

his barque was wildly tossing among the shoals of sin and folly, held him safely moored to God and the Bible. Then let the mothers and daughters of Canada be encouraged in this work, knowing that the conversion of the world will move on but slowly until the women of heathendom are won for Christ.

Third—To support by womanly sympathies, prayers, and gifts, lady missionaries in the foreign field. As far as women are concerned, in India, the ordained missionary is comparatively useless, because in many districts he can have no access to them. The average attendance of women in our Christian Churches is, probably, two-thirds; and taking the same ratio, we have two-thirds of all those who might be reached by the Gospel message, outside the influence of the Christian Missionary. To meet this necessity, and as openings have occurred, lady missionaries have been sent to the field. And what plan more appropriate than that these should be sustained by Christian women, and not only by their gifts, but by their prayers. These noble women who have gone to the foreign field, are our representatives. They have descended for us into the deep, dark abyss of paganism. Let us not fail to encircle them with the strong ropes of prayer, that they may not sink beneath the burdens and responsibilities of their work. And let us be generous in our estimates for the support of our lady missionaries. The labourer is worthy of his hire; and our missionaries must be free from anxious thoughts about ways and means, and the necessity of making ends meet, in order that their whole time and strength may be devoted to their work with faith and labour of love.

Why should the women of Christian lands be interested in, and associated with, "woman's work for woman in heathen lands?"

Because of the need of pagan women. Dr. Joseph Cook tells us that there are *three hundred millions* of women on this planet who have only the Buddhist hope of being born again as men instead of as toads and snakes; that there are *eighty millions* of women in Moslem harems; and that there are uncounted millions of men, women, and children, growing up in the most degraded superstitions, and suffering in mind, body, and estate from inherited pagan customs. In India, to-day, there are twenty-one millions of widows, and sixty thousand of these are under the age of six years. In Bengal alone, we have millions of women caged in the