

long before application for appointment as a missionary. If these qualities are not manifest at home, they will not be seen on the foreign field unless God sends some great renewing crisis into one's life.

3. Robust common sense is probably the next most valuable quality in any missionary. God is thrusting him out into unusual situations, into hardships, into spiritually barren areas of the world, into cramped and limited circumstances, into vexations, into daily contact with poverty and need. II Cor. 11: 23-28. If one does not have the balance, the sanity to see all and deal with each situation with patience, with a cheerful and hopeful spirit and with true sympathy even for those he cannot help, he had better remain at home. He needs also ability to work harmoniously with those of like precious faith, counting that a bond no peculiarity or eccentricity of theirs, or his, can break; but he is not called to work at all with those who take the modernist or indifferentist attitude toward the things of Christ; to those he should show a truly loving spirit and a firm refusal to walk in the path of compromise with them under the name of harmony or of peace. If to these qualities, which are all of sanctified common sense, he adds an energetic perseverance that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe, he has already gone far toward qualifying as a first class missionary.
4. Fourth we would list real intellectual ability, trained and disciplined so that it can be held steadily to its task. We rank this above formal education, for sometimes God educates a man outside the schools. In this intellectual ability should be found a fair facility in learning languages, ability to teach and to preach and the quality of acceptable leadership that can live ahead of present needs or development of Church or Mission.
5. A good education. To the surprise of many missionary candidates, one meets in these days, on almost any field, many highly educated people. A missionary needs to meet them on their plane of life, yet be able also to meet and deal sympathetically with those on the lowest. He should have a college and seminary training if he is to be an ordained man, in the right schools, and some specialised