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As the true warrior counts the cost of the war and the true builder reckons the resources for his structure, so God's soldiers and servants look at both sides of their work; they study what is to be done and to be undone, to be accomplished and to be antagonized; and then calmly survey the whole range of resources and encouragements, helps and hindrances. Having looked arround at the world field and the giant foes, it behooves us now to look with equal care and candor at our available sources of success and the imperial claims of duty.

1. OUR HELPS.—What are they? First of all, our help is in God. Any and every work done for Him is work done with Him. It is His work rather than ours, or ours only because it is first His. This is not a distinction without a difference. If we are doing a work of our own and ask Him to come to our help, then the primary responsibility is *ours*, and we may well be anxious for the issue. If He is doing His eternal work, and summons us to His help as co-workers with Him, then the original, primary, ultimate responsibility is *His*, and all anxiety and worry become an impertinence, as though God were not able to take care of His own work! As though His ark were mounted on one of man's carts and needed to be stayed by our venturesome hands!

The work of world-wide missions is THE WORK of our Master throughout this whole dispensation; and we are called to be His servants. He does this work not in person but through us, and hence, while the privilege is ours of working for and with Him, the responsibility is His from first to last, and we are therefore to be "careful for nothing" save to be in league with Him.

He has given us the great weapon of our warfare, "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God;" this supplies also the great implement of our work—both sword and trowel at the same time—as good for building as for battling. And about His Word He has said what He never said of any word of man, however wise or eloquent: "My Word, that goeth forth out of My mouth, shall not return unto Me void" (Isa. 55 : 11).