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VOL. VI., No. 2.] "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."—[s. l. x. 2.] OCT., 1883.

## The Gift of God.

What message from my Lord to-day?

I seek His written word,  
And ponder this sweet promise o'er  
Till all my soul is stirred:

"Eternal life, the gift of God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

What could I crave more strong and sure?

What have I ever heard  
To satisfy my soul's desires  
Like this so glorious word—

"Eternal life, the gift of God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

This life I hold my tenure slight,

A frail and weakening cord;  
And as it parteth, strand by strand,  
More precious grows this word—

"Eternal life, the gift of God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Yes, flesh and heart shall strangely fail,

Dim grow the written word,  
And dull mine ear; but with this hope  
My soul shall still be stirred—

"Eternal life, the gift of God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

"Eternal Life!" I cannot grasp

The fulness of the word!  
Only await with earnest hope,  
Which would not be deferred

"Eternal life, the gift of God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord!"

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## What is in thine Hand?

What is in thine hand, Shamgar? An oxgoad, with which I urge my lazy beasts. Use it for God, and Shamgar's oxgoad defeats the Philistines. What is in thine hand, David? My sling, with which I keep the wolves from the sheep. Yet with that sling, he slew Goliath, whom an army dared not meet. What is in thine hand, disciple? Nothing but five barley loaves and two small fishes. Bring them to me—give them to God, and the multitude is fed. What is in thine hand, poor widow? Only two mites. Give them to God, and behold, the fame of your riches fills the world. What hast thou, weeping woman? An alabaster box of ointment. Give it to God; break it, and pour it upon the Saviour's head, and its sweet perfume is a fragrance to the church till now. What hast thou, Dorcas? My needle. Use it for God, and these coats and garments keep multiplying, and are clothing the naked still. You are a manufacturer or merchant, or a mechanic, God wants each of you to serve him where you are. You have your business; use it for God. Order it in a godly manner. Do not allow

any wickedness in it. Give goodly wages; preach Jesus to your clerks, not by a long face, but by being like him—doing good. Use your profits for God—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, comforting the wretched, spreading the gospel far and wide. Use your wealth, which in your hand is as easily moved as the pen which gives your signature, to keep the family in their home, and not to eject them.

What a field you have to glorify God in, just where you are! If you have nothing else, use your tools for him. He can glorify himself with them as easily as he could with a shepherd's stick, an oxgoad, a sling, or two mites. A poor girl who had nothing but a sewing machine, used it to aid a feeble church. All her earnings above her needs were given toward building a house of worship, and in a year she had paid more than others a hundred times richer than she. So you can do, if you will. Think of the widow with her two mites, the woman with the alabaster box, and Dorcas with her garments. You can do as much, and have as great a reward.

## Hints to Assist in making the Regular Monthly Meetings Attractive.

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Any good result is generally the fruit of much unseen labor, and a successful meeting is no exception to the rule; success is most probable when all make thoughtful preparation beforehand. What some consider minor arrangements, may be found to conduce materially to the comfort, and consequently to the profit of a meeting; for example, care should be taken that the room is aired and warmed, or lighted suitably; sufficient chairs clustered round a good sized table, looking social, rather than formal, hymn books and organ in their places; and a map showing the situation of the mission, which is the subject for the day: then some of the members should occasionally practise sacred music, so as to enliven a meeting with a new hymn or favorite tune.

The President should give careful consideration to the selection of appropriate hymns, and the passage of Scripture to be read, and will perhaps choose some extract of a devotional character, suited to enkindle the hearts of the little circle with fresh life; and she should endeavor to order her thoughts aright, so that she may be prepared to offer petitions for things agreeable to God's will, and with special reference to the subject for the day.

Each member should seek in her favorite magazine for some brief item, relating to the subject for the day, which she can read at the meeting, if time allows, and should also try to bring with her some friend who has not been present before, especially young girls, whose presence