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the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is making. We find that God is pouring out His spirit on the heathen land; the Spirit of God is being poured upon India faster than we are sending men to gather the harvest. The Spirit of God is far in advance of us in the subjugation of India. There have in the past year been already no fewer than 15,000 baptisms, and the number of conversions will probably rise to 40,000 before this year is out. If that should mean, even by the closest scrutiny, 25,000 real converts, what a mighty ingathering that is out of the great white harvest lying ready to our sickles. Every convert in India means six Hindus broken away from Hinduism and brought directly under Christian influence. So, if we multiply 40,000 by six, we see as many as nearly 250,000 people broken away from Hinduism, of whom 40,000 will have confessed Jesus Christ. At that ratio of progress, in fifty years Hinduism will become a memory, as is ancient classic Greek and Roman paganism. But it is not simply the direct conquests from heathenism that strike us; there are the mighty cleavages taking place. Seven hundred miles up the Irrawaddy I have stood on the banks of that noble river in front of the most gigantic monument of Buddhism; a great solid brick foundation for what was to be the mightiest pagoda in existence—the largest brick building in the world. It comprises 100 yards of square solid brick masonry, rising into the air 100 feet. It had progressed to that point when an earthquake shook it to its foundations. There it is left and not another brick has been laid upon it. For thousands of years the solid structure of Hinduism has been in existence. One hundred years ago William Carey laid the first charge of dynamite. You find it in St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power (the dynamite) of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." That was the first great charge which William Carey and his con-

freres put into real Protestant cases. There had been a few grains of powder in Romish cartridges, but they did not do much. It was 100 years ago when the dynamite began to be packed in, and since then the process has been steadily carried on, by every missionary, by every Christian school, by every catechist, by every Christian convert that has named the name of Jesus Christ; and here and there explosions have rent this world-old structure, this mightiest false religion, this masterpiece of the devil, as old Dr. Duff used to call it; and we see a rent in every part. The structure is not altogether in ruins yet, but it is rent and torn, while in some places the great cleavages have separated entirely from the main edifice. In conclusion, may I add that now is the time to pour in reinforcements? Let us have more prayer, more men (and the best men), and more money for India.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.*

WHAT is how I first read the question on our programme, but on looking again, I see that the question asked is how shall we increase the spirituality of the *members* of our branches. Is not the one question an answer to the other? The meetings of our branches will become centres of spiritual life, if the individual members realize that no one of them can be cold, lukewarm, or half-hearted, without being a hindrance to the branch with which she is connected. If we thus realize our personal responsibility, we know that Christ, our Lord and Master, is able to kindle a flame of sacred love in the coldest heart and to quicken the most flagging zeal, for His desire is that each one of us should not only have life, but have it abundantly. It is a practical question we have to deal with, and we do not want to draw an ideal picture, but to take up only those things which are quite possible for us to carry out.

We are all agreed in the desire for a deeper spirituality, and as we remember God's promise, "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us," so that "we know we have the petition we desired of Him," 1 John v. 14, 15, we can take the question up in faith, feeling quite sure that this much-desired blessing shall be ours.

Let us also take it up with earnest purpose of heart, determining that if any practical, helpful suggestion is made, we in our own branch will try to carry it out. Don't let our discussion end in mere words. A countryman, anxious to hear a popular speaker, was much disappointed, on reaching the place of meeting, to find the audience dispersing. "Is it all done?" he said to a woman coming out. "Oh, no," she replied, "it's

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