

ties and goes abroad is a grand example to the others ; but those who remain at home may be great channels of blessing to the churches and to the work of missions. In the late visitation of his diocese by the Bishop of London, he urged each clergyman to preach at least *twenty missionary sermons* a year in his own church for the purpose of educating his people in the duty of evangelizing the world."

Rev. I. Wardlaw Thompson, Secretary of the L. M. S. : " I do not think that ministers generally are so backward in missionary interest, but they are so immersed in the multifarious and minute duties attaching to the pastoral office that neither time nor strength is left for missionary effort. They ought, as leaders in the work of the Church, to hand over the smaller matters to others, keeping themselves fresh and strong for the greater matters ; and this missionary question is certainly one of the great matters that ought to be attended to. People may differ about many aspects of missionary work, but the thought that it is possible for the men of this generation to make Christ known to all in the world at present ignorant of Him, ought to kindle enthusiasm in the most sluggish heart. If that thought were to get into the hearts and minds of all ministers of the Gospel, the life and zeal of the churches would be mightily quickened. The more spiritual propulsion we put into our efforts the further they will go, and the more effectually they will accomplish the desired ends. Ministers can best discharge their responsibility in this matter by constantly keeping the subject before the people. That would involve much new study and research, but the reflex influence on their own life and preaching would be wonderful, not to speak of the direct effects on the congregations. It would be the grandest thing that ministers could do if they would go through the study required for preaching twenty missionary sermons a year to their own people."

Rev. W. E. Burroughs, of the C. M. S. : " I believe that not one in ten of the ministers in my own denomination could tell, offhand, what were the *last recorded words* of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have often asked the question over the tea-table ; directing the question, of course, to some juvenile member of the household, but really aiming it at the clergyman, who generally could not tell that the words were : '*the uttermost parts of the earth.*' "

Dr. George Robson, of Perth : " Let me give you a few leaves from my own pastoral experience. I was prevented from going to the mission field thirty years ago ; my interest in missions became focused and intensified through the great missionary conference in London seven years since ; and that awakened interest affected my influence on those under my pastoral care so that their gifts to missions largely increased, and some gave themselves to work abroad. But first of all it stimulated me to a close, careful, and prolonged study of missionary history and biography, and led me to give my people frequent addresses on missionary heroism and triumphs. At the first of these services only twelve or fourteen were pres-