

broad or narrow, whether or not we are peculiarly gifted in speech or prayer, whether we have much or little to give, still we may be in earnest to do our utmost for this cause so that our blessed Master shall Himself say of each one of us, *She hath done what she could.*

The Missionaries need us. They are bearing the heat and burden of the day. They have many and peculiar trials, many discouragements in their work, many cares and perplexities, and they turn to us for sympathy. They ask us to remember that they are women like ourselves, and their hearts crave just the loving, helpful words which you and I might give. They need cheering letters from us; they need our earnest, persevering prayers for God's blessing on their work; they need to be strengthened and sustained by the assurance that we care for the souls whom they are trying to teach and save.

And, The Lord Jesus Christ needs us!

He has not seen fit to entrust the ministry of His Word unto angels, or by miracle bid the winds waft His story, or the mighty Gospel fly abroad through all the earth; but He has condescended to make use of human instruments, of the souls whom He has redeemed, in spreading the tidings of His love. The message must go from heart to heart, for so alone can it be spread from land to land, and we are permitted to share in telling this wonderful story. If we can not go in person, we can help some one else to go; we may help by our money, by our efforts to keep ourselves and others informed of the progress of the work, by our prayers to the Lord of the harvest.

We love to read in the Gospels, of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, and how the message, "The Lord hath need of them," was all that was needed by the owner of the ass and colt to induce him to part with them. And, to-day, when a like message comes to us, that the Lord to whom we owe all that we are and all that we have, *needs us* in this missionary work, there can be but one response from our hearts, for surely we would not withhold anything of which *the Lord hath need.*—*Selected, and adapted.*

An Example worthy of Imitation.

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Charlie — is about eight years old. A little more than a year ago he heard a missionary sermon. When he got home he asked his mother how much the sugar in his tea cost. She replied that she could not tell, and inquired why he asked. Well, said he, the minister this morning told us how much some women, who earned their living by washing gave to missions, and I think if they give so much, I can do without sugar in my tea and give the money to missions. He pressed his question, will it cost a dollar in a year? Finally it was settled that Charlie should have a dollar at the end of the year if he made the sacrifice of the sugar for his tea. During the course of the year Charlie was ill for some days. His mother proposed that he should take some sugar in his tea while he was sick. She assured him that he should get the dollar all the same. But Charlie was firm in his refusal to take it. He was anxious to make the sacrifice a perfect one. He would have his gift the fruit of a perfect sacrifice.

Some of us older ones can learn something from this example. We ought to learn to yield to the impulse to imitate those who make sacrifices for Christ's sake. That impulse is awakened in our hearts when we hear of the sacrifices that others have made. But, how often, alas! we crush the impulse. Then there are things that we like, that we can do well enough without. Are we

willing to make a personal sacrifice, in order that we may give to advance the work of Christ in the world, that which we have been accustomed to expend on such things? Even one dollar thus secured from each member of our families during the year, would it not exceed the entire sum we now raise for missions? By how slight a sacrifice, if it only became universal, could the treasury of the Lord be filled! Then one more lesson, when we pretend to make a sacrifice let us make it. If the time comes when we feel the stress of the sacrifice a little more than at other times, let us stand firm against the temptation to yield. And in doing so we shall find a rich reward in our experience.

Upper Burma in the Hands of the English.

In the last number of the Magazine, it was stated that the British forces were on their way up the Irrawaddy River to attack the defences of the Burmans. The principal fortress at Minhla was captured after only a few hours fighting, and the way was then practically open to Mandalay, the capital. King Thebau soon intimated that he wished to make peace; and the British occupied Mandalay without opposition. The following day Thebau formally surrendered to Gen. Pendergast, the English commander, and was sent to Madras under guard. Lord Dufferin, the viceroy of India, will administer the government of Upper Burma provisionally for Queen Victoria. It is intimated that a native prince may be placed on the throne, to rule under English supervision; but the country will be practically under British control. The state of the country is very unsettled—large bands of robbers roaming at liberty, and pillaging and burning wherever they go, even in Mandalay itself; but these will soon be subdued, and the country will be open and safe for residence of foreigners.

This is what American Baptists have been praying for ever since Judson went to Ava. God has now answered these prayers, and thrown a country of a hundred and ninety thousand square miles, and between four and five million people, upon our hands for immediate evangelization. Shall we be equal to the opportunity? With two such grand openings for missionary work as the Congo Valley and Upper Burma before us, Baptists ought to be aroused to missionary zeal as never before. The Lord has spoken unto his people that they go forward. We must obey, or lose the blessing. Every spot that the feet of our missionaries shall tread shall be given us. Twenty-five new missionaries is the least number that should be sent out the coming season. Fifty would find ample work, chiefly in new fields. The men will not be wanting. Already many are waiting to go. Will the Lord's people provide the means to send them? The question is narrowed to this. Ample and promising fields, plenty of volunteers, but no funds. Arise, ye people, and send the means to advance the Lord's work! Let a wave of enthusiasm sweep over our churches, which shall brush away all excuses of hard times. The Lord would not have called if he had not known we are able to answer. Let us arise in strength, and enter into the whitening harvests; and in due time we shall see the rejoicing multitudes coming to the God of their salvation.—*Baptist Miss. Mag.*

Conspicuous Events in the Missionary World During 1885.

The most impressive advance movements in missionary operations the past year have originated on the other