

GENTLE COMPASSION.

them. He has given us that, too; but we keep it. (I wonder the Lord has any faith in us left!) And it does seem almost sinful to keep back the doctors; for I, for one, know of one doctor, at least, on the field who is constantly overworking, under great pressure and strain, and the question in many minds is, "How long can it last?"

No wonder our missionaries feel the gravity of the situation, and are asking for our united and strong co-operation in prayer. It touches—nay, it bears down on them—as it never will on us, for we are too far away (not geographically), and too much taken up with our own plans for ermine and velvet and—dare I say it?—limousines. (Forgive me, I know you are one of them; but I can't help it.) They see the very continuity of the work for which they are giving their lives threatened—and that, too, in God's most glorious day of possibilities and opportunities that India has ever seen. India is feeling her need of some new and vital religion—and that is what we have to give her. Our missionaries are often besieged by people wanting schools, preachers, teachers, Bible-women—only asking a chance to learn the new Way and how to walk therein. When faith in old Hinduism is shaken; when caste prejudice is breaking down," desire for education increasing and the spirit of enquiry awakened, is no time to hang back and count our dollars. NOW is the time to press forward with reinforcements and money and faith and prayer, and win 4,000,000 people for Christ. No; we must pray without ceasing; but when we pray we must first give ourselves.

Dear Friend, I appeal to you. Let us make each day now a special day of prayer. There are three conventions coming soon—the Eastern Women's, on Oct. 6th, in Ottawa; the General Convention, in Toronto, October 14th; and our own Western Women's, in Brantford, Nov. 11th. Let us pray that the Spirit of the Lord may move upon the Lord's people so mightily that by the time we meet in these conventions we will be ready to receive God's fullest blessing and give as Paul said the Macedonian churches gave, "first, their own selves," and then it will be joyful work giving of our possessions to make that dishonoring debt right, and send the waiting missionaries back to

their waiting comrades and the waiting millions of Telugus and Bolivians.

"FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST
CONSTRAINETH US."

Oh, let it come true!

Yours sincerely,
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TO GIVE IS TO LIVE.

The sun is forever pouring its gold
On a hundred worlds that need to
borrow;

His warmth he squanders on summits
cold,

His wealth on the homes of want and
sorrow.

To give
Is to live.

The flower shines not for itself at all,
Its joy is the joy it freely diffuses;
Of beauty and balm it is prodigal,
And it lives in the life it freely loses;
No choice for the rose but glory or
doom,

To exhale or smother, to wither or
bloom,

To deny
Is to die.

Dead is the hand that is not open wide
To help the need of a human brother;
He doubles the length of his life-long
ride

Who gives of his fortunes to help
another;

And a thousand million lives are his
Who carries the world in his sym-
pathies.

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Is to die.

—Selected.

A QUIET-HOUR SERVICE.

The best preparation for a season of service is a quiet waiting before God for guidance of the Holy Spirit. Before making any plans whatever we should ask God to reveal His will and show us just what He would have us to do. Otherwise we may "run before we are sent." This is one of the gravest errors of the present generation of Christian workers. Only when we are doing a God-appointed work in God's own way can we be sure of results that abide.

"I never ask God to bless my plans," said a religious leader at a