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'We have for quite a number of years taken the 'Messenger,' and we are well pleased with it.'—P. H. Hudson, Plympton, Man.

## What Hast Thou in Thy Hand?



(The Rev. A. B. Simpson, in the 'Alliance News.')  
H.C.S.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Widow? A pot of oil.  
Go, pour it out, and find a store  
Of rich and glorious spoil.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Woman? One handful more.  
Go feed the prophet and 'twill last  
Till famine days are o'er.

What hast thou, little lad?  
Some loaves and fishes small.  
Give them to Him and they will be  
Enough for thee and all.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Mary? Some perfume rare.  
Pour it upon His head, 'twill flow  
In fragrance everywhere.

And Dorcas, what hast thou?  
A needle, and some thread.  
Give them to God, they yet shall grow  
And bring thee from the dead.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Widow? Two mites; no more.  
Give them to God, they yet shall grow  
To be a mighty store.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Mother? A baby's hand.  
Train it for Him, so shall thy life  
Bear fruit in every land.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Writer? A common pen.  
Use it to write His messages  
Upon the hearts of men.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Teacher? A child's young mind.  
Teach it to live for God and man,  
So shalt thou bless mankind.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Toiler? A workman's tool.  
Work like the Carpenter, and find  
Thy task God's training school.

And sister, what hast thou?  
An apron and a broom.  
Do thy work well, some day, perhaps,  
Thou'lt keep His Palace Home.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Preacher? The Word of God.  
Shed forth its light until its beams  
Shall light the earth abroad.



What is that in thy hand,  
Moses? A simple rod.  
Use it for Him and earth shall shake  
Before the march of God.

What is that in thy hand,  
Gideon? A soldier's sword.  
Wield it and for thy country win  
The battle of the Lord.

What is that in thy hand,  
Stranger? A ploughman's goad.  
Use it and Israel's foes will flee  
Before thee, like a flood.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
David? A shepherd's sling.  
Use it and glorious victory  
To Israel thou shalt bring.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
A Censer filled with prayer.  
Send up the incense till it fall  
In blessing everywhere.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Steward? Some previous gold.  
Give it to God, it will return  
In wealth of joy untold.

What hast thou in thy hand,  
Sinner? Another day—  
Use it to find thy God before  
Thy season pass away.

Wait not—O man—to find  
Some call to summons grand.  
Give back what God to thee has given.  
What hast thou in thy hand?