MISSIONARY PRINCIPLES.

(Extracts.)

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It is once when we grasp principles that we are strong and interested. Impulses dies down, principles live and prevail. Degeneration is sold but a second principle will resent and touch the springs of action.

The first great principle underlying the missionary cause is relation to Christ, the duty of the Christian to spread the Kingdom of the Saviour. We may sum up the principle in the one word, loyalty. Here we are at the tom-tom head of the missionary movement. There are other constellations, other motives and incentives, but this is the centre.

Up in a mountain in Galilee I see a group of men, and in the midst of them their Lord. He is about to ascend and to become unseen. Let he is not to be forgotten, and he hands on his cause to his disciples in the words of the great commission. "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." Mark the words, "All authority on earth." Christ is the Son of God. He is a person, but authority comes up and down, mediates between God and man. He is glorious, he is Lord of all. Phil. 2. 9. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and gave him a name which is above every name." Rev. 1. 5. "Unto him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Who is this? "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Who is more kingly than the dead?

"He rides the world in Conquest bright
His own blood stained the world's new Day of light."
And he is worthy to do him service.

Christ was not left in the grave. His humiliation was merged into his exaltation. Phil. 2. 9. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him." Phil. 2. 9. Christ was on his way to the mediatorial Throne, and a great joy filled his heart. His tears were past, his agony over, death was vanquished, now he entered upon the crown of his travail and ascended to his Crown by Scepter and by Throne.

Now out of the exaltation of Christ springs the missionary command. Therefore therefore, because Christ has authority, we go to the nations bring him the kingdom, we go by right and trust, we go in fact, the dead is to become the living! The realization of the kingdom of love and truth is the work of the Christian church. Who is to be the agent in the great work? God is not alone, but men, men with all the weakness, the imperfection, and sanctity to our whole balance to men. Not even men as we might wish, not the best, not the most learned, but intelligent, educated men of schools and sense, but plain rude men of the fishing net, and the desk, but they are disciples, men who have been called by Christ, and who have to spend all to him and yielded their lives to his service. Before them he sees the conquest of the world, the establishment of his kingdom among mankind.

What is the method of procedure? It is by teaching. "Go ye and make disciples." Is this the principle of the Church? Every man propagates himself. The thief makes thieves, the liar makes liars, and the impure propagates his impurity. Let the humble, the believing and the loyal try to make others like themselves, and Christ makes disciples to make disciples. Not by the power of the world or by government, but by the spirit of the Church to the conscience and the mind, the kingdom of Christ is to be set up. That kingdom is large, it is free, it is sound, it is the right sense of God's in nature, in reason, and from it Satan is not to be left out, but we know we have to do Prince William Wilberforce's Christianity is not enough. On to China we go, and on to a great empire, a great nation, consecrated by Christian martyrdom, to the Southern Seas we go, Cuba and there witness new triumphs of the Cross. From the Dark Continent of Africa is being illuminated by the Divine light; by the Congo River and on the banks of the Victoria Nyanza we see a new Jonathan of loving heart, and are sent the Western nations of Europe and America the Bible of Christ are accepted as the highest known to man. It is a great spectacle, the kingdom is being established in many lands and languages. What is the divine power? Is it the might of the unseen King? "All power is given unto me." Through the agency of the exalted Christ, who sustains and supports missionary enterprise. The Consecrated Life

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