the character of the God that gives the character to a religion. The highest missionary impulse is born of a personal experience of Christ's power to save. We testify that which we do know when we go and tell men that Christ saves. When one says that different religions are adapted to different peoples and we have no right to disturb them, he shows that he does not know much about Christ.

2. The extent of our going with Christ is the measure of our coming to Christ. The nearer we come to the farther we shall want to go with him, and the farther we go with him the nearer it shows that we have come to him. We are never any nearer to Christ than we are in sympathy and fellowship with him in his world-conquering work. Many good people talk and sing about “getting near to Christ,” without having a very clear idea of what they want or why they want it. But nearness to Christ does not consist in the culture of a set of pious emotions and experiences that do not amount to anything. It means coming so near to the heart of Christ that we are in full sympathy with him in his world-wide work, and are ready to go to any distance, whether moral or geographical, in helping him carry it out. The foreign missionary enterprise was born of a deep, strong love for Christ, and it requires a deep and genuine piety to maintain it. It is criticised to-day as never before, and it is going to be criticised more and more. Why should we expect those who are not in sympathy with Christian work at home to see any good in it when they go abroad? The one thing which will enable us to hold steadfastly on our way in this great work, in spite of all attacks upon it or imperfections in it, is a personal consciousness of the sufficiency of Christ and of Christ alone to save.

3. The great need of the individual believer and of the church is the development of the “going” spirit, and to this end we must really come nearer to Christ. We have made much of the “Come” in our presentation of Christianity. We have planted churches, established Bible-schools, organized revivals, and said to the world, “Come.” But have we ever realized that the “Go” of the gospel is just as broad as the “Come,” and that all who profess to have come to Christ are in duty bound to go with Christ into all the world? Has the life of Christ in us ever filled us with an overmastering desire “to seek and to save that which is lost”? Missions are regarded too much as a cause, a department of church work, an annex instead of the end for which our churches exist. The result is that the vast majority of the inhabitants of the world know not Christ, while masses in our great cities are alienated from our churches, and estranged from the best representatives of Christianity that we have. It is for us personally and collectively so to come to Christ that we shall bridge the chasm between the church and the unsaved world and do our best to give the gospel to the people of this generation. Everything else, good and bad, in these days goes with a rush—commerce, education, politics, rum. Shall the church lag behind, which ought to lead? “Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.”

FOR THE LORD'S REMEMBRANCE

The Following Subjects of Prayer are taken from our “Cycle of Prayer”

For the week beginning July 28:

Christian Stewardship.


Last message of Dr. A. J. Gordon to his church:

“Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day comes for bestowing the rewards of service. Therefore:

“Ask yourself daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person:

“Inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of foreign missions—how much you owe to the heathen, because of what you owe to Christ, for redeeming you with
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his precious blood. I warn you that it will go hard with you when your Lord comes to reckon with you if he finds your wealth invested in superfluous lux-
uries or hoarded up in needless accumu-
tations, instead of being sacrificially devoted to
giving the gospel to the lost.”

Pray for the teachers and students in the
Duncan Academy, Tokyo, and other
Christian schools in Japan.

For the week beginning August 4:

Christian Stewardship.
Am I a faithful steward? I Cor. iv. 2.

“O ministers of the Baptist denomina-
tion, men of God! Have we not been play-
ing at missions long enough? Is it any-
thing more than playing—we mean as re-
gards the great body of the membership of
our churches? Each one giving, on an
average, half a cent a week, twenty-six
cents a year; that is to say, the amount
given by each one of the seven hundred
and fifty thousand Baptists of the Northern
States for the salvation of one billion
heathen is just one-fiftieth of the sum
paid, on an average, by every man, woman
and child in the United States for intox-
crating drinks. O Church of the living
God! How long hast thou slept? When wilt
thou awake? When will the power of this
deadly opiate be spent? How great thy responsib-
hility, and how fearful the peril! May it not be
that the Holy One of Israel is about to say to
the American church, ‘Oh, that thou hadst
known, in this thy day, the things that
make for thy peace!’ The kingdom of
God shall be taken from you and
given to a nation bringing forth the fruits there-
forth. It is as certain as that God reigns,
that the whole earth shall be filled
with his glory.

Members of the Missionary Union, our
denomination nearly a century ago
awakened the Christian world on the sub-
ject of missions. Can we perform a similar
service again? We believe that through the
infinite grace of God we can.”—Dr.
George W. Novram
Evangelistic Work.
That street and chapel preaching and
itinerating tours may be greatly blessed,
and that tracts and Bible portions taken
may be read and that they may convict of
sin, of righteousness and of judgment, and
lead to an acceptance of Jesus as Savior.

For the week beginning August 11:

City Missions at Home.
The various kinds of work for the
masses in our cities.
Burma.

Pray for all missionaries in frontier
stations.

Our heroic Dr. Bunker writes from his
frontier station, Loi Kau, Burma:

“That you may know, too, how the
labor and living have affected us. Dr.
Johnson had lost over a hundred
pounds, and I am as poor as a crow.” But the
point that overshadows all others in im-
portance is this, we are here to cap-
ture the people for Christ, to
bring the light. Here is the best
business to invest in in Asia. The people
are all ready to respond to the
gospel. Oh, if you can push the work for
a few years you shall see wonders or I
mistake the promises and the signs before
us. Wisdom would send a young man to
this mission, to get his neck into the yoke.
Can it be done? Can we soon lay hold of
this great opportunity fully? Haven’t we
the money in this great Baptist denomina-
tion to do this work? Here are thou-
sands upon thousands ready to be brought
to the Savior and take on his image. We
have seen this miracle wrought before our
eyes over and over again. How long
must we sit helpless and look at this
darkness because sufficient means are not
at hand to press the battle as we ought to
press it?

For the week beginning August 18:

Visit Field! Few Laborers!!

“But, oh, the fields that are utterly un-
touched where no herald tells the won-
deous story, and may not for a long
time yet to come. Are there not some
who would be glad to have some one
stand here as their substitute to rep
The King?

Within one day’s travel of us are five
walled cities with no less than three
hundred thousand immortal souls, and
each a centre for reaching probably
double that number; three hundred
thousand waiting for the gospel. To
evangelize these multitudes you have as
two missionaries and our wives, and be-
beyond this circle are vast regions where the
voice of the Christian teacher has yet to
be heard. Christ would not have it so.
Shall his church allow it?”—Rev. W. M.
Upton, Yachau.

Thank God for and pray for the Pastors
who are faithfully training their people
along missionary lines. Pray also that
every man who shall be ordained as a Bap-
tist minister may be thoroughly imbued
with the missionary spirit and capable
and eager to train his church to active
missionary effort.