

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 of 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 superstition, 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 zenanas, who can never, by any chance, unless through the lady missionary, or the lady medical missionary, be reached by the Gospel.

The life of women in India is epitomized in the following true statement, made by one of their own nation: "The daughters of India are unwelcomed at their birth, untaught in childhood, enslaved when married, accursed as widows, and unlamented when they die." Let the women of Bible lands look down from the high plane upon which they stand, and strive, by the introduction of the Gospel of Christ, which is the basis of all liberty, to lift from the degradation of a slave's life the women of heathen lands.

Two great hindrances to mission work in India are, the early marriages of the women and enforced widowhood. The attention of the Woman's Missionary Boards, both in the United States and Canada, have been directed to these two great evils, and a movement is at present on foot, which we trust will result in memorializing Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria and Empress of India, on this most important subject. It is highly necessary that the movement be universal, and the expectation is that the societies of all the Evangelical Churches will move simultaneously in the matter.

The question is often asked, Is missionary enterprise a paying investment? Is the return in any way equal to the amount expended? We reply by asking, What is the value of an immortal soul? One who knew, made a statement, and from it we infer that one soul is of more value than the whole world.