

when there is question of bringing men to a knowledge and love of God. This is true zeal. It is this zeal that has, in all ages, urged men and women to leave home and kindred, to lead lives of poverty and suffering in imitation of the Redeemer, the better to accomplish their purpose of procuring the glory of God. It is this zeal that, at the present time, is filling the foreign missions of the True Church with apostles, who are carrying to heathen nations a knowledge of the mercies of God. It is this zeal that strengthens faltering nature in God's workers when they are asked to give up their lives in His service. God's glory, then, is the first motive that fosters zeal in men.

The second motive is the love of our neighbor's soul. The human soul is so precious that all other things give way before it in value. It is the one priceless treasure that we possess. It is the gift of God which, if lost, is irretrievably lost. The loss of a soul means for it the loss of heaven, with its endless joys and the vision of God, and the gain, alas ! for the conscious sinner, of endless misery.

This fearful alternative fills us with a deep fear of the judgments of God, and a deep longing for our neighbor's welfare in the world to come. If we love our neighbor as we love ourselves, we naturally desire his salvation as the highest good he can possess. What is more reasonable, then, than to take the means needed to realize this desire ; to awaken in our neighbor a sense of his moral responsibility ; to acquaint him of the dangers that threaten his immortal soul ? We have here the secret of all missionary enterprise in the world. The love of souls, the longing for their salvation, and a willingness to suffer in order to secure it for them : this is a summary of the annals of all Christian missionary efforts. To be truly zealous we must, first of all, try to make others love God as we ourselves love Him, and then try to help men to save their souls for the sake of that love.

The practical exercise of Christian zeal is a question that