

paration or without any common purpose or feeling corresponding to them, is open to more question. The two sides of the question may be presented in this way. It may be urged, on the one hand, that it is no better to make to God promises we do not intend to keep, or to express feelings we do not have, in song than it is in speech, and that such singing breeds insincerity. It may be argued on the other that it is proper to sing hymns expressing purposes more definite than our actual resolutions and feelings deeper than those actually moving us, because the hymn expresses the ideal we should aim at, and singing the hymn keeps the ideal before us, and encourages us to attempt to attain it.

Letter from India.

(To the Editor of the 'Northern Messenger'.)

Mukti, Kedgaon, P.O. Poona Dist., India.

Dear Friend,—I am long in sending my Annual Report this year, but hope to do so soon. I had to encounter a great many difficulties and as the work of God's grace is advancing in our midst, the devil is trying his best to stop it in many ways. More than fifteen hundred of our baptized Christian girls are having regular Bible instruction, but it must be remembered that they are, as yet, babes in Christ and must be fed on milk, they are not able to take solid food. My fellow-workers and I realize more and more, that our responsibility in regard to bringing these girls up in the fear of God, is a very great one. We workers here need your prayers to uphold us in this difficult work. The Lord has put the thought in my mind to request you to pray for at least one of my girls and for as many of us workers as you can, and I know the Lord will answer your prayer. My girls and all of us workers here want to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and be faithful unto death. These are very trying times, so we need your prayers and sympathy more than ever. There is much sickness in the Homes, because most of our girls, when brought from the famine districts, were in a very bad state of health. They are as well cared for as it lies in our power and within our means to do. For a time the majority of them get to look well and strong, but the changes of weather affect them very much and they often suddenly go down in health. Many of them have died and we mourn their loss deeply, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that they had learnt to love the Saviour of sinners as their best friend, and they fell asleep in his gentle arms without struggle or fear. You who have prayed for them and helped me to feed them, will have the joy of meeting them in heaven, when you and I go to be for ever with the Lord.

Believe me, yours in the joyous service of Christ,
RAMABAI.

MUKTI MISSION.

The Mukti Mission is a purely undenominational evangelical Christian Mission designed to reach and help high-caste Hindu widows, deserted wives and orphans from all parts of India. It aims at training the young women and girls sheltered in Mukti Home, mentally, morally and spiritually. Everything is done to enlighten the women and girls who come to this home. After receiving a thorough training for some years, they go out as

teachers or Bible Women to work in different missions and many of them get married and settle happily in their own homes.

Friends desiring to help in this work of God are asked to interest as many of their friends in this mission as they can, to pray regularly for it. The Mukti Mission depends wholly upon God. Friends are therefore urged to pray earnestly for it that the Lord may make all grace abound toward it, that it having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.

God's children who desire to pray for it need not consider themselves under any obligation to pay money toward its support. The founder of this mission knows and has proved that, God answers prayer. The prayers of God's people are more precious than silver and gold. The friends who are unable to give anything toward the support of this mission may be sure that God will answer their prayers and provide everything necessary for the work.

Any Christian desiring to help this mission is requested to pray daily for the workers and the founder that they may live and work in this mission always doing the good will of God, 'giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving' themselves 'as the ministers of God.'

Any friends interested will greatly help by getting at least ten other friends to pray for the work. Such Prayer Circles can be easily organized without any rules, simply by asking each member to pray for Mukti Mission daily, and for one of the girls whose names are given in the list; that the girl named may be saved to the uttermost and be baptized with the Holy Spirit, that she may devote her whole life to God's service and, kept by his power, be faithful unto death.

Friends are requested also to unite with the members of the Mukti Church, on the first Tuesday of every month, in special prayer:—

1. That all orphans, homeless women, widows and girls in India may be rescued and placed under the wise management of godly Christian people.

2. That all of them may be converted and saved to the uttermost, and not one of them go astray.

3. That those who become their foster parents may realize their responsibility and faithfully discharge their duty according to God's commandment.

4. That all Indian Christians may be truly converted and turn to God, and walk in the footsteps of our Saviour.

5. That they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and that the Lord of the harvest may send forth many of them as laborers into his harvest. Matt. ix., 38.

6. That the whole Indian Church may become a great evangelizing agency so that the Gospel may be given to every man, woman and child in India by the Christians as freely as they have received it.

Promises to be claimed:—

'I say unto you; that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.' Matt. xviii., 19-20.

'And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive.' Matt. xxi., 22.

Any other information in regard to Muk-

ti Mission may be obtained by addressing a letter or Post Card to the Superintendent of the Mission, Ramabai, Mukti, Kedgaon, Poona District, India.

Doing No Harm.

The story has been told of a soldier who was missed amid the bustle of a battle, and no one knew what had become of him; but they knew that he was not in the ranks. As soon as opportunity offered, the officer went in search of him, and to his surprise found that the man during the battle had been amusing himself in a flower-garden! When it was demanded what he did there, he excused himself by saying, 'Sir, I am doing no harm.' But he was tried, convicted and shot.

What a sad but true picture this is of many who waste their time and neglect their duty, and who could give their God, if demanded, no better answer than, 'Lord, I am doing no harm'!—'Gospel Trumpet.'

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