

must assuredly begin in childhood. Is there a child who does not dearly love a story? And is there a story equal to the beginnings of our several missions? More thrilling experiences, more truly brave and noble deeds than those of our missionaries it would be hard to find."—*Selected.*

WHERE LIFE COUNTS FOR MOST.

Two men were before the Board for examination with reference to their becoming missionaries. They were examined at different times, never saw one another or had any correspondence with one another. One was in the prime of youth, unmarried, well educated, and with fine prospects of success in the Gospel ministry in this country. Yet he desired to become a missionary to the heathen, and was happy upon his appointment. The other was older, though still young, with a noble wife and a loving family. He was a physician, in full and successful practice, yet he was willing to count all lost, that he might minister to the souls, as well as the bodies, of those who live and die in heathen darkness. Both were splendid men.

In answer to the question, "Why do you think of becoming a foreign missionary?" both gave the same answer—"Because I think that in the service of the Lord Jesus my life will count for most there." The answer is a striking one, and suggests the inquiry, ought not every Christian to ask the question, "When and in what service will my life count most for my Lord?"

There are noble young preachers, a host of teachers and physicians, who ought in good conscience to ask this question and settle it on bended knees before God. Our times are in His hand, and our inquiry should be, How can our lives count for most in His service? Young physicians ambitiously looking into the future should consider the millions of suffering men and women who have no one to minister to them intelligently; teachers seeking a place here should consider how great are the opportunities in foreign lands, and preachers—what unparalleled opportunities to preach the everlasting Gospel, and to render a true account to God, in the giving of their lives to foreign mission service.—*The Foreign Mission Journal.*

Rouse to some work of high and holy love,

And thou an angel's happiness shalt know;
Shalt bless the earth while in the world above;

The good begun by thee shall onward flow

In many a branching stream, and wider grow.

The seed that in these few and fleeting hours,

Thy hands, unsparing and unwearied, sow,

Shall deck thy grave with amaranthine flowers,

And yield thee fruit divine in heaven's own bowers.

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