

# Buds and Blossoms

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## Friendly Greetings.

"Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the world with fruit"

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HAT have you done? What are you doing for Jesus? He has declared, 'ye are the light of the world,' and admonishes, 'let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' This shows the personal privilege and responsibility of all who

profess to have been enlightened by the great light giver. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. There is therefore no limitation in the source of supply, but it is evidently ours to receive and pass on the light which enlighteneth the world, for the true light is from Jesus.

Light is sown for the righteous, and should be sown by all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. Then in the plentifulness of the harvest, and in the bringing in of the sheaves, we shall enter into the joy of our Lord, and share in the gladness of the home gathering and eat of the fruit of our doings.

If we hide our light under a bushel, we wrong not only ourselves but others. We are living epistles, and men can read the law of the Lord in a true christian's honest and honorable deportment.

If we would hear the Master's commendation, "well done, good and faithful servant," we must be active in the service of the Master, using the present now of opportunity. Our talents may seem few, but in the diligence of true christian work, the doing *WHATSOEVER* thine hand findeth to do, and doing it with thy might, will in the great day of unfolding reveal, that the unnoticed endeavors for Christ's sake, are made manifest in the great day of account. Jesus himself acknowledging that *INASMUCH* as the action and motive was truly christian. The visit, the cup of cold water for Christ's sake given to the poor disciple, is noted as personal service rendered to, and received by the King of kings. He generously notes the widow's mites, as well as the rich man's gold cast into the treasury. Should not the fact of the every observant eye being upon us keep us from useless selfish waste, and mere carnal indulgence. The field is the world. How great the opportunity for sowing for the reaping by and by. Let us begin to-day and that right over against our own house. Least we have to lament, they made me keeper of the vineyard, my own vineyard have I not kept.

INDIA. — In the Telugu field the missionary workers in connection with the A. M. Union have just had a grand jubilee meeting at Nellore. Six days were spent in services and meetings, in which those present, we are told, "realized that they had been sitting in heavenly places, and enjoying christian fellowship and sweet interchange of thought and feeling that did them untold good. Marvelous are the results of christian labor among these interesting natives of India. There was long waiting for results. Faith was severely tried. More than once the American Missionary Union was on the point of giving up the mission in despair. But it was not abandoned. Eventually the seed yielded fruit, and to-day there is not a more successful mission in the world. Fifty years ago the good work began. We give the contrast between 1836 and 1886. — "Then there was but one station, *now* there are twenty from Madras to Chicacole, and from the sea to Hanamakonda, centres of christian work and influence. Then there were but two missionaries, *now* about fifty. Then there were not ten disciples, *now* there are 30,000. Then there was but one small school, *now* there are many stations and village schools, a high school and girl's school, and *two theological seminaries* (italics ours.) Then there was one small thatched chapel; *now* there are many commodious, comfortable, and