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JOY AND PEACE.

There is no more beautiful and charming sight in the world than an old couple who have together borne the burden and stress of the day, and coming to the time when they must leave the heavy tasks to the younger generation, turn cheerfully

together to the small duties which remain to them. There is no more blessed home than that which shelters the aged Christian, and no more blessed ministry than that which lovingly tends those whose strength has been spent for children and

grandchildren. 'Such little things please grandma,' one little girl said, and surely that childlike nature which comes to the old is one of God's good gifts, a gift which brings joy and peace to all around them.

Christian Endeavorers and Missions.

Rev. Owen K. Hobbs, M.A., of Batley, in 'London Missionary Magazine.'

I want to suggest to you that we can never take a true and deep interest in missionary work until we are missionaries ourselves. I do not think that any man can be deeply interested in missionary work who only gives his money. We all need to be missionaries in prayer, in desire, in enthusiasm. We must not be satisfied with evangelization by proxy; we must put personal effort into it. James Chalmers was a missionary first of all, not in New Guinea but in Glasgow. And the first mission-field of John Paton was not the New Hebrides, but the poorest streets of that same city of Glasgow. As Paton and Chalmers labored among the depraved and the destitute on the banks of the Clyde they knew not that the day was coming when their names would be written in the list of the great missionary heroes of the world. In their lives have we not an illustration of the words of the Master: 'He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much?' We are not all called to go abroad as missionaries of the Cross, but we need to be reminded that we are all called to take part in the evangelization of the world.

I want to make one strong appeal to you as Christian Endeavorers. I want to re-

commend to you something I have tried myself. You would like to take a greater interest in the work of those whom we call foreign missionaries; but the claims of the work at home are so great, and you have only a little time you can devote to Christian service; the result is you sometimes find yourselves growing absorbed in the task that more than fills your hands and your hearts. It is not a good thing for us to be so lost in our own work as to forget or ignore the service of others; least of all is this good in Christian work. So I would urge upon you for your own sake, for the sake of your own work, as well as in the interests of the evangelization of the world; I would urge you to steep your minds and hearts in missionary biography. We live in an age of cheap literature and of many books. See to it that you always have on hand the life-story of some worker who has proved himself a valiant hero of the Cross in a foreign land. There is one book in the New Testament that always seems to us to end very abruptly. It is the Acts of the Apostles. Perhaps no other ending was possible, for in every age new chapters are being written and added to that wondrous story. It is said that an English bishop, after reading an account of the labors of John Williams, the martyr of Erromanga, exclaimed: 'There is the twenty-ninth chapter of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles!' See to it that in your own library and in that

of your school you have not only a 'poets' corner' but a 'missionaries' corner.' Give a shelf to the new chapters God is adding in our own day to the Acts of the Apostles.

Dr. Pearson wrote ten years ago two volumes, to which he gave the title 'The Miracles of Missions.' It is a bold title, but I believe it to be more than justified. Darwin, the naturalist—a most impartial witness—once wrote: 'The march of improvement consequent upon the introduction of Christianity throughout the South Seas probably stands by itself in the records of history.' Read this wonderful story; become familiar with the men who, like Enoch of old, were on terms of holy intimacy with God. Let Hunt and Calvert of Fiji, Moffat and Livingstone of Africa, Carey of India, Morrison of China, Gilmour of Mongolia, become as household names to you. Be catholic in your missionary reading. Let your heart go out in loving sympathy and earnest supplication for the brave missionaries of every section of the Church of Christ. Catch the holy fervour of a Brainerd, who prayed: 'Oh, that I might be a flaming fire in the service of my God. Here I am, Lord, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough and savage pagan, to the wilderness; send me from all that is called earthly comfort; send me even to death itself if it be but in thy service and to promote thy Kingdom.'

As you read the triumphs of the Gospel