we have such close contact with so many nations of the earth. If we think of this matter as Christians, why is it that God has thus marked out the English people as more particularly to be brought into contact with so many different nations? Why is it, if the Gospel be true, and the purposes of the Gospel be absolutely supreme over all other purposes—as they must be to the Christian mind—why is it, unless because God intends us for the full discharge of this original duty, that He has put us into this position? It is clear enough. The Call is unmistakable to any thoughtful mind.

Of course no man will feel the Call who does not feel the original Command. A man who is only so far a Christian that he lives out of sight of that which our Heavenly Father has ordained in the working out of the great purpose of our salvation, will not feel there is any call upon him just now any more than there was a call at any other time. But if a man has in his mind the true character of the Gospel of Christ, and sees the position in which the human race is placed by the sacrifice which our Lord has made, and by the way in which He has appointed that the knowledge of that sacrifice should reach all other men;

if a man has that present to his mind, he cannot make a mistake about the Call that is now made upon us, and in the pursuance of that Call we are obliged to consider what it is that is marked out for us to do.

Now, in the first place, it is perfectly clear that the Call is so imperative that unless the work is done by those who have the opportunities of doing it, it will not be done at all. It is perfectly clear that it is not the intention of our Heavenly Father that men shall learn the Gospel except from the lips of men. He does not work any one great miracle by which the whole human race shall be supernaturally informed of that which the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us all. He does not work any such miracle; and it is clear He does not intend working any such miracle, and unless men will preach the Gospel, the human race will not learn the Gospel. This is clear through all the history of the Church. The Church has grown by the preaching of the Gospel; and a Christian who thinks of that will feel at once the high honour, and, at the same time, the serious responsibility which is thus placed upon every Christian, because it makes every Christian in his place a fellow-worker with God. The Lord Jesus died for us on the Cross, and we might have inferred that He would provide how that death should be made known to mankind. He has provided it, but He has not chosen to supersede the provision He has made, nor to do directly what He has ordered His followers to do as His representatives. *It must be done by us or it will not be done at all.* Think of that fact, and think of the responsibility that is involved in such a fact. I confess it often seems to me an overpowering thought that this—the preaching of the Gospel—should be left to men to do, and so entirely left to men to do that if they do not do it it will not be done at all. Think of the tremendous issues that turn on whether the Gospel is known or not, and remember that there is no general miracle worked in order to make it known. When the Lord sent out His disciples two by two to prepare for His coming He gave them a supernatural supervision, and they were told that they were to make no provision for themselves, for they were to be dependent upon what the Lord would do for them, as they were discharging the duty He laid upon them. But before the Cross Christ withdrew all that, and told them plainly it was not His will that the Gospel should be made independent of the ordinary duty of mankind. They must make provision for the work to be done exactly as if it were an ordinary secular work. They must discharge the duty as ordinary men discharge ordinary duties all through their lives if they would be really obedient to the Lord. They must not expect that the difficulties would be taken out of their way; but, on the contrary, they must be faced and surmounted. They must not expect that they would need no preparation for any such tasks; but, on the con-