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## Editorial.

**NEW MISSIONARIES CALLED FOR.**—The recent Conference of our missionaries in India decided to appeal for two new male missionaries and two single ladies. The General Board approves of the appeal, and issues an invitation for volunteers. It is the belief of the Board, that if the right persons present themselves, special funds can be secured for sending them out. Secretary McDiarmid very impressively states the case as follows :

"The Executive has deep sympathy with the call from India, and is pained that the debt still upon us ties our hands from rendering the greatly needed help. We believe, however, that the means are in the hands of the Lord's people in our churches, both to wipe out this deficit and to meet this call, as well as to sustain the work now in hand. I am instructed, therefore, to issue this call for volunteers for India. There is no thought of sending new men until the means are provided for the purpose. But if India calls for men, and God calls men, the rest of us will surely see that the purpose of God to meet the crying need shall not be frustrated by any failure on our part to make the going possible. If we have before us for this service properly qualified and properly conditioned men, earnestly setting their faces towards India, and accepted by the Board, we as a people will surely not keep them waiting long for lack of financial means. We, therefore, issue this call for men whose hearts are set upon the work of the Gospel among the Telugus. The day of romance in mission work, if ever there was such a day, is gone. We have got down to solid and awful facts. There are millions of perishing souls. There is only one name under heaven whereby they must be saved. Our Lord's command is to tell the good news of this salvation to every creature. The work is hard. The privations are many. The divine reward for self-denying service is glorious. Who, wooed by these considerations is ready to say, "Send me?" This call does not refer to single ladies. Their case rests primarily with the women's Boards."

**JEWISH CONVERTS.**—Three intelligent Hebrews were recently baptized by Dr. W. C. P. Rhodes, into the fellowship of the Marcey Ave. Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**READY FOR EITHER.**—The seal of the American Baptist Missionary Union represents an ox standing between a plow and a smoking altar surmounted by a scroll with the above inscription. The device was borrowed by the late Dr. William R. Williams, from an old Jesuit work. Every Christian should be ready at all times, either to work for Christ or to be sacrificed in His cause. How many of us fall short of this standard of consecration!

**THREATENED FAMINE.**—The American and Canadian Telugu fields, which were little affected by the famine of last year, are already entering upon a period of great scarcity. One of the American missionaries writes "Famine is at hand. Prices of grain have been so high for a long time, that the people's resources have been exhausted. Every indication now is, that the heavy monsoon, which the people depend upon, is going to be a failure." Our readers will pray earnestly that this terrible calamity may be averted.

**LI HUNG CHANG ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.**—A letter of the great Chinese statesman, who visited this country some time ago, addressed to Rev. G. Reid, founder of the mission for the upper classes of Peking, has recently been published. He highly commends "the good work recently organized among the educated and official classes of China, through whom the masses may be readily enlightened by means of Western knowledge." "Unquestionably," he writes, "If you can give to the blind leaders of our people the light and learning enjoyed in the West, they, in turn, will lead our people out of their darkness."

**OUR CIRCULATION.**—During the recent period of financial depression there was a slight falling-off in the circulation of THE LINK. Twenty-five cents is not a large amount, to be sure, but some have been so pinched by poverty as to feel obliged to deny themselves the monthly visits of the missionary paper. Now that better times have come, will not all our subscribers make a special effort to increase our list? We are going to try to make the paper better and better, and it belongs to our friends to put it into as many homes as possible. We believe it will prove in each case a blessing to its readers, and a blessing to the cause of missions. Will not all who are in arrears renew at once?