

cannot know of the Light of the world except as we send to them the blessed Gospel.

Finances.

Over \$1200 more has been raised for Foreign Missions this year than last and about \$80 more for Home Missions.

While we are very grateful and greatly encouraged by this increase, do not let us be satisfied and think we are doing all we can. \$500 of this was a legacy and there were other smaller amounts also left us, so we cannot count upon this amount for next year. We have increased our appropriations \$500 this year, pledging ourselves to raise \$7000 for Foreign Missions and \$1600 for Home Missions. This will require united effort on the part of all our Societies, each one doing all they can and beginning *now*, early in the year.

My sisters, let us praise God that He has opened our eyes to see, and our hearts to feel something of the needs and importance of this Mission work. May we move forward at the command of the Master in the conquest of the whole world for Christ, helping to answer our oft-repeated prayer "Thy kingdom come." We know but little of the Missionaries' heavy responsibility for one or two hundred thousand souls. Can we refuse to comply with their modest request for one man to every fifty thousand? A doubling of missionary benevolence would soon do it. We know but little in this christian land of the tremendous struggle against ignorance and sin which the Telugu christian encounters, snatched from the terrible mine and filth of heathen-

ism. Can we deny them the pastors and teachers they need to help them in the straight and narrow way? Can we look into the pure sweet faces of our own little children and not do all we can to rescue and relieve the sin oppressed children of India? Their cries come up as a great wail. Let us if possible save them from the sad fate of their parents.

We cannot bear the missionaries' hardships and difficulties on the foreign field, but we may share and lighten them by self-sacrifice in giving. We may be co-partners with them and our blessed Lord in the salvation of these Telugus by contributing of our money, time and strength as the Lord has prospered us. To refuse to do *all* we can means to disobey a command of the Lord and rob our own souls of a great blessing. Oh, the fearful responsibility of not doing!

The nations call from far and near,
Bring help, bring help, or else we die;
And yet we turn a deafened ear,
Nor heed their mournful piteous cry.

Open our hearts, O Lord we pray,
Of Thy free gifts, freely to give.
Impress this lesson day by day,
Not only for ourselves we live.

Thousands are daily, sadly dying,
Who do not know their Savior Lord;
Thousands, thousands sadly living,
Who ne'er have heard his precious word.

Arouse, O Lord our dormant powers,
Infuse new, earnest, truer life;
Let us not waste our precious hours.
But gird us for the noble strife.

Yours in the Master's work,
S. J. Manning.
St. John.