

## Admiration for Medical Missionaries.

The annual meeting of the Medical Mission Auxiliary to the Church Missionary Society was presided over by a very eminent representative of the medical profession, Sir William Broadbent. This gentleman paid a great tribute of personal admiration to missionaries in general, and particularly those of his own profession. We quote one or two passages from his address. "One is struck with the enormous amount of good that is being done at this comparatively small cost of 6,000l. a year. One reads of forty-seven medical missionaries; and the expense of that is something like a little over 6,000l. . . . Accustomed, as one is, to hospital expenditure here, one is filled with astonishment at the statement. . . . I think very few would refuse a tribute of admiration to the men who devote their lives to this purpose. Some of them have educated themselves as medical men entirely for the purpose of making use of their knowledge as missionaries. Others have qualified as doctors, and then have received a call to devote their services to this great work. And we must remember that there is no room here for ambition of a worldly kind, no opportunity for making material gain, no low chance of anything like distinction, or fame, or renown. Any reward that they have must come from within, and from above, from the consciousness of doing good and obeying the Divine command, and from the conviction that they are working in the Divine service. . . . So far from considering missionary effort as wasted energy, it seems to me that the missionary spirit is the greatest evidence of vitality in the Church, certainly the most convincing evidence of its vitality."

## Speak for your Church.

From all sides, from all denomination of Christians, people are turning their thoughts to The Church's claims, and worship and history. Almost every month the writer of this meets some new worshiper who is just learning the Church's ways. Every year some other body of Christian people takes a step in search of the "old paths." People who used to denounce the Prayer Book most bitterly are quietly appropriating many of its beauties. Holy days are winning their way to the approval of all. Christmas and Easter need no apologies now. Good Friday is remembered more and more widely. The *Te Deum*, *Gloria in Excelsis* and *Gloria Patri* are sung often in congregations where they were once shut out as Romish. The patience, the firmness, the

strong conservative fidelity which have held fast the old Apostolic truths and worship, however for the time unpopular, are finding their reward.

But the Church and Churchman must remember that they need to do something more than "hold fast." They must "speak out."

"Why don't you let people know what your church is"? is the question often asked in wonder by those just learning to love it. "The worship," said one, "is what lately I have been longing for for years. It has been described to me as a mere formality. I find it full of life and earnestness." Said another: "I had long joined in the popular cry that your Church was so exclusive. Now I know for myself that no other body of Christians has such liberal terms of communion. Why don't you take pains to show that fact to all"? And yet another recently asked of the writer "Why are you Churchmen so close-mouthed? You go about your own business and don't seem to care much for what others think. If you would only speak out for your Church as others do for theirs, you would do better."

And so, good friends, who read this article, I beg you to speak out for your Church. Some may say you are "proselyting"—another ugly word. Ugly words are the favorite weapons of ignorance and prejudice. Set against them our Saviour's command to "make disciples," to "compel them to come in." If you believe that in The Church you enjoy great privileges and blessings, it is a duty of Christian charity to convince others of that fact, and to invite them to share with you.

Speak out, then, for your Church. Do not keep all your enthusiasm for conversation with Church people. Let others hear of your love of the Church's ways. They will learn from your words some of the Church's peculiarities. They will think more favorably of a Church that can so kindly its members' love.

What we wish is that those who are strangers to the Church, or prejudiced against it, should know it as it really is. Once awaken some interest by your words, and a book or tract, or a visit with you to the church, will give light. A fair understanding of our claims, our history, our principles, our worship is what we desire. And to promote this, speak of your Church, lovingly and fearlessly, and circulate books and tracts.

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