

the workman to do it. Particulars in individual cases may be given to show that God has thus been at work, and to magnify His handiwork. Some missionaries, like Hunt, have been unconsciously prepared—

“Guided by hands they did not see,  
By voices called, to them unknown ;  
Strange opening doors of circumstance,  
Small happenings that were never chance ;  
God’s daily, hourly providence  
Led in His way, not their own.”

Notwithstanding unconscious preparation, like the stones of Solomon’s temple, they fitted the place they were called upon to fill. *Others* had their hearts set upon and prepared for different spheres than those designed for them. Livingstone longed and fitted himself for medical work in China, yet how singularly adapted was he to open up the dark jungles of Africa! Another well-known case rises up before us. The particulars read like fiction rather than fact, and are substantially to this effect:

About thirty-six years ago, Dr. Jewitt, a veteran missionary in India, ascending a mountain peak, viewed the country beneath. The great need of the people burdened him, and he sought relief in prayer. He asked the Lord of the harvest to send a missionary to Ongole. For thirteen years that prayer appeared to be lost, but God was not unmindful; He was preparing a workman for his particular field. At the right time, Mr. Clough, a civil engineer, heard the cry of this needy people and applied to the mission board to send him forth. At first they refused, thinking him unfit. He applied again and was accepted (with many misgivings). Shortly after his arrival, a famine spread over the land. Starvation and death were on every hand. In the midst of this distress the missionary went to the government and proposed to undertake three and a half miles of the Buckingham canal, that employment and food might be furnished to the starving people. His offer was accepted. After the day’s toil, the people assembled together while the missionary preached to them the Word of life. The Spirit of God accompanied the Word with power, and many were led out of darkness into the light and liberty of the Gospel.

Only an engineer could have filled this sphere. No human foresight could have foreseen the qualifications needed, nor human skill prepared the laborer. With such facts and instances before