

and Noah down to Livingstone and Stanley, been men of faith, ready to throw their all into their work. So we must have faith in the Lord Jesus, if we expect as Christians to have success. And this faith must believe that some questions in Christian theology have been settled for all time. The men that start more questions than they can answer will never stir up any enthusiasm. They are frost to the young shoots—a coterie of extinguishers trying to put out that which would otherwise have blazed forth in beauty.

“The second source of enthusiasm is hopefulness. And this is what all young men have. Hopefulness knows no waning cause, nor any pessimistic outlook. Love is another condition for Christian enthusiasm, for it creates a warm, genial atmosphere, and supplies food for growth. It was love that sent Christ down to earth, and when He said ‘I am come to send fire on the earth,’ He meant the fire of quenchless love.

“Another source of enthusiasm is a chastened imagination. You young men in college are now cultivating that heaven-given faculty. It adds wings to hope, gives food to faith, gain to loss and future reward for present bitterness. This is what kept up the spirit of Moses and the patriarchs. They were bold because they looked forward for better things. Even in the New Testament we find this indicated; for ‘better’ is the keynote of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The Messiah was always lifted up to the imagination of the children of Israel. They saw in their minds’ eye the great kingdom which was to come, and thought of themselves as its founders.

“A great opportunity and a great end, these are what appeal to young men, and these are other sources of enthusiasm. A ward-caucus will not call forth much enthusiasm. It doesn’t pay to set out with a long train of cars unless there is some destination; nor to launch a ship and set sail unless there is a definite port to be reached. It doesn’t pay to spend time in a sham battle. Just so, there can be no real enkindling of Christian enthusiasm unless there is some end in view. But the Christian has always tremendous and soul-stirring ends in view. Moreover, at no time were the opportunities for work so many and great, and probably they never will be so again. The whole of the heathen world is open and calling for help; while within our own land the race-question, Mormonism and intemperance give us an abundance of work to do. For some of these evils the

only help is Christianity. These many opportunities call to us from out the vault of heaven, and we ought to send back the answer, ‘Here am I, send me, send me.’

“The greatest and highest source of Christian enthusiasm is the Holy Spirit. He who has been touched with a coal from God’s altar has received a real enduring motive that shall last throughout all eternity. The opportunity for doing good, and the blessing in so doing, is so great that it has been beautifully said by one that ‘an archangel would come down to gain the bliss of giving the Gospel to the heathen,’ and again that ‘the missionary’s grave is far more honorable than the minister’s pulpit.’ It was the Holy Spirit that prompted Livingstone to bury himself in the heart of Africa.

“We all know and feel the need of enthusiasm, and we are all praying for a white heat of earnestness. On the theme of a soul in danger of being lost, it is madness to delay. In our country there is a great deal of business activity and enthusiasm. Who shall have all this enthusiasm—God or the devil? ‘Be not drunk with wine,’ but be exhilarated with the spirit of the Holy Ghost. Inspiration and exaltation, let these come from God! People in the world say, ‘Well, if you believe what you are talking about, why don’t you *push* it?’ In this matter the children of the world are wiser than the children of light, for they believe great things, they plan great things, and they *achieve* great things. How much more is spent in secular things than in religious! Our liquor bill is \$900,000,000 annually, and we give for missions only \$5,000,000 in the same time! Isn’t it time for the Christian people to inaugurate a crusade worthy of this century? The Mormon church is sending out more missionaries to Europe alone than the American Board is sending to convert the whole world! In Chicago, St. Louis, and Cincinnati, there are more people in the cheap theatres on Sunday nights than in the magnificent churches. Robert Treat Paine said recently, speaking of the horrors of the tenement-house system, ‘Why, gentlemen, a hundred men in Boston can do almost anything.’

“Do we not need a mighty uplifting in Christian enthusiasm in order to keep America American, as our fathers meant it to be? Edwin Arnold says he prefers ‘transcendental gloom to the light of Christianity.’ We want the Christian faith so lifted up that ‘transcendental gloom’ from India may seem all the more gloomy. He is weak to-day who does not prefer the highest spiritualism to gross materialism