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*"It seems needful that something should be said specially about the education of women. As regards their interests they have been unkindly treated—too much flattered, too little respected. They are shut up in a world of conventionalities, and naturally believe that to be the only world. The theory of their education seems to be that they should not be made companions of men, and some would say they certainly are not."*

— Friends in Council, B. I. ch. VIII

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QUEEN RANAVALONA III,  
OF MADAGASCAR.





## INTRODUCTION.

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THIS little book I give to the public, conscious of its defects and lack of literary finish. The author is an undergraduate and cannot hope to be able to make a valuable contribution to Literature. But this book, incorrect as it is, with its many errors of grammar and composition, has its MESSAGE. I feel assured that it will not fail to arouse the sympathy of those who read it, the women especially, in behalf of their unfortunate sisters in that dark land.

The facts herein given, though perhaps in some places misstated, are nevertheless a fair picture of woman's life in Africa, coming from one who has had ample opportunity to learn whereof he

writes, and who has coursing through his veins the same blood as those for whom this book pleads, and who has consecrated his life to the evangelization of his people.

This is the author's first plea in behalf of his native land, and how appropriate that it should be for those who constitute the prop and stay of the national fabric ; for no country can become great until it has pure, true, virtuous women, and Africa will take her place abreast of her sister continents only when her women are saved.

In short, our women must be educated. The infamous system of betrothing girls when three and four years old must be obliterated. *Polygamy must be wiped out of the land.* There are women in that country who would be as pure and good, who would make as blessed wives and

noble mothers, as those of any land were it not for the incestuous pandemonium in which they are incarcerated.

I beseech you, my lady readers, to take this matter to heart, and to help us in this great work for God and humanity. Remember, they will be educated and saved only when you will help us with the three means necessary for the work :

First, *Human forces* — “How shall they hear without a preacher ?”

Second, *Prayer*—“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Third, *Giving*—“Give ye them to eat.”

And God will reward you richly for doing this for His Name's sake.

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