

emphasize two points: first, that wherever there is a spiritual awakening there is usually an increased interest in missions; and secondly, that in such movements God often uses children. Not, of course, childhood alone. To say that, would be to exaggerate. He lays His hand on whom He will, and sometimes takes a Manasseh whose hands are stained with blood. But if we could know all the facts we would very frequently find that they who have made their mark in the world got their training in childhood—often being consecrated by parents in childhood—which was followed by faithful teaching and example.

Common sense.—If anything further needs to be added it is this, that this is the common-sense method. A child becomes what you make it. If we want a child to become drunken, or profane, or a thief, we know too well how it is done. If we want a boy to be industrious or willing to work, begin early his training—teach him industry. Wilbur F. Crafts has written a book, entitled "Successful men of to-day," in which he says that a very large percentage of the successful men in our American cities were country boys, and gives as his explanation, the fact that country boys always have some work to do, and they learn to like work. It is said that Alexander the Great had in his camp children who were trained to arms almost from infancy. They were "soldiers born," and with these he conquered the world. That is the common-sense view. If acting on the same principle, the children of our Sunday Schools to-day were trained with that object in view, the present generation could obey the divine command to preach the Gospel to every creature. A negro woman was putting a collection on the plate, and she was putting a small coin into her child's hand that the child might put it on the plate. But, as it took time, the officer became impatient, "Have patience, brother!" said the sable mother, "I want to bring the little thing up to it." That is it. Bring them up to it and the result will appear in due time. A man once asked a British soldier how long, if the Queen issued a proclamation, it would take the army to put it into the hands of every creature on the face of the earth? After some hesitation, he said he thought it could be done in eighteen months. Now, the Sunday School army is fifty times as great as the British army, so that it is not an exaggeration to say that the present generation could do it, if trained to it.

How train?—There are many ways adopted:

1. Regular collections for missions, which is good, so far as it goes, and accomplishes much at the present time. The Episcopal Church of the United States last year circulated mite-boxes during Lent, and got \$80,000 in these few days.

2. *Addresses.*—They are good, or ought to be. They chiefly fail in that they are often intended only to please, rather entertaining than instructive.

3. *Classes.*—Might it not be possible to have each class in a school