

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

Dear Sisters—Heartiest greetings and good wishes for the New Year. May He who hath guarded and guided us "all the days," and brought us thus far on our journey, bless abundantly, above our feeble wishes and desires, each individual member of our society.

May the coming year find each one of us willing and glad to enter the doors of opportunity that will be opened for us. And may we seek to fit ourselves for whatever the Master's plans may be. May each sister realize that we need just what she can do, in order to make this year one of the best in our history. Let us do the little things that lie nearest to us, and God will take care of results.

Women have more influence for good in this world than they sometimes dream of. The ages are rolling on, and as they go, woman is being placed in her true sphere—the women of the nations are being exalted to their true positions, but with this exaltation comes added responsibility, and how are we as Christian women meeting our obligations regarding missionary work. We are commanded "to do with our might what our hand findeth to do," which means the things it is possible for us to do in our auxiliary in the strength of the knowledge that the Lord is our Rock, our God, our Strength in whom we trust.

God uses the yielded life. The earthen vessel, as well as the golden, if laid at His feet. We work for the eye of God. Results may lie hid from us now, but eternity will reveal that even the "cup of cold water" given in His name shall not be without its reward in the day of His unfolding.

Sisters do we realize how great is our commission, how wonderful our opportunity? Will you promise that with this New Year you will pray more fervently and work more earnestly to awaken a greater missionary interest in all who touch our lives? As we look over the field we cannot say by what we see in that survey, that there is less need of workers, or less work to be done now than in the past. Well might our Lord say today, "lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

The law of Christ's Kingdom is the law of service. Then how great is our privilege—Laborers together with God. "As the Father hath sent Me even so send I you." "The Lord hath called me, and said unto me, thou art my servant in whom I will be glorified, and my God shall be my strength." God covenants "to be our strong habitation whereunto we may continually resort." "The be-

loved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long." Is this not sufficient comfort for to-day, and assurance for tomorrow?

Let us, dear comrades, earnestly and prayerfully continue our work, assured that it is not in vain in the Lord, and let us try to make the future with God's blessing more prosperous than any previous year.

"Whatever things were good and true and gracious,
Whate'er of right has triumphed over wrong,
What love of God or man has rendered precious,
Let us remember long.

So, pondering well the lessons it has taught us,
We tenderly may bid the year 'Good-bye,'
Holding in memory the good it brought us,
Letting the evil die."

Yours in His service.
AUGUSTA SLIPP.
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HER UNBOUND FEET.

The *Missionary Review* tells that Madam Wu, wife of the Chinese minister at Washington, recently recalled to China, went back with unbound feet. Her residence in the United States so convinced her of the superiority of natural feet that she willingly endured the pain necessary to regain their normal shape. The toes that had been pressed back to the heel and kept tightly bandaged all the time, were gradually allowed to assume the natural position, until finally the bandages were removed entirely, and she could walk with ease. She said, in speaking of her feet: "My feet are quite big now. But I do not care, for I am not in sympathy with the little-foot practice in my country. It is unnatural and deprives a woman of so much that is beautiful and useful in life." She also said: "There are many English customs which I like and shall introduce in China. The Chinese women are eager to take their places in life along with the women of other nations, and I hope it will not be long before they will be given a reasonable amount of freedom."

LANGUAGES IN INDIA.

Twenty-eight languages are spoken in India and none of these are spoken by fewer than 400,000 persons, while the most general is the mother tongue of 85,500,000. Besides these there are in the remotest parts of the country dialects spoken by no more than 500 persons, which none other than themselves can interpret. India has nine great creeds, numbering their followers from the 208,000,000 Hindoos down to the 9-250,000 Animistics and the innumerable sects included in the 43,000 "others."

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MISSION NOTES.

—The "Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated into Galoa, one of the Congo languages, by a French missionary, M. Jacot.

—Two years ago, only 2,226 Protestant Episcopal churches gave to missions and this year 4,183 gave, and their gifts ran \$160,000 over the record of two years ago.

—The diversity of tongues to be found in one country is often a matter of surprise. Last year the Bible Society's agents sold the Scriptures in 53 languages in the Russian Empire, in 28 languages in Burmah, in 30 in South Malaysia, and in 53 in Egypt.

—The organ of the Salvation Army in India gives an account of the demolition of an idol temple at Kuttikal. The headman of the village delivered the belongings of the temple to the Christian, saying: "We have worshipped and served these gods all our lives, but from this day forward we wish it known that we renounce all but the worship of Jesus and as a sign of our determination we hand over to you the sacred temple articles."

—The Basuto Mission (South Africa) a jewel in the crown of French Protestantism, has now 14,168 souls in membership, of whom no less than 1,492 were added during the year. There are also 7,352 candidates for baptism throughout the country, and 12,734 children at school. The whole population of Basutoland amounts to 272,770. Last year, by the aid of the London Auxiliary for the support of native Basuto evangelists, now fewer than 27 new out-stations were started.

BABY'S DANGER.

The fact that so-called soothing medicines put children to sleep is no sign that they are helpful. On the contrary they are dangerous and distinctly harmful—the little one has been merely drugged into temporary insensibility, the seat of the trouble has not been reached. Never give a child an opiate except under the watchful eye of a competent physician, and remember that all "soothing" medicines contain opiates. When your little one is not well, when it has any little stomach or bowel trouble, or any of the minor ailments of little ones give it Baby's Own Tablets, and it will be safe. This medicine is sold under a guarantee that it contains no opiate or harmful drug. Ask any mother who has used this medicine and she will tell you how her little one has thrived and grown well and strong after taking the Tablets. Mr. T. B. Mitchell, the well known druggist, Oshawa, Ont., says:—"I can safely recommend Baby's Own Tablets from the splendid results they have given my customers and from having used them in our own home." You can get the Tablets from any druggist or by mail from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 25 cents a box.

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