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THOU SAYEST "GO."

Thou sayest to us,—“GO

And work while it is called to-day; the sun
Is high in heaven, the harvest but begun;
Can hands oft raised in prayer, can hearts that know
The beat of Mine, through love and pain, be slow
To soothe and strengthen?”—still Thou sayest,—
“Go;

Lift up your eyes and see where now the line
Of God hath fallen for you, one with Mine
Your lot and portion. Go, where none relieves,
Where no one pities, thrust the sickle in
And reap and bind, where toil and want and sin
Are standing white, for here My harvests grow:
Go, glean for Me mid wasted frames outworn,
Mid souls uncheered, uncared-for; hearts forlorn,
With care and grief acquainted long, unknown
To earthly friend, of Heaven unmindful grown;
In homes where no one loves, where none believes,
For here I gather in My goodly sheaves.”

Thou sayest to us,—“GO.”

—*Mission Studies.*

A practical theology must be a missionary theology. Here is a practical outworking of Christian experience that theology must express. The present conditions, moreover, are all the time in intolerable contradiction with the Christian assertion of what ought to be, and with Christ's sole purpose in coming to men. Hence the more close theology comes to life, and the more vital it keeps its conceptions and its contact with Christ, the more certainly missionary it will be. That theology will be missionary that has so vital a conception of the relation to God that it sees, on the one hand, the infinite richness of the life of the child of God, and, on the other hand, really enters into God's thought of sin and its loss and into his love for men; that sees the sin of men in the light of the love and holiness of God as a perpetual pain to God; that enters, therefore, into the double sympathy of Christ with God and with man, bearing in its measure the sin of the world; and that, consequently, must go to men with the same glad tidings and with the same seeking, suffering love with which Christ came.

—*President Henry C. King, of Oberlin College.*

We are pleased to learn from *The Helping Hand* that the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Missionary Union, U.S., have had a very successful financial closing of their year. They have a balance of \$1,400 on their account, with gifts for the Building Fund amounting to \$20,300. “This,” the Editor remarks “makes us glad, and it is a beautiful unselfish gladness, for it was not the money we sought, nor the success of our own plans, but the better equipment and added comfort of our dear missionaries.”

This is what our Societies are endeavoring to do in building the Bungalows for our dear missionaries and we hope every woman will share in it.

We regret that in publishing that beautiful story, “The Mission of the Thorn Bush,” in our May LINK, we unintentionally omitted crediting it to that excellent missionary magazine, *Life and Light*.

It will doubtless interest a number of people in this country to know that Vice Admiral Count Togo, the Commander of the Japanese fleet, and captains of three of the principal battleships of the Mikado's navy are converts to Christianity. Native Christians are indeed beginning to occupy many high and honorable positions in the state. Quite a long row of members of the lower and of the upper houses of parliament are Christians, and a number of the latter occupy seats on the judicial bench. Moreover, three of the largest daily newspapers of Tokyo are in the hands of Christians, and under the circumstances it cannot be denied that Christianity, with all that it involves in the way of civilization and enlightenment, is making its way quietly but surely in Japan.

In Japan the Bible Societies have provided a gift of 150,000 New Testaments and Gospels for the army. Each soldier is receiving a paper bound Gospel, each non-commissioned officer a cloth bound copy of the same, and each officer a New Testament.