

7. We look for a more thorough trial of *missionary colonization* as a means of evangelization ; families going in a group, representatives of arts and trades establishing a Christian community in the midst of papal, pagan, and Moslem communities for mutual encouragement, protection, and co-operation ; where the main business shall be proclaiming the Gospel, but where, as with Paul, the trade shall be the means of support.

8. *Volunteer missions* will form a feature of the coming missionary age. Men and women will go at their own cost to labor for a longer or shorter time in the field in co-operation with the missionaries, assisting in establishing schools, dispensaries, hospitals, preaching stations, and printing presses, and giving personal aid and comfort so far as they may, gathering facts and receiving inspiration from personal contact with the work and workers ; and then returning to give intelligent, sympathetic aid in the support and advocacy of the enterprises of the foreign mission field.

9. We look for systematic and practical *co-operation between all denominations* on mission fields, the elimination of unnecessary doctrinal and ecclesiastical differences and peculiarities, the avoidance of all needless waste, whether of men or money, and the presentation of a united front before the great masses of unsaved souls, as another of the features of a greater missionary epoch, if it shall ever come.

These are some of the features of that nobler and more consecrated church activity in behalf of a dying race for which we look and hope in the near future. We can see no reason why every evangelical church should not regularly support at least one preacher, teacher, or evangelist on the foreign field ; and include in current annual outlay the estimate of the cost of the support of such worker, thus having a local field outside of the home church, and a living link with the great body of the unevangelized. We can see no reason why there should not be an accepted basis of apportionments and proportionments ; every church upon a certain basis, agreed to as equitable, appointing one man or woman to go to the field, who shall be morally bound either to go or to furnish a substitute. The Church thus becomes a recruiting office, and drafts for the Master new soldiers to serve in the army. We see no reason why denominations should not act in concert to promote great common ends, and save all the needless outlay now involved in separate action and administration. While not jealous for any particular mode or plan, we feel very deeply solicitous to see the spirit of holy and consecrated enterprise infused into all our missionary work ; to see the Church taking up the cause of the Master as though there were faith in His leadership and confidence in the ultimate triumph of the Gospel. This result, we again affirm, with unalterable confidence, can be reached only by a searching self-scrutiny and a devout and most prayerful fellowship with Him whose we are and whom we serve. The world waits and He waits for a new spirit of thorough surrender to His will, and for a new epoch of enterprise in missions. How long shall this waiting of ages be in vain ?