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CHRIST A MISSIONARY.

AMOS R. WELLS gives the following in which Christ served as a missionary.

Cannot His followers serve in like capacities, and thus do good as did He?

"Christ was a home missionary, in the house of Lazarus.

"Christ was a foreign missionary when the Greeks came to Him.

"Christ was a city missionary, when He taught in Samaria.

"Christ was a Sunday-school missionary, when He opened up the Scriptures and set men to studying the Word of God.

"Christ was a children's missionary, when He took them in his arms and blessed them.

"Christ was a missionary to the poor, when He opened the eyes of the blind beggar.

"Christ was a missionary to the rich, when He opened the spiritual eyes of Zachæus.

"Even on the cross, Christ was a missionary to the robber, and His last command was the missionary commission. — *The Missionary Monthly*.

THE conquest for Christ is a gigantic enterprise. If there were money to be got out of it there would be no lack of money to be put into it, and many a Christian man, who to-day gives little, would be in the forefront, eager to invest his surplus wealth or his hard-earned savings. The Church could carry this great enterprise to a triumphant issue if her members were as business-like in it as they are in their private affairs. They treat it as if it were no concern of theirs, or as if their interest in it could be discharged by a paltry contribution that demands neither thought nor sacrifice. When thought and sacrifice and service are worthy of the magnitude of the enterprise, missions will no longer suffer from lack of funds.—From "*Into all the World*," by G. S. Macalpine.

A PRACTICAL theology must be a missionary theology. Here is a practical outworking of Christian experience that theology must express. The present conditions, moreover, are all the time in intolerable contradiction with the Christian assertion of what ought to be, and with Christ's sole purpose in coming to men. Hence the more close theology comes to life, the more certainly missionary it will be. That theology will be missionary that has so vital a conception of the relation to God that it sees, on the one hand, the infinite richness of the life of the child of God, and, on the other hand, really enters into God's thought of sin and its loss, and into His love for men; that sees the sin of men in the light of the love and holiness of God as a perpetual pain to God; that enters, therefore, into the double sympathy of Christ with God and with man, bearing in its measure the sin of the world; and that, consequently, must go to men with the same glad tidings and with the same seeking, suffering love with which Christ came."—*President Henry C. King of Oberlin College*.

THE winning of the world is a campaign, not a skirmish. Superficial loyalty leads to thoughtless rush; deep, abiding loyalty leads to the holding of one's self in hand, so that the maximum of efficiency may be secured. To give one's self for Christ in one enthusiastic onset is easy as compared to living steadily and strongly from year to year for Him.—*Luther Gulick, M.D., New York*.

PRAY directly for the conversion of the world. Dwell on the promises that the world shall be converted: read them; pray over them; pray that the fulfilment of these promises may be hastened. Think of the multitudes that perish every year and will continue to perish till the promises are fulfilled. Think of the truth that the conversion of the world can be hastened by prayer, and that it can be delayed by unbelief.—*Mary Lyon*.