

entering the third quarter of our denominational year, a brief statement concerning our finances may be hailed with satisfaction by our interested sisterhood. It may be there is no part of our work which denotes growing or waning strength, a vigorous or weakened condition with a certainty as unmistakable as the treasury. Special missionary meetings always bringing the corresponding offering, increased interest in our hearts, is always followed with the gift laid at the Master's feet.

Will you pardon me if I suggest one direction in which work should be done, and unused talents consecrated, and the results would be beneficial to every department of church and society. I refer to the holding of public missionary meetings. Each society should have at least two every year. One in the interest of foreign missions, and one for the home work. I realize the shrinking, and the feeling that it cannot be done experienced by many; but before me lies the abundant proof to the contrary. We have on our list societies who are weak as the weakest, but who regularly hold their public meetings. These never complain of lack in interest, and are not short-lived. To our large societies a missionary program is only a small item. Let us see that this year does not close without our public gathering being held. If this suggestion were adopted by all, I believe it would prove the greatest human impetus to our work we have ever had, and give the largest financial results.

A word in the interest of Home Missions. We must consider this object more, and increase our gifts to it. We must plan for its needs, and to redeem our pledge for its support. Less has been paid in this year than last at this date. We closed last year with a deficit and we should never allow that to occur again, and to prevent it we must have increased interest, and each one give a little more time, thought and money. Let us attend to this need.

We are pleased to report Foreign Mission receipts in advance of last year. If there is no slackening, but a pressing forward to do the greater things, the close of this, the last year of the century, will prove to be our best in helping to extend the Master's kingdom in the world.