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"The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."—Is. lx. 3.

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### WOMAN'S MISSION.

Near the Cross of Jesus standing,  
Mary gazed with tearful eye,  
On her Lord for sinners dying—  
Darkness shrouding earth and sky.  
From the tomb of Jesus risen,  
Sped she soon with joyous feet,  
The exultant tidings bearing  
Of the atoning work complete.

There began our Woman's Mission,  
There, beside the Crucified;  
Grandy now in latter ages,  
Work for us is opening wide;  
For a cry from o'er the ocean,  
To our listening ears is borne;  
"Christian, save us or we perish,  
Bring to us the glorious dawn."

Ah! what joy will fill our bosoms,  
If, among the ransomed throng,  
See we there our dark-browed sisters,  
Joining the immortal song,  
And as swells the angel music,  
Sweeter far than mortal strain,  
They will sing their glad Hosannas,  
To the Lamb for sinners slain.

MRS. H. B. C. GUNN.

### A Few Suggestions.

Christians, as well as others, are apt to go to extremes in their modes of working, now drawing the reins so tightly as to make their steeds restive, and again flinging them upon their necks without the least regard to consequences.

I must myself confess to a decided liking for a tight rein; I am fond of definite modes of working, of letting reason and not impulse guide us in our plans; and yet there is a fear of losing power, and ease of motion by tightening up the machinery till it smokes.

#### ORGANIZATION

Nothing great can be accomplished without it in these days; but there are circumstances in which to insist on definite organization would be to defeat our object altogether.

For cities, towns and large villages, I think there is nothing left to be desired in the constitution of our Women's Mission Circles, but in country churches and sparsely settled districts, the monthly meeting forms the chief difficulty; some have tried meeting an hour before the regular prayer-meeting, others an hour after; but in either case the carriage and family must wait, often out in the cold and wet, or remain in the house to embarrass the workers in their meeting.

It appears to me that in such a case it would be wise to dispense with whatever interferes with efficiency.

Let there be just officers enough to form an executive for work. A President, Vice-do, Sec-treas., and Collectors. This committee could meet as often as necessary to direct their own movements. The

#### COLLECTORS

Would go around and get subscriptions from women alone, at the rate of two cents a week, or even two cents a year—"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Let the names be entered in a book, which the collectors can carry with them; and be sure that they do not neglect or put off their regular round.

Another difficulty with which we meet in the country is the want of a means by which to scatter about

#### INFORMATION

For the people. Of course the LINK ought to be taken; it is the best medium of communication we have with our field.

The Pastor ought to preach at least one Foreign Mission sermon during the year, and if he does not, he should have a gentle reminder from these busy workers. Let each collector keep a mission scrap-book, into which items of interest on missions could be dropped. The Pastor or any reading brother could and would assist with items if asked. These should be carried about in their tours by the collectors and read for the information of the subscribers.

I want to suggest another matter which has been occupying my thoughts for some time. Why could not our Sabbath-schools be more fully organized as auxiliaries in this work? I do not mean at all that they should be turned into money-raising institutions, but that the work which is now being done by some, should be done by all; and what is now done to a certain extent aimlessly and disconnectedly, be done systematically. I do not mean either that the schools should confine their benefactions to Foreign Missions, but that the Sunday-schools should have some organization by which to direct and control and develop their liberality in this respect.

These are suggestions which some mind may lay hold of and work into form, for the honor of our Lord and the salvation of the heathen.

JOHN McLAURIN.

Woodstock, Nov. 15th, 1879.

### Letter from a Telugu.

#### A TRANSLATION.

May the help of God, our Heavenly Father, be with you and us now and evermore.

To the gracious presence of our dear Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin. We, your humble Ungala Rungia Mangama, with becoming salutations on account of the kindness which you have shown to us, write to you with gratitude.

By the infinite goodness of God, and your favor, from the day you left us till the present time we are well. Besides this, since you left, we are here in Cocanada only. Our mother came to see us here. On account of God having brought her to us, and she being in this place for a few days and having learned concerning the Lord, and by God's blessing having believed in the Lord Jesus, about three

months ago she was baptized. Because the Lord has shown goodness, to this our aged relative, we offer Him thanks with great joy. Moreover, from my house-people, letters are now and then coming. The chief matters in these are as follows:—While you were here you wrote to the Church (Missionary) in Ongole, about my people, but that Church being so far from them, six of them, we hear, have been received into the Gurtur Mission (Lutheran). My brother-in-law also and his relatives, having come to Cocanada and received instruction, desire that they also should be baptized. Also about the idols which you took from here to take to your own country; we would like much to know what the Christians, having seen them, think of them.

In that our Saviour has conveyed you safely over that great sea to your own country without harm, we pay to Him most grateful praises.

Whenever you may return to us again, we are watching that we may once more see your faces and visit you. We forget not your kindness to us. We hope you will send an answer to this letter. To yourselves and to all the Christians we send our grateful salutations.

RUNGIA MANGAMA.

[Rungia Mangama and his wife were leaders of an operatic troupe among the Telugus. Their subject was the great Epic Poem, the Ramayan. Rungia gave up this business which often brought him \$10 to \$15 a night, together with the images, etc., referred to in the letter, which in all cost him at least \$500, and became a Christian and a pupil in our school. All he gets now is food and clothing. Some of the images, life size, are with Bro. Claston in Montreal, the rest are with me in Woodstock. When I get time I purpose exhibiting some of them. The letter spoken of as written to the Church in Ongole was written to the Missionary.

J. McL.]

### Trust and go Forward.

BY C. H. SPURGEON.

We should live as if we really had power with God, as if like Elias we could go to the top of Carmel and pray a brazen heaven away and deluge the earth with showers of blessings. Are you unable so to live? then the fault lies at your own door.

He who truly believes in Christ, and is without guile, shall have continual succors from on high: all heaven shall be opened to him. God will help him by providence, will help him by grace, will help him by actual angels, and will help him spiritually by the all-power which He has given unto Christ in heaven and in earth. How earnestly do I desire that this Church this morning may see for itself what my eyes have seen for myself; for my faith sees heaven opened to supply the needs of Christ's work, and all the might of God working to achieve His purposes. I am just entering upon another work for God. We have had enough of these enterprises, say some—why not wait? I am forced to go forward and onward; I must go, nor do I fear—for lo! I see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending, by the way of Christ Jesus, to bring us succor. We may venture. There is no venture in it—we may trust God for anything, we may trust God for everything, and just go straight on. It looks like walking the waters sometimes to trust Christ, especially about gold and silver; but we need not fear, the waters shall be a sea of glass beneath our feet if we can