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"So poor—alas, so poor!
Foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests,
He hath not where to lay his weary head;
Night comes, the dewy sod may be His bed,
The heavens alone may canopy His rest!

"So poor—and why so poor?
Heaven was His throne and earth beneath His feet
Moved in the sunlight of the eternal day;
Through utmost space His grand possessions
lay,
And stars unnumbered made His crown complete.

"Why is His visage marred
More than the saddest man that maketh moan?
Why is He marked with travail and with pain?
And why His garments dyed with crimson stain,
As if He trod the winepress all alone?

"Highest of all the train
That fills the court of Heaven with joy and song!
Worshipped of angels! See Him scorned,
denied,

Bearing the heavy cross on which He died,
And meekly suffering every cruel wrong!

"And this is He who bore
Our sins and sorrows on His loving heart;
Who seized our dreadful right, and made our
shame

And poverty His own, that we may claim
In all His honors and His glory part.

"So poor, and yet so rich!
So slowly, yet so mighty! Lord, we bow
In grateful adoration at Thy feet—
Feet wounded for us, through Thy love so
sweet,
Which made Thee poor—which makes Thy glory
now!

"What shall we bring to Thee?—
We who without Thy loving still were lost,
Owing Thee all we have, and all we be—
Say rather, what shall we withhold from Thee?
From Thee, who ransomed us at such a cost?"

—*The Foreign Mission Journal.*

CONSECRATION has come to mean vastly more than any private interchange of soul relationship between self and God. It consists rather in putting the whole self at work upon the things that God wants done. When we reflect upon the needs of the world, and upon how God feels toward those needs, the seeking of any mere personal or private benefit at God's hand causes us to feel some secret shame. In God's order, the world is to be made over into the kingdom of Christ not by the easy way of begging the Almighty to do the work, but by the vastly harder road of doing it ourselves.—*George Albert Coe.*

In Japan some of the people are said to worship the "Great Bright God of Self-restraint." One said to a missionary: "If I want to buy a garment that cost one dollar I buy for eighty cents; or give a feast that costs five dollars, I give it for four dollars; or to build a house for one hundred dollars, I build it for eighty, and put the balance in the box. At the end of the year we meet, open the boxes and give the contents to the poor. It costs us some self-denial, but we are always prosperous and happy.—*Selected.*

We rejoice that Miss Morrow is to return to her beloved work in India this Fall, and regret that Miss Simpson is obliged to take longer furlough on account of ill health. She has the sympathy of the Society in her disappointment. We are very thankful that the desired funds have been coming in so as to enable the Board to send Miss Jones, but there is still an opportunity for any one so disposed to give a special offering for her support. Miss Jones will attend the Convention at Owen Sound, where we hope many will have an opportunity of hearing her speak.