

hearts to become the grave of the grace and love we receive from him, but channels through which that grace and mercy may flow out and bless other lives. We are endowed with power in order that we may bear witness. To adapt the words of another, we know and grow and glow in order that we may go and going bear with us everywhere not only the spirit but also the message of the master.

The sweep of our interest and sympathy should be world-wide. The outlook of Jesus always swept the far horizons. The church has prospered only as she has followed in his footsteps. Whenever the missionary fervor has died down corruption has set in. Stagnant water is impure water. The dark ages were dark just because Christianity lost its zeal for expansion and grew selfish. If we cannot bear witness in India and China, we can support those who do. In doing so we shall add greatly to our own joy in Christian service, enrich the home church through the reflex influence of foreign missions, and help

Christ to carry his mission through to complete realization. Those who have put their lives into this work have found in their own experience the blessedness of doing the master's will in all its reach of beneficent service.

Said James Chalmers of New Guinea: "Recall the twenty-one years of my missionary life, give me back all its experiences, give me its shipwrecks, give me its standing in the face of death, give it me surrounded with savages with spears and clubs. . . give it me back again and I will still be your missionary." Said Robert Moffat of Africa: "I would willingly go back. I have toiled there at work by day and by night, under a vertical sun; I have there been exposed to hunger and to thirst; I have often had to put on what I call the fasting girdle, but I never complained. I knew that the work in which I was engaged was the work to which God in his merciful providence had appointed me, and I knew that if I labored and did not faint I should surely reap."

### FOR TEACHERS IN THE SENIOR AND ADULT DEPARTMENTS

Teachers in the Senior and Adult Departments should study carefully the scholars' materials in the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and the PATHFINDER, respectively.

Begin by quoting Bishop Westcott: "The confession of our faith in a form of words answers to a natural impulse of the soul." Recall our lesson of last week in which we saw that Christ made little provision for any organization of his church. Lead the class to recognize the contrast between that fact and another which is just as plain,—that Christ did make careful provision for the way in which his kingdom was to spread. His kingdom was to spread, and it must spread to-day, by the witness which is borne to him by his professed followers. Point out that that witness is to be borne partly by life, but partly by word of mouth. Show that one reason for his choice of apostles was that they might tell others about him.

1. *Bearing witness to Christ*, Luke 12:8-12. Call the attention of the class to the solemn contrast drawn in vs. 8, 9. Bring out by questioning some of the ways in which we can deny him. Seek to have the class recall from their own experience what circumstances have made it hard for them to confess Christ. It may also be worth while to encourage them

to think whether they have ever made it difficult for some other person to confess him. What has Christ to say about the source of strength upon which we can rely when the time comes for us to speak for him? Is it possible that there may be times when to speak about Christ to others might do more harm than good? At any rate, we must recognize the place of consecrated common sense in this matter.

2. *The missionary programme*, Acts 1:1-8. Christ has told the apostles that they were to rely upon the aid of the Holy Spirit in witnessing for him. Point out that this passage shows us how they waited for this necessary endowment. How does the question of v. 6 reveal their misconception of the nature of Christ's kingdom? It was in reality a greater task which lay before them than the restoration of a temporal kingdom to the Jewish people. How does Jesus describe the special mission upon which he sends them out in v. 8? Call attention to the ever widening field of operations for their missionary activity. Would it be fair to say that Jesus