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## THE BURDEN.

"O God," I cried, "why may I not forget?  
These halt and hurt in life's hard battle  
Throng me yet.

Am I their keeper? Only I—to bear  
This constant burden—of their grief and  
care?

Why must I suffer for the others' sin?  
Would that my eyes had never opened been!  
And the thorn-crowned and Patient One  
Replied, "They thronged Me, too; I too  
have seen."

"Thy other children go at will," I said,  
Protesting still.

"They go, unheeding. But these sick and sad,  
These blind and orphan, yea, and those that  
sin

Drag at my heart. For them I serve and  
groan.

Why is it? Let me rest, Lord. I have  
tried—"

He turned and looked at me; "But I have  
died."

"But, Lord, this ceaseless travail of my soul!  
This stress! This often fruitless toil  
These souls to win!

They are not mine. I brought not forth this  
host

Of needy creatures, struggling, tempest-  
tossed—

They are not mine."

He looked at them—the look of one divine!  
He turned and looked at me; "But they  
are Mine."

"O God," I said, "I understand at last.  
Forgive! and henceforth I will bond-slave to  
Thy least, weakest, vilest ones,

I would not more be free."

He smiled, and said, "It is to Me."

—Lucy Rider Meyer in the Missionary Helper.

The large addition of new subscribers since Jan., '07, has been very encouraging, and the prompt renewals of many of the subscriptions. There are still many whose labels will tell them they are a year or two behind in their payments, if examined, and it would be very

gratifying if they would do so and respond accordingly, as money is necessary for the successful publishing of a paper.

As our readers know it was decided at the Convention at St. Thomas that a special effort should be made to raise \$989.00, the amount required to pay our half of the Akidu Bungalow by Feb. 1st, if possible. It seemed a large undertaking, but the Circles took up the work nobly and the people responded generously, so our hearts were filled with gratitude and praise when it was announced at the Board meeting Feb. 16th that the amount required was in the hands of the Treasurer. The fund is still open, as the bungalow for Miss Hatch is greatly needed at Ramachandrapuram.

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"The morning sun lights up the eastern hills,  
And scatters with its beams the shades of  
night;

And more and more the gospel glory fills  
Those eastern lands with its transforming  
light.

Dark clouds may seem to obstruct the rising  
day;

But round and through and o'er them light  
breaks in

And so the truth with its resistless sway,  
O'ercomes the power of error, hatred, sin."