

The Chief and the Idols.

Some years ago the Chief of Vavon, in the presence of several other chiefs and other persons, ordered his attendants to place seven of his principal idols all in a row. He then addressed them in the following words: "Listen to me, that you may be without excuse; I have brought to prove you." Then, looking at the first, he said, "If you are a god, run away at once, or you shall be burned in the fire that is ready for you." Of course the idol made no attempt to escape. In the same manner he spoke to the next, and to the next, and so on, until he came to the last, and then, as none of them ran, he directed that they and their temples should all be burnt. The order was at once obeyed, and eighteen temples, with their idols, were thus consumed.

The Bible tells us the day must come when all the idols, everywhere, shall be utterly abolished; pray and strive, dear young people, that this day may soon come, if God will, that it may come in your day.

Lost! Lost!

"Lost" is a solemn word. "Lost at sea"—"Lost in infamy"—"Lost in death"—"A lost child"—"A lost man"—"A lost woman." Ah, what unnamed horrors spring to view in words like these.

But to be lost at last, lost finally, lost eternally, lost beyond hope, is sadder still. What an end for one who might have been a son of God, an heir of glory, a friend of angels, a companion of saints; to lose all this, to fail of the grace of God, to miss the heavenly harbor, and go down the dark whirlpool of perdition, an unsightly wreck.

"Lost." What a finale to the history of a being born for immortality and called to endless honor! What a doom for one who might have been forever saved! What a destiny for a being for whom the Saviour came! What an epitaph were that—*young, brave, polite, intelligent but LOST! Beautiful, amiable, honored, beloved, but LOST! Wealthy, idolized, caressed, flattered, but LOST! Serious, courteous, moral, affectionate, but LOST! Discreet, benevolent, educated, a church-goer, but LOST!*

The more vast are the projects of the Church in missionary enterprise, the greater is the necessity of a fixedness of design, and a steady adaptation of means to the end.

The missionary service deserves, and needs the consecration of the greatest talent, and the most marked wisdom, and piety which the Church can supply.

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