"Well, well, Aunt Zanie, I will; and if there's any way, I'm sure the Lord will make it plain to you."

The little woman turned and went on her way to her daily toil. Several days passed, and again Aunt Zanie appeared at the door of the missionary home, this time With beaming face, to say, "Good mo'nin', Sister Peck. I's come to tell you the Lo'd done answer prayer."

"How, Aunt Zanie ?"

"Well, Sister Peck, I jes went about all desc days with a heavy heart, a-prayin' to de Lo'd to show me how to do something mo' fo' Africa. But 'pears like He dunno no way, fo' not a bit of answer did He give me. But last night I came home from my wo'k, and I jes set my ole bucket on de flo', and I kneeled down by a cha'r, and I poured out my heart to de Lo'd, and I said, 'O Lo'd, isn't der no way I can do somethin' mo' fo' Africa? For a long time I prayed, then I stopped, and everything was jes as still ! and I heard a voice speak right to my heart, 'Zanie, child, lay down that pipe !'

Aunt Zanie had learned to smoke that pipe when she was a little slave girl, lighting the pipe for her mistress, and now she had passed her three-score years, and for a long, long time it had been her one personal indulgence, her one luxury. Is there any wonder that the missionary arked,

"Aunt Zanie, do you think you can ?"

"If de Lo'd say so ?" was the wondering response.

"Yes, Aunt Zanie; if the Lord says so, He will enable you."

Again the blessed little woman was gone, and again days went by, until one morning she came to the missionary, and laying twenty-five cents in her hand, exclaimed joyfully, "Here, Sister Peck, here's Aunt Zanie's first 'bacco money for Africa."

The days have grown into years since we gazed upon that bit of silver in Miss Peck's hand and heard her tell this story, but from then until now Aunt Zanie's tobacco money has been conscientiously and joyously devoted to the noble purpose of sending Gospel light into dark places.

Reader, do you hear the repeated calls for help? Are you doing all you can to relieve the needy ? Have you a pipe? Some carnal pleasure? Some cherished indulgence? Can you give it up, and let the Lord use the money it costs? Will you?

Do you pray, dare you pray, as did Aunt Zanie, with honest purpose to obey, "Lord, show me how to give more ?" Then wait upon Him as she did, with strong pleadings for the answer, and "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

When Christians thus pray and thus give, then will the treasury overflow, sowers and reapers be multiplied, deserts blossom, parched ground become a pool, and thirsty land springs of water. How does the sacrifice compare with the bloom? Will you lay down your pipe? —Selected.

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