

to the missionary there as to the minister or the politician here; and the ability to acquire an intimate and accurate knowledge of all the learning of the people one is laboring among, is a sure way to command their respect and win their confidence.

Next to these, which may be regarded as almost essential to the furnishing of every missionary, may be mentioned that indefinable faculty called *tact*, the possession of which has many a time saved the lives of missionaries, and turned the tide of battle in their favor when defeat without it would have been inevitable. By tact the missionary will be able to make the best of the people he meets and the most of the circumstances he finds himself in, without it he will be in difficulties continually, and will have the additional mortification of seeing, when it is too late, how he might have escaped them if he had but thought of it at the time. The missionary should also be fruitful and ready in expedient. He will find himself constantly in circumstances which it was impossible to foresee, unlike any he has ever been in before, and under necessity of prompt and practical action. What is to be done, he must devise and decide.

The missionary should be, besides, of a fearless disposition, ready to venture much that he may win the more; self-reliant, because more than other men he must take counsel with God alone and his own soul; cool and self-possessed in emergency; patient to a fault; (an old missionary once said to the writer, that the best advice he ever got before leaving for Africa was from his old minister, who put his hand on his shoulder when parting, and said simply, "Patience, laddie, patience!"); but persistent, for nowhere is fickleness more fatal to success than here, and nowhere is the temptation to it greater; cheerful and hopeful that his constant vexations and disappointments may not wear upon him; and humble that he may not be unduly elated with success.

*Spiritual.*—In addition to the experimental knowledge "for the truth as it is in Jesus" which is an essential qualification of the Christian worker everywhere, the foreign missionary should be an *enthusiastic Christian*. There are multitudes of good and worthy believers, and ministers even, who have no enthusiasm, simply because it is impossible to them. They have their place and their work, but it is not among the heathen. The constant contact