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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Readers of the LINK:

"The Lord hath girded me with strength unto the battle." That was my verse for this morning. I thought as I looked out at the clear blue sky, and green trees, and beautiful water, summer comes with so much of healing for weariness, to many it brings some relaxation, and to most a bit of "God's out of doors." It is all girding us for the battle. I hope when September comes we will have a sense of the well-being of life and say, Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle. But, if not, we remember the battle is not always to the strong. And we know, as did Asa of old, "It is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power."

When holidays are over and we take hold of our duties for the Fall, we women fairly sigh as we collect in our minds the many things we feel we should accomplish in the next few weeks. It was Michael Angelo who said some such words as these: "Perfection is made up of detail, yet perfection is no detail." So we must meet each of these details of life as an artist who makes studies of each small part of his great canvas with conscientious care, then fits all together in one great scheme. So with us in so much as each of the many small things is well done, will the whole be good. This is so in all departments of life.

I wonder what part you are planning to take in the world's great work this season. There is of course world-wide work in commerce and knowledge of every sort. But the great world's work means to you and to me, taking or sending Jesus to everyone—that is the most-needed, world-wide work after all. Even worldly people begin to realize that righteousness is the only solution to national or individual problems. So ask yourselves, "What little piece of the great scheme am I going to take over this year?" Do not say, "Nothing this time; perhaps later, I'll try," because we all know what procrastination means and ends in, and the years are so short and so few and the fields are white already for the harvest. So think what you may do, and ask God to gird you with strength for it.

Perhaps you are as I was last Summer, free from any particular responsibility of office or duty, and thinking it would be good to be so for a while, knowing time would be full and plenty of ways would appear to help here and there. But before many weeks passed I was asked to consider whether I could be president of our Foreign Mission Society (West), as our dear president, Mrs. McLaurin, felt she could not carry it much longer. I was at sea for a while, but thought—God may have sent this to be my little piece, just now, in the great design, so I should go on with it, with care and enthusiasm and joy and not shirk or wish for some other piece, or be half-hearted. So I have learned to love this part of the work even more than before. When we set our heart and hand to things it is always so. We grow to love the people we work for, and the people we work with. This Circle work is a school to broaden mind and heart and soul, don't fail to take advantage of it.