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"Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

HIS GIFT AND MINE

By Edith Gurley

Over against the treasury,
He sits Who gave Himself for me.
He sees the coppers that I give
Who gave His life that I might live.
He sees the silver I withhold
Who left for me His throne of gold,
Who found a manger for His bed,
Who had nowhere to lay His head,
He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
And I am debtor in His sight.

—*Christian Missionary.*

—*Missionary Review of the World.*

A WORD ABOUT OUR NEEDS

"Father of lights, I thank Thee for every one who brings me any illumination. For all who bring me suggestion, counsel, warning; for all who help me by voice or by pen; for all who lead me into the larger life, I give Thee praise and glory." This is a prayer of thanksgiving from one of God's servants who was very greatly used to lead others into "a larger life."

We were speaking of "needs" one day, the need of leaders was emphasized. Lately I have been feeling the need for those who will bring "illumination" to others, that is, open their eyes to things they have not realized before; the need of those who will bring "suggestion" to others as to how they may live "a larger life"; in short, the need of those, who will **inspire others to worth while activities**, or renew the courage and

interest of some who have become discouraged or careless. How grateful we should be to those who have led us into better and larger ways of thinking and doing in any of the paths of life.

We are Mission Circle women, so we will just apply this to mission work. We often need a tonic as it were. We get low spirited in our work for various reasons. Perhaps we see estrangements growing up, and divisions in our Circle or Church, or falling off of interest and giving, or, we are just tired of trying. Who is to bring us encouragement and inspiration to overcome this? Now and again an outsider comes and helps a little for the time. But we can't always be looking to outside people for our uplifts. We must encourage ourselves in the Lord. Yes, we must encourage each other in the Lord, too. It is just for **each one of us** to be an inspiring influence to the others.

We need more **inspirors**. Who will resolve to join the ranks? Who will resolve not to be a critic, but instead, a sympathetic constructive friend, not to be of the wet blanket variety, but instead, a warm-hearted willing helper, not to be indifferent and always needing to be coaxed, instead, to try and interest others; indeed to be a tonic, and not a weight to be carried. It is not one to inspire here and there we need. We should, and can, have each one encouraging her neighbor. That is Christian fellowship.

They say it is a greater service to persuade others to become interested and active in a cause than to work one's self. Doubtless that is true. But I think only the heart