

her eyes fell on the calendar, she remembered that just a year ago that very day, a dear schoolmate, with flushed face and trembling lips, had come to her saying, Alice, the Master is come and calleth for thee, wont you go to Him? Surely, the young girl mused, He taught her what to say to me, and she recalled how deeply the words had impressed her so that she arose quickly and found Him. Strange, she said the next day to her pastors wife, that you should have used those very words at the missionary meeting yesterday. I felt then that I should have to do it, though I couldnt see how until you quoted that verse coming home; nor could I feel quite willing till I—I had prayed over it, and then I said: If He calls, of course I can go—if He gives me words, of course I can speak for Him in collecting as well as in anything else. It isn't my work, it's His, isn't it?" "Yes, indeed" responded Mrs Wade, "You've learned the secret of making all work easy. You may safely leave the result in His hand."

In this spirit, Alice Bennet had taken up the work of collecting. How diligently she studied her Bible with special reference to her work, and how earnestly she prayed for fitness, during the weeks that followed, only God and herself knew; how she increased in Christian character was evident to more than one; and how she daily grew more sweet and helpful and Christlike was noticed by all in the dear home circle.

More and more, as she distrusted her own ability to do this work, or any other, did she draw close to Christ and seek His wisdom and strength. More and more she became impressed with the thought she had somewhere heard: that the highest motive for missions is not the need of the heathen—though her heart ached for them; not the reward that is offered, though her heart bounded at the thought of it; but *the command of Christ*.

So a spirit of perfect obedience to Him—which is the missionary spirit—became her chief desire for herself and for those women on her list. How her heart yearned after them! Daily she took their names from her Bible and collectively and individually carried them to God in prayer. Do you wonder that she began to love those women? "O how can I help them see and feel," she would frequently say, "that Christ calls them to this service; that mission work is His work, the building up of His kingdom! If they can realize that, how glad they'd be to give their money,