

But towards the students of the Congregational College of this city our sympathies go out very strongly. They had just been deprived of the fellowship and guidance of their able and popular Principal, Dr. Stevenson, who has left for the Motherland, when the sad news of Dr. Wilkes' death fell upon them; they will, doubtless, feel that the loss of these two able minds is almost irreparable. Yet, we have no doubt, but that the influence of Dr. Wilkes will long remain among these students; for "though dead he yet speaketh." And as his voice ever called men upward and onward, while he was with us, we are sure the remembrance of that voice will be strength and support to his students in many an hour of difficulty and discouragement.

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It will at once be admitted that all theological students should be deeply interested in the cause of missions. Those who are preparing for the important work of the gospel ministry, who are to carry the good news to others, and proclaim life, liberty and salvation to the bond-slaves of sin and satan, should be themselves fully aware of the fact that great multitudes of their fellow-beings are still enshrouded in darkness and altogether deprived of the rich blessings which the gospel of Christ confers. Fellow-students, we should give to this momentous subject more than a mere passing thought, a slight investigation. It is a subject that demands our most thoughtful attention, most earnest prayers, and highest and holiest endeavors. The missionary cause is deeply interwoven with the success of the Christian church and the onward march of Christianity. The church, which is not aggressive, continually stretching out her arms to enfold and bring under her holy influence the suffering, the ruined, the benighted and the lost, will gradually lose her spiritual strength and become powerless for good.

And what is true of the church as a whole is also true of her individual members, for churches are just made up of units. The responsibility of each member must be fully realized, and the work which each has to do must be faithfully performed. Direct personal effort in dealing with souls must be cheerfully undertaken and lovingly persevered in until success is assured. How important then that we who are shortly to take our position in the front ranks of this grand Christian army; we who are to lead the van and inspire others with our fearless daring in upholding the right, our burning zeal for the Master's cause, and our heroic fortitude in carrying the gospel banner to final triumph—how important that we should *now* be thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of the missionaries of the cross, that we should catch something of their glowing enthusiasm, holy ardor and quenchless thirst for the salvation of souls, that thus we may be well prepared for discharging the duties of the sacred office to which we are called.