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SACRIFICE.

Behold He comes! to save our fallen race,
The Son of God and Son of man is He;
Men saw the glory of divinity
Illumine with strange light His human face;
And in the fullness of His truth and grace
He gave unstinted gifts to needy man;
For love, not vengeance, shines in all the plan
Which makes of Calvary a gracious place.

Teach us, O Master, how to give like Thee,
For this sad world is needy, blessed Lord;
Though little we can give, yet still, may we,
Filled with Thy Spirit, strengthened by Thy Word,
Seeing the world's need through Thy loving eyes,
Give, till we feel the joy of sacrifice.

—Mission Studies.

THE act of giving is divine. God loves to give—to bestow life and health and beauty and joy upon His creatures. Christ Jesus came to give himself for man. This is heroic, and men are heroic in proportion as they spend themselves and their powers in behalf of others. This is most elevating in its influence on ourselves, and, when wisely directed, on those for whom it is expended. "God rains down his large benedictions from above, and below men offer their glad and free contributions." "God loves a cheerful giver." There is an unconscious and uncalculated reaction received by the cheerful giver, enlarging the heart and lifting it toward the level of the Supreme Giver.—Selected.

As one looks at the heathen world, terrified with superstitions, besotted by lust, and degenerated by worship of abominable gods, and then looks at the perfect stature of manhood in Christ Jesus, and remembers that this former stuff is to be made into the latter glory, we are apt to say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The inevitable answer is, "No man." Then we turn to the text, "Not by might, nor by an army,

but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." There is plenty of power in this spirit to lift every heathen to a Christian, every sinner to a saint.—Bishop H. W. Warren.

JOHN R. MOTT visited a college in Ceylon, where he found a band of students so poor that sixteen of them occupied one room. Near the building was a garden, in which they spent their spare time cultivating bananas. When Mr. Mott inquired, "What do you do with the money?" they took him to the shore and pointed to an island off in the sea. "Two years ago," they said, "we sent one of our graduates there. He started a school, and it has developed now into a church. We are going to send him to another island this year." They also said that they had instructed their cook that every tenth handful of rice should be laid aside, that they might sell it in order to have Christ preached a little more widely.—Missionary Review of the World.

God's providence now calls us with a trumpet tongue. He opens the nations; He brings them to our door. Some of us can remember when Japan was closed utterly to Western civilization, when Korea was a hermit nation, and China, opened only at the five treaty ports; when in India the presence of the Gospel was resisted by an almost unbroken Hinduism and also by British officialism; when Africa was a dark and unexplored continent; when no Bible could be sold in Rome, and the Inquisition still lingered in Spain; when Central and South America were forbidden ground for the evangelical faith. Such things we remember. But how changed! The open world for which we prayed has come.—Bishop E. G. Andrews.

Our spiritual possibilities are measured by our spiritual resources, and our spiritual resources are measured by the limitless resources of the infinite God.—