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Make Thy Way Mine.

Father, hold Thou my hand ;
The way is steep ;
I cannot see the path my feet must keep,
I cannot tell, so dark the tangled way,
Where next to step. Oh, stay :
Come close ; take both my hands in Thine.
Make Thy way mine !

Lead me. I may not stay ;
I must move on ; but oh, the way !
I must be brave and go,
Step forward in the dark, nor know
If I shall reach the goal at all.
If I shall fall,
Take Thou my hand.

Take it ! Thou knowest best
How I should go, and all the rest
I cannot, cannot see :
Lead me : I hold my hands to Thee ;
I own no will but Thine,
Make Thy way mine !

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What She Could.

There is no record in the Gospel story more rich in teaching, more full of practical lessons for all time and for all circumstances, than the story of the anointing in the house of Simon the leper. No act received from Christ a more emphatic endorsement than did the act of this loving heart which freely poured out its wealth at the feet of the Saviour.

The commendation was simple enough, "She hath done what she could," and the lesson for us is the practical one that as lovers of Christ, we are bound to do for Him what we can.

It is the interpretation of these words, *what we can*, it is the estimate we put upon our powers, the talents entrusted to us, that makes the difference between a real and cheerful gift to Christ of all that we are able to give, of time, talent or money, and that narrow and contracted service which we are so prone to render, if we submit to the limitations which our love of ease and love of self impose upon us.

These words must be stripped of all the false meaning we attach to them, and we must honestly measure our ability in the light of God's sacred truth, and act up to it, before we shall be entitled to the commendation of our Saviour, "She hath done what she could."

When we promise to do what we can for some good cause, or in behalf of some needy person, do we not often mean, merely, that we will do what is perfectly convenient, give what we can spare easily without self-denial, and lend our influence on the side of right and

truth, only so far as it involves no personal sacrifice of ease and pleasure. Is this all that is meant by the words, "what she could?" Have we any right to say to ourselves or to others, "I have done what I could," when in our hearts we know that, like the wicked servant, we have hid our Lord's talent, made no use of it, and must return it unimproved to Him who gave it? It may be hard and self-denying labour that is included under the head of "what she could," it may be only an humble duty, but it is a searching question to be honestly answered, which meets us in our study of these words of our Lord. If each Christian woman would sincerely and honestly do what she can for the cause of Christ, how grandly that cause might prosper! What results might be attained! How soon might come the dawning of that day, when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."—*Faith and Works.*

The Congo Mission—"Onward."

The English Baptist Missionary Society is extending its Missionary operations in Central Africa. It will be remembered that in 1877 Mr. Robert Arthington, of Leeds, who had previously given £5,000 to the London Missionary Society and another £5,000 to the Church Missionary Society for work in Africa, addressed a communication to the committee of our own society, in which he offered to assist in a resolute attempt to establish a mission in the Congo country. Mr. Arthington had learnt from Commander Grandy, who was sent out by the Royal Geographical Society to explore the Congo River, that "the old king strongly expressed his hopes that some English (white men) would come" to teach him and his people, and he therefore promised "one thousand pounds if the Baptist Missionary Society will undertake at once to visit these benighted, interesting people with the light of the Gospel, teach them to read and write, and give them, in imperishable letters, the words of eternal truth." In July, four years ago, the committee accepted Mr. Arthington's offer, and Messrs. Grenfell and Comber, of the Cameroon Missions, were sent on an exploring expedition up the Congo River and into the adjacent country. In the early summer of 1879 Mr. Comber, with three young brethren—Messrs. Crudgington, Bentley, and Hartland—were commissioned to go to the Congo country, and soon established themselves at San Salvador, being favorably received by king and people. But their watchword was "Onward." If possible, they were to find their way to Stanley Pool. This was done eventually, and the successful expedition of Messrs. Crudgington and Bentley closed the opening chapter in the history of the Congo Mission.

There is now, we learn from the London *Freeman*, to be a new departure. "The Executive Committee of the society have resolved to 'go forward' up the Congo