

## Missionary Readings.

### SENT BEFORE THE MASTER.

(Luke x. 1.)

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Air, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Isaiah	6. 8	"WHOM shall I send?" He sayeth;
"	"	"What servant shall it be?"
"	"	'Tis Faith's strong voice that prayeth,
"	"	"My Master, O send me!"
Gal.	1. 16	Send me to tell Thy story
Acts	22. 21	Abroad, or here at home;
Luke	10. 1	Send me, O Lord, before Thee,
"	"	Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
Acts	10. 39	Send me, for I have known Thee,
Acts	22. 15	I would Thy witness be;
Acts	5. 20	To speak Thy message only,
Romans	10. 15	My Master, O send me.
John	1. 8	Send me to speak of Jesus,
Luke	8. 39	Of what my Lord hath done—
John	17. 4	His finished work most precious,
Ps.	71. 16	Of this and this alone.
Ez.	34. 4	To bring the lost and sinning,
Heb.	7. 26	To Thee, the Sinless One,
Eph.	3. 8	To speak sweet words and winning,
John	17. 1	Of Christ, the Father's Son.
Isaiah	9. 2	Send me to darkest places,
2 Peter	1. 19	To many a shadowed home,
2 Cor.	4. 4	Where with Thy shining graces,
2 Cor.	4. 6	Lord Jesus, Thou wilt come.
Heb.	3. 2	Send me to work appointed,
Micah	3. 8	But, Master, let me be,
Acts	2. 4, 17	By thine own power anointed,
Acts	1. 8	Then, Master, O send me!
Ps.	115. 1	Not unto us the glory,
Luke	15. 24	When lost ones find their home;
Luke	10. 1	We only go before Thee
"	"	Where Thou Thyself wilt come!

### THE SPREADING LEAVEN.

THE following incident, found in the correspondence of the London *Missionary Herald*, shows the leaven of educational influence in India. It appears that a few months ago, at Monghyr, a native gentleman in Government employ, and a former pupil in Dr. Duff's college, in Calcutta, sent in a request for a Zenana teacher to visit his young sister, who, having been left a widow, had come to live with him. She proved to be very bright and intelligent, and after a time she accepted the faith of the Gospel and desired baptism. But she feared to have her brother know of her purpose, lest he should take measures to prevent it. Her plan was to sacrifice the good home which he gave her in order to follow the dictates of her conscience. Her missionary friends, however, decided to tell him frankly of her purpose, and this was done. His reply,

as given to the Rev. Thomas Evans, who interceded for the new convert, reveals what we believe to be a growing conviction in the minds of educated Hindus. He said, "I am sorry my sister is taken up with such views, but I am not surprised, for I was myself, in my youth, on the verge of becoming a Christian, when my parents took me away from Dr. Duff's school and put me under other influences which have now brushed away all thoughts of Christianity. My sister is in want of nothing that I can supply her with; she is a very intelligent girl, and, as I think she must be sincere, I will not oppose her, though her baptism will bring great disgrace upon me and my family; yet I would rather bear all that than try to frustrate conscientious convictions."

### BISHOP HANNINGTON'S FELLOW-MARTYRS.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING people everywhere have heard the story of Bishop Hannington's work and martyrdom; but the story of his fellow-laborers and converts and friends is not so well known. It was a grand thing and a brave for the Bishop to face without flinching the almost certainty of death; but it was, at least, an equally grand thing for those thirty men, women and children, who clung to him in his last trial, to endure without shrinking the martyrdom they did endure. Just think of it! thirty souls gathered from a people whose law for ages has been utterly selfish and brutal, found at a few moments' notice willing to die for Christ. Hannington, as you know, fell by the spear of the executioner; for these was reserved a more bitter and painful death. Liberty was offered them if they gave up Christ; if they stood by Him and His servant they had no hope but the flame; and to that fiery death went those thirty—not one man, woman or child drew back. This is what Christ could do for the brutalized African. This is the heroic example which unknown soldiers from the dusky ranks of Uganda have given the Church of Christ on earth to-day. Now go home, and say you do not believe in foreign missions. To say so is to contradict the teaching of Christ's Church, even from her earliest days.—*Rev. Dr. Wm. S. Rainsford.*

A FAITHFUL DOG AND A HEROIC BOY.—A few weeks ago two children wandered away in the hills of Oregon. They were not found until the next day at noon. A shepherd-dog, which was a household favorite, followed and guarded them during the long, dark hours when the rain came unceasingly down. No doubt the faithful creature protected them from the many wild animals in the deep woods. But the heroic deed of the older child remains to be added. He took his own little coat from his shivering body and put it on his weaker brother, saving him from freezing, while he endured in a cotton shirt hour after hour the keen blast of that mountain storm. Think of this from a child but six years old, and let any one who can say he is not as much of a hero as any of the full-grown Spartans of old, of whom the classics so eloquently tell.