

in Foreign lands, and this knowledge had begotten increased interest. It was not unnatural therefore to await the appearance of a new worker with a good deal of expectation.

But the evening has come. The church is large, popular, and influential. The pastor, though still a young man, is one of the leading spirits in his denomination. As the hour approaches, the people assemble in the spacious and well appointed lecture room. They are not kept waiting, for at the appointed time the pastor and missionary appear upon the platform. We have very little to do with the missionary's personal appearance; it is rather with his message that we are concerned. The usual preliminary exercises over, the missionary is introduced to the audience.

He responds to the interest manifested, comes forward the moment he is announced, yet not without some tremor and momentary heart-sinking. The audience is large and manifestly sympathetic, but the subject is one of the most vital importance, and therefore supremely difficult of presentation. He had become possessed of the idea of fulfilling Christ's commission, but unless that idea were imparted to others, the fulfilment would not get beyond himself and therefore be no fulfilment. Others must be swept into the current, others must become possessed of the same idea, and to this end he had devoted every thought and faculty. His quick eye swept over the sea of upturned faces and searched for help. It was his last evening. By the morrow he must be miles distant on his journey. The thought guided him, nerved him, swept together his resources for a supreme effort.

He struck straight at the mark—no preliminary explanation—no personal reference—no circumlocution—his eye was single and his speech direct. No one could mistake his positions or avoid his conclusions. They were presented with an air of conviction that gave doubt no foothold. They were pressed with such earnestness, and made to assume such reality, that even the indifferent were fain to rouse themselves. He saw everything in a single light. Christ, the glorified Saviour, had commissioned a work to be done. No such commission had ever been given men