

If Christ's mission paid and will pay eternally, every section of that mission which He trusts to us will pay, and pay eternally—this seeking voices for the heavenly chorus "out of every people, and nation, and tongue."

### A Missionary's Outfit.

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I once ventured to give a few hints as to what a missionary should *not* take when starting on her long journey to a new sphere of work ; I will now add a few more, as to some things which assuredly should *not* be forgotten, if our young sister would be well equipped for her labors.

We need not dwell on the necessity of Faith and Love, which may be represented as GOLD. To start without these would be presumption worse than folly. It is rather my object to mention what might not be so universally recognized as indispensable to the outfit.

And so with the only less valuable metal, SILVER, Knowledge. It is self-evident that such is required. And yet a hint regarding this may not be inopportune here. Do not forget your *small change*. In the missionary's life journey the heavy pieces are not the only ones to be brought into use. We need sixpenny, even threepenny pieces, as well as half crowns and florins, the little silver coins, as well as the large ones, all being stamped with the Royal Insignia. It is amusing to see in India what trifling pieces of knowledge will come to account. How to pack a box, or strap up a bundle, prepare arrowroot or quiet a baby, nail up a picture or knit a stocking, strum on an instrument or sketch a ground plan, are scraps of knowledge not to be despised. A maxim used by my grandmother was, "*can do* is easily carried about." So have small change in your purse.

And a great deal of STEEL is needed for one entering on a missionary career ; some physical, and above all, *moral courage* is required. Nervous weakness of character is undesirable at home ; it would be a grievous misfortune in India. One habitually afraid of cattle or wild dogs, or snakes and scorpions, one expecting mutinies or timid at crossing rivers, would be, not utterly hindered, but hampered and distressed in a land like this. A missionary should claim the Christian's privilege of fearing no evil, nor have her nerves shaken by an earthquake or the sudden crash of thunder overhead.

The old saying is, *nothing like leather*, and one is reminded of it in India. What I would symbolize by LEATHER is a capacity for encountering *drudgery* ; something that will bear the strain of daily, and often monotonous work. We want no fancy imitation calf, tricked out with embossing and