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VOL. V., No. 6.] *"The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."*—Is. lx. 2.] FEB., 1883

Seed Time.

- "Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Be not idle, faint, or weary,
God's eternal promise plead
With the old man and the stripling,
With the rich and with the poor;
Think, that when to-morrow dawneth,
Seed time may be thine no more.
- "Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Wind and drought, and rain and sunshine,
Still each other shall succeed.
In the morning, in the evening,
Scatter still with bounteous hand;
Heave and there some grain forgotten,
Germinates in fruitful land.
- "Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Be of great results expectant,
For the harvest is decreed.
Now, thou knowest not the issue,
Now, thou must in God confide;
He can cause thy work to prosper,
All events for good can guide.
- "Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Oft an unseen blessing hallows
Some unthought-of word or deed:
God shall give thee sweet rejoicing
After many anxious days;
And thine everlasting anthem,
Shall declare thy Maker's praise.

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History of a Boarding-School Girl.

The latter part of my first year in Ramapatam, twelve years ago, there came from the village of Rainamala, a man and his wife to be baptized. On examination they were baptized. Their family consisted of two little girls of about five and seven years of age, respectively. The mother had a cough which gradually grew worse until she came with her family into the compound to be doctored by me. The husband worked here and there as he could and supported them. I do not think I ever had about me a more tidy, cleanly, Telugu woman. Her house, her children, her cooking, everything seemed to have the care of the mother, even when so sick that an ordinary Telugu would have thought it impossible to stir at all. In about six months the woman died happy in Jesus. Before she died she gave me the two girls. After a time the father removed back to his village and took the children with him. I suspect they saw some

very hard times. Some two years before I left Ramapatam, I sent and had the girls brought into our Boarding-School. After a time they were baptized when the younger one was about nine years old. They were very nice children; the elder one as bright as need be anywhere. They were in the Boarding-School under Miss Peabody when I left for Canada. On my return from America I found them still in the school under the care of Mr. Newhall. He broke up the school and sent the girls to a village under the care of one of the preachers and his wife. From there they drifted into the Girls' School in Nellore. Some time after they entered the school in Nellore I had a long letter, half a sheet of foolscap, closely written, from the elder sister telling me how they were getting on, and expressing their gratitude that I had looked after them when the mother died. It was the last letter I ever had from the elder sister. She died in Nellore. It seems they had rather hard times between leaving the school at Ramapatam and getting into Nellore, and the elder sister never recovered. The younger sister, Emma, worked on at Nellore, under Miss Day, daughter of the first Baptist Telugu Missionary, and got a good education. For some time one of my school teachers, Samuel, had been wanting to get married so I wrote to Nellore to Mr. Downie, the missionary there, and Miss Day, asking that they give Emma to me. They kindly agreed to it, and when we returned from Udayagiri in September I brought Emma with me. She was to marry Samuel if on acquaintance they both desired it. On reaching Cocanada she went to live with our school girls and had the lower classes in our school to teach. The beginning of this month she married Samuel, and now has his school in Nullur. This leaves Samuel free to evangelize in the villages around.

So here I have in my work on the Cocanada field the little girl grown to cultured womanhood, that the dying mother put into my hands at Ramapatam. She has kept from first to last, I believe, an unsullied character. We hope she will be a power for good where she is located. The Christian women and even the heathen have rejoiced at her coming. I think they will love her more and more. In a few years histories of your girls now in Cocanada school may be written as I have written this.

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Faithfulness and Success in Christian Missions

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(From an address at the New York Prophetic Conference.)

The commission of Christ to his disciples was very explicit: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Joined with this commission was a promise of divine