

God's hands, for Him to manage. Once, in conversation with a lady missionary, I let drop the word "hardship" in connection with her work. She immediately broke in with, "Do not let me hear you use that word. We who have gone feel the peace and joy we have in His service ample reward for any sacrifice."

"In a service which Thy will appoints
There are no bonds for me,
For my inmost heart is taught the truth
That makes Thy children free;
And the life of self-renouncing love
Is the life of liberty."

But this is a subject continued for us in any journal or biography of missionaries.

On the other hand, it is a mistake on the part of "friends" at home to think that the life of foreign workers must needs be a life of hardship. Does it follow that because he is going to heathen lands he is to be poorly supplied with the ordinary comforts of life? Should there be any difference between the minister at home and the minister in the foreign field? Are not both workers in the same cause, servants of the same Master, and all Christians stewards of God's money?

Must it be that the men who preach to those from whom the funds are drawn be better supplied than those who preach to those for whom funds are collected? Where, then, is Christian love and unselfishness, by which we *prefer* one another? Nay, it is the fault of those very talkers whose mouths are full of "hardships" that such actually exist! Let them begin by supplying fitly those workers already in the field; and by sending forth more men by their prayers and their money, these privations will speedily disappear.

Lastly, however, the future missionary should not think that he has a permit to sport unnecessary hardships. The time for extraordinary deeds of mortification does not any more exist in our Church. My body is a temple of God, and the endangering of it is breaking the sixth commandment.

The young missionary has conscien-

tiously to resolve by the grace of God to undergo only those troubles and difficulties which He will see fit to lay upon him, and no more. All other burdens borne will tend to the exaltation of "self." His duty will not demand of him to live in a hut when he is able to build his house and furnish it with some degree of comfort. Our Church will never maintain a Christlike missionary activity upon the motto, "Use up and get more."

I was struck with this in reading the life of James Gilmour. His career had been very active and full of trials; he had lived through many sufferings, but it was only when he learned to "pray more and work less, so that God may work through His servants," that his work became largely blessed to himself and the people around.

As a future missionary I look forward to enduring hardships, but only such as He may be pleased to send, and as long a life spent in such service to His glory as possibly care and prudence can make it.

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We find nowhere in the Bible any hint authorizing us to pray for more suffering, so as to grow holier by means of it. We accept it as He is pleased to send; His will be done.

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Light for the Church at Home.

The missionary cause, which lies so close to the Saviour's heart, has now found a new channel to a multiplication of its power. And this, like all inventions, is so simple that we wonder that it has not been in use for ages. The Cross-Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle is swiftly binding the Christian world together and concentrating missionary zeal.

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