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## HOME OR FOREIGN, VISITOR OR LINK.

When, oh when is there ever a more pernicious use of that little word "or" than when it is used to make a choice between the two great sides of the Church's and Circle's task in missions. Even in this year of grace, 1912, we sometimes hear of Crusade workers going out to recruit new Circle members, and asking if this one or that one wishes to join the Home Circle, or if she wishes to join the Foreign Circle. Not so long ago but that we can yet name the date did we hear a Director give a report of her work, in which she told in glowing terms of the progress in one side of our enterprise, and never intimated by word or sign, that there was any other department of our work in existence. Why—why, is it that because years ago, for a very short space of time, the women of our churches had separate organizations for these two sides of missionary activity,—why, when for years and years there has been provided a more excellent way; why have so many of our people failed entirely to grasp the fact that the Circle is not a Home Circle, not a Foreign Circle, but simply a Circle which divides its offerings between two great branches of our denomination's work. We plead with every single leader of our Circle work—be she Director, President, Secretary, Crusade Worker, or Convener of Programme Committee, to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" this fact very thoroughly and resolve that she at least will never ask anyone to connect herself with a Home Circle or a Foreign Circle, but with the Circle; that she will never in her Circle fees, give herself or ask others to give, to this or that department, but to this and that department,—the Circle Treasury;—that she will never make the education and entertainment of our Circle meetings one-sided, but that they shall be planned to develop all-round knowledge of all the vast enterprises our denomination has in charge. And what is true of our Circle work is true of our papers' interests. Why does any agent from "Dan to Beersheba" ever ask

anyone to take the "Visitor" or "Link"? They are not two papers dealing with the same news, and covering in any sense the same ground. They do not overlap in any particular. They deal with two entirely different sides of our work, and each deals with the one side exclusively. The taking of one and only one, means that the subscriber is hopelessly one-sided and must of necessity be so. Again we urge with all the emphasis at command that no President, Collector, Agent (if she be Agent for both), ever allow herself to ask for subscriptions to "Visitor" or "Link," but that she shall do her share towards a unified and well-rounded Circle efficiency by pushing, by every means within her power, the circulation of both magazines.

## MISSIONARY NEWS.

Vienna is one of the five great Roman Catholic cities of the world, and Austria itself is counted one of the last strongholds of Rome. And yet the day is breaking even there. For thirteen years the "Los von Rom" movement has existed, and has influenced hundreds and thousands each year to break their bonds. In Vienna alone there are 76,721 Protestants, and last year 5,190 were converted to Protestantism.

The Young Women's Christian Association and the World's Christian Student Federation are responsible for the introduction into a number of European universities of the "foyers" or centres for women students, which provide a meeting place for the young women, and also an opportunity to influence them religiously. Paris has one for French girls at the Sorbonne, and another for English-speaking students; a new one has been started at the University of Sophia, Bulgaria, and still others are at the Universities of Naples and St. Petersburg.

The United States of Brazil is making haste to force its way from the ranks of the backward nations. There are now over 3,000 post-offices,—the telegraph