

And so of many another, like Livingstone, and kindred heroic souls, some of whom have no written history.

5. A fifth permanent feature of the pattern missionary is *identity with the cause of missions*.

This identity, in Paul's case, was threefold : first, he was one with the suffering Christ (verse 23). In his very expression of his experience before Agrippa this great thought is suggested, and there were three things about Christ that are emphasized : His sufferings, His rising, and His shedding light to the Gentiles. Paul considered that he participated with Christ in all three aspects of His career : Crucifixion, Resurrection, Illumination of men. He was "crucified with Christ," he was "risen with Christ," and he "held forth the Word of Life," "shining as a light in the world." That was his continual experience (compare 2 Cor. 5 : 15). He says, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Gal. 4 : 19). We read in Isaiah (53) that Christ "shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied ;" and here we find an apostle undergoing travail in birth with Christ for the little children that are to be born into the family of God. How pathetic ! And in Col. 1 : 24 he rejoices in his sufferings whereby he "fills up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ, in his own flesh for His body's sake—the Church." We cannot originate, but we may convey, an electric force ; we cannot originate, but may reflect and transmit, light. Like Ignatius, Paul was willing to be "grain of God, ground between the teeth of lions, to make bread for God's people."

Paul felt himself identified also with all men, "small or great," whether in Damascus, or Judea, or in the wide scope of the Gentile world. He regarded man as man, and all men as of one blood (verses 20, 22). In Col. 2 : 5 he writes to his Colossian fellow-disciples, "Tho I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ." And yet he neither founded, nor had he ever visited, the church at Colosse. What noble sympathy with man as man !

He felt himself specially identified with all true fellow-witnesses. Whoever in past ages or present time took part in spreading God's good tidings, was one with Paul. "Moses and the prophets" were his coworkers, and in service there was a sublime copartnership. This is a lesson we much need to learn. Whether we go or stay we must all take part in a world's evangelization.

A friend of mine in America has suggested a sort of coupon ticket, the main part of which is to be retained by the outgoing missionary, the coupons of which, bearing his name and station, etc., shall be held by those who undertake his support, so that they shall feel identified with him and his work. If they who cannot go would go by proxy, they must consent to share the work by sharing the prayers and self-sacrifices of the missionary. It is unfair to talk of taking part in the world's evangeliza-