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## In Memoriam.

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I.

Drop low, O Eastern sky, and weep,  
Fast let thy rain-tears fall!  
For 'neath thee on the green, to-day  
Is spread a funeral pall.

Beyond the seas are smitten hearts,  
Low bending 'neath the rod,  
For there a heavy stroke of pain,  
Falls from the hand of God.

A sudden cry of sorrow, swells  
Along the battle plain,  
A thousand soldiers of the Lord,  
Deep mourn a leader slain.

Drop low, O Western sky, and weep,  
Fast let thy rain-tears fall,  
For to the grief-cloud westward spreads  
And breaks above us all.

II.

Above the skies a soul is borne,  
And list! the angels' song  
Swells sweeter as the spirit soars,  
To join the sainted throng.

And those who ages past endured  
The martyrs' pain and loss,  
With shouts of gladness welcome one,  
Who dies beneath the cross.

The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Enthroned in worlds of light,  
Receives a saint beloved whose death  
Is precious in His sight.

Joy! joy! O brave enduring soul  
Thy toll was richly blest,  
Thy sheaves are garnered, rest thee now,  
Sweet toil and blessed rest!

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## Work among Women in Bengal.

The *Indian Evangelical Review* in an article on missions in Bengal in 1884, speaks as follows of Zenana work:

"The number of Christian ladies devoted to this branch of labor is increasing year by year. The principal features of this department in 1884 are the increase of voluntary workers amongst the Bengali Christian ladies; and their organization into associations of their own, and the growing facilities for Bible work amongst the women, not only of the higher classes who are closely confined within the Zenanas, but also among the still more numer-

ous and poorer classes who are not so strictly secluded. To show the rapid development which is proceeding, it may be remarked that two ladies alone have nearly 500 houses in regular and systematic visitation. If there were only suitable persons available in sufficient number in the native Christian community, the work of Bible women might be almost indefinitely increased. Many testimonies are given to greater curiosity to possess, as well as to be acquainted with, portions of God's Word.

## Subsidence of Obstacles.

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No results wrought in modern missionary history more startlingly attest the hand of God than the *subsidence of opposing systems* which leaves the Gospel tides to flood the sinking land.

When the brig *Thaddeus*, with her seventeen missionaries, cast anchor off the coast of the Hawaiian group, how little that band of workers knew how God had prepared the Hawaiians for their approach! He had gone before them, and the old king was dead, the idols burned, the old pagan faith flung away as worthless, and the first death-blow struck at the tabu system. Here was a people without a religion; the isles were waiting for His law!

We talk of McAll's wonderful work in France. But the fields were white for the harvest when he crossed the Channel. Bouchard, Reveillaud and others, disgusted with papacy and priestcraft, were already, with Gambetta, protesting against clericalism as the *ſic* of France, and forsaking Romanism as the ally of ignorance and superstition. They were but the voice of a people rising in a new insurrection of thought and a new resurrection of conscience, after a thousand years of bondage and burial. Skepticism was the reaction from the atheism of Voltaire, and the people that can no longer feed on ashes are asking for the bread of life. And so the Gospel is flooding France, not so much because the tides have risen higher, as because God has let the continent below their level.

These are but instances out of hundreds, furnished by modern missions, of colossal barriers gradually or suddenly subsiding to let the Gospel floods and tides.

The fullness of the time has surely come for the last great crusade against the powers of darkness. Everything seems ready and ripe. Within the memory of those now living the doors of the continents have been thrown open or unhinged by the giant power of God. About fourscore missionary societies now are enclosing the world in a golden network of connected effort. Never did such opportunity offer before. The strong walls lie prostrate and we have only to march straight on, and take the strongholds. The Word of God is in almost every tongue, as though the Pentecost miracle