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OUR CALL.

The work before us is the conversion of the world. Christ has called us and set us apart for the accomplishment of this most glorious and beneficent task. O, that we could realize the honour, the unspeakable value, the true nobleness of such a work!

What has Christ himself done for us—for a lost world? He has poured forth his most precious blood. He bore the cross "with all its shame and woe." We are now ambassadors for Christ, commissioned to proclaim the good news of salvation.—Paul must plant; Apollos must water; it is God's to give the increase. We must build churches, train ministers, send forth missionaries, and God's Holy Spirit will do the rest. The work is God's, from first to last. Without him we can do nothing.—Greed will lock our hearts against the call of the needy. Selfishness will button our pockets. We shall be of the world worldly, till God visits us with his benign salvation. Our eyes shall be shut against Christ and his work, and he will be to us as if he had never lived or died, till the Spirit quicken us.

When we are converted, quickened, made alive to God and to eternal things, we shall be eager to find out what we can do for Christ. We shall hear his all-powerful voice calling us to follow him in well doing. Without CHRIST there is no hope for the church or the world. Our places of worship, our college, our Sabbaths, sacraments, and sermons are all, without him, empty, useless, a mockery and a snare. Of all men we are the most miserable; and of all organizations the christian church is the

most hollow and unreal. Without Christ living in us and with us, what are our bibles, what our prayers, what the ordinances of religion!

Thanks be to his holy name, Christ is ever with his church while she continues to do her work faithfully. "All power is given to me in heaven and earth—go ye therefore, teach all nations, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the world."

He sets us to do a mighty work, but he does not send us a warfare on our own charges. He has promised to be with us: with us in our home mission, building up the walls of our beloved Zion in these Provinces, training students for the work of the ministry, helping weak congregations and forming new ones; with us in going forth to the Gentiles and proclaiming salvation to the degraded races that enjoy and abuse the golden glories of the tropic isles.

This is our encouragement amid all our trials as ministers and people. Christ is with us, among us, watching over us. He gives us much work to do, but he is at hand to give us strength for doing it. Christ claims the whole world as his kingdom, and he expects his people to conquer it. Let us conquer for him our own country; but we dare not stop there. Our call is, GO YE TO ALL THE WORLD!

SAVE THE OUTCAST!

When Christ was among men in his state of humiliation he mingled freely with the poor, the degraded and the outcast. The cruel instincts or habits of caste received no countenance from him, but the very con-