

## To the Rescue.

When the "Batavia" was crossing the Atlantic in a terrific storm, eight years ago, there was sighted in the glooming evening twilight a wreck, with several men clinging to the shrouds. It was a question of life and death to man a boat and pull to the rescue. Captain Moulard's call for volunteers was instantly responded to by twice the number needed for the service, and out of this number he commissioned the picked men, who hastened to their critical trust, and in due time joyfully returned bringing in nine rescued souls, amid the hearty cheers of their comrades, who generously envied them the honour of which they themselves had been deprived.

When shall the time come that twice the number of men needed shall be always volunteering for the most advanced and perilous posts of aggressive Missionary service, and our only care shall be to select the strongest and the best? God speed the day! The day would not be far distant if the Church possessed many fathers and mothers like those of whom we read:—The dedication of a volume written by one of our Missionaries, is in these words: "To my mother, who from my earliest years led me to the prayer meeting and the monthly concert, and thus to Christ, and an interest in Missions, and then in her age and widowhood sent me to the foreign field."

Another writes: "By my own consecration in childhood, often re-affirmed in riper years, I stand pledged to the foreign Missionary work."

A third testifies: "I was consecrated to this work in baptism by my parents."

A fourth: "I never remember the time when I did not see the possibility of being called to leave father and mother and go to distant lands for Christ's sake."

A fifth: "Among the last words of my father, who died when I was four years old, to my mother, were these, 'Remember the Missionary cause, and bring up our children to remember the Missionary cause.'"

A sixth: "I am here because my sainted mother desired herself to be a Missionary, and consecrated me to the work before I was born.—*U. P. M. record.*"

## Week of Prayer.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAMME OF SUBJECTS PROPOSED BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE:

*Sabbath, Jan. 1.*—Subject for discourse, "Renewed Consecration."

*Monday, Jan. 2.*—Thanksgiving for the blessings, temporal and spiritual, of the past year, and prayer for their continuance.

*Tuesday, Jan. 3.*—Humiliation and confession on account of individual, social and national sins.

*Wednesday, Jan. 4.*—Prayer for the blessing of God on His church and His world.

*Thursday, Jan. 5.*—Prayer for the young and all agencies for Christian training.

*Friday, Jan. 6.*—Prayer for the universal prevalence of peace and righteousness.

*Saturday, Jan. 7.*—Prayer for Christian missions, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of the world.

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