

I knew a woman long ago, in the hill country of India. As I walked one morning she offered me an apple from her tree, a wonderful sight to an American woman who had not seen an apple for four years. Her husband was a fruit contractor who had come from the plains. She was far from home. We sat on the doorstep of the little mud-house and talked. I knew her language and no one else in that strange country could talk to her. She was so happy to talk with a woman. She invited me into her home, but one glimpse of the interior decorations made me feel safer outside! I told her the story of Mary and Martha and Jesus, and explained that Martha was a particularly good house-keeper. She took the hint, as I gave it in detail. I was only there for a few weeks, but as we met daily she eagerly listened to the stories of Oriental women who live in the Bible and of their Friend. She had little mind and no training, but was able to learn a hymn with constant repetition, "Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, He will save you, He will save you just now," in her own tongue. She learned with some effort a prayer such as you might teach to a child of five, and then we separated never to meet again.

Some six years later, I received a letter from a woman missionary who was taking her vacation at that place. She wrote as follows: "This morning as I sat by the window at this lovely spot, a woman passed with her water pot on her head singing in Telugu 'Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, just now.' I sprang to the door and greeted her. She set down the water jar. I asked her if she were a Christian, and she said, 'No.'

"Where did you learn to sing that hymn?" I asked.

"Oh!" she said, 'I know something more,' and bending her head she reverently said the prayer; and then, lifting her radiant face she told me the story of your visit.

"I will write her that I have seen you,' I said, 'Have you any word to send?'

"Yes, tell her I have sung the hymn every day, and I pray the prayer, and I am trying to keep my house clean!"

That is the applied gospel. We rejoice in a universal Saviour, and in a universal Book for the universal woman.—Convention at Washington.

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CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND WORLD PEACE

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There can be no permanent peace unless the spirit of peace finds an abiding place in the hearts of men. The movement among governments must be inspired and sustained by a great growth of the spirit of peace among the masses of mankind; not the peace of stagnation or of oppression, but the peace of justice.

Christianity is not nationalistic but universal in its outlook, and it was in the proclamation of this world-wide Gospel that the Church won her great triumphs in the early centuries of the Christian faith. While the Roman Empire, which was the visible symbol of a united humanity, was breaking up, this new power making for unity was rapidly extending its sway over the minds and hearts of men.

It is the missionary movement which has brought the Church back to the conception and the spirit of St. Augustine, a conception and a spirit which he derived from the New Testament, and which transcend all national boundaries, and recognize as brothers the men of every race and color.

It is only the world-wide acceptance of this conception of the solidarity of the race that can provide a sure and enduring basis for World Peace. Important and influential as may be the governments of the Great Powers, and the League of Nations, in preserving peace in the world, the Church, because of her universal appeal to the human spirit, should be still more influential.

Difficult, and in some aspects menacing, is the racial problem to the peace of the world.