

Indeed, this is the real key that unlocks the (at times) unsolvable mystery of a heathenism right around us, allowed by us to deny and then quickly die in the midst of their sins, when they might with reasonable exertion have been everlastingly saved! It is because of the lack of St. Paul's enthusiasm for missions, which simply meant enthusiasm for his Master and for all mankind, that the actual missionary service is perfunctory, the contributions small, and excuses for our unbrotherliness ready on every hand!

What was the origin of St. Paul's enthusiasm? Why, what but the fact that to him Christ was no remote, shadowy, historical figure; but a Living Presence. That was the source of his undaunted courage, his tender pity, his patient love for the race. It was the realization of the mastership of the Master, his Captain and Leader. Wherever He leads in the world's rescue he would dare to follow!

We, who are ourselves the children of Christian missions, believe that what they have done for us we can do for others. To us Christianity is Christ and He is invincible! To us, therefore, as his ambassadors, nothing can be impossible. The key-note of the song of every enthusiastic missionary of the Cross is, as a consequence: "I can do all things through Him that strengtheneth me." If, therefore, this Church of ours is to be a missionary Church, we must have, or long to have, a Pauline vision, a Pauline hope, and a Pauline love for all the children of men. When we see Him tasting the bitterness of poverty that we thereby might be everlastingly enriched, then we, too, will be "not disobedient to the heavenly vision;" and will go forth, under His guidance, with the highest enthusiasm for missions, to beseech the world, in our Master's stead, to be reconciled unto God!—*The Diocese of Texas.*

HOW CAN THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT BE DEVELOPED IN CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS?

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 HIS is a pre-eminent practical question, because its involved principle lies at the root of the missionary tree. If the tree produces fruit for the refreshment of the nations then its soil, its environing conditions, must be so rich with the spirit of missions that the vitalizing influence will saturate, permeate, and excite all the growing and fructifying forces of the structure itself. Let us study the subject with brevity and with a searching desire to ascertain, if possible, what methods are requisite for the accomplishment of needed results.

Back of the candidate for Orders lies his preparatory life, in college, in the family, and during his childhood. The skilled men who are engaged in forestry are most careful in the placing of their young trees. They put them in congenial soils, they prune them diligently, they prop them up when necessary, and so develop the best ultimate abilities of the enlarging product; and what is essential in nature is certainly requisite in grace. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Consider the case of a lad who, like Samuel of old, is dedicated from his mother's womb to be a prophet and a priest of the Most High; such an one should have imbued by his family instruction the high thought of his sacred quest. Let the pious parents indicate the fact that the lad in their household is "sent of Christ and called of God" to save the souls of others, and the growth will be natural, and the impulses spontaneous for self-sacrificing service later on.

I know of just such a mother. She consecrated her child to God; she filled him full of the one great thought that had been divinely implanted in her own soul. He always knew and felt that he was predestined for the "ministry of reconciliation." He never had any other idea or leaning. There was a definite object before his mind; and led by his mother to the temple, he really grew up, amid family surroundings, with this single determination. It made him true in college; it kept him clean and undeviating in the path of rectitude; it enlarged in him the best qualities, for it sanctified his manhood. He had the principles of "mission" in his blood, around his enlarging powers as they were projected, and it soaked itself into the very fibre of his being. His rector, his Bishop, his comrades knew of his being devoted to Christ and His Church, and it gave them impulse and incentive to aid and encourage him. Of course it affected him in college, and as a candidate and a Deacon. It gave tone and character to his Priesthood, making him notable in his work—and now as a leader of others in his episcopal labors, he is well known for his missionary ventures and successes under God. If the clergy will teach parents how to influence their sons, how to lead and draw them to the great work of the Ministry, and how to stimulate and guide them when they are pledged to this profession and obligation, in this will be the best treatment of the soil around the root of the mission tree; it will give direction, regulation, and tonic to the inner life of the spirit, and when the college youth, thus invigorated, enters the seminary as a candidate for the Church's Holy Orders, he will be an enthusiast in anticipation of his blessed calling.

Consider, however, the young candidate,