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WITH this issue the LINK closes the first year of its present editorial management. It has been a pleasant service, though the paper has not attained to all that we could wish. On account of change of publishers much inconvenience in time of issue and mailing has been experienced, but we hope it will not occur again. We have had much to encourage us in the kindly commendations expressed, the increased circulation of the paper, the prompt payment of so many subscriptions, and the faithful co-operation of our agents, for all of which we would express our thanks. Finally, "lest we forget," subscriptions for the LINK are *strictly in advance*. This is needful, as bills for publishing are paid monthly, and this year our new mailing list has been heavy extra expense. If any in arrears would therefore kindly forward their dues they would help by so much to ease and gladden the Editor.

AFRICA.—How many there are who have thanked God for the peace so long desired. Not for the ending of war's miseries alone, but for the establishment of a better rule, and especially for the opening of a wider and more effectual door for the Gospel. Cheering news has been received of Ethiopia stretching out her hands to God in large sections of that long-benighted country; but British rule over so large a territory must mean a new era, religiously as well as otherwise, for Africa.

BISHOP THOBURN says, "If every Protestant Christian were to give but *one dollar* a year there would be enough funds to evangelize the world in this generation." There are many ready to go, but "how can they preach except they be sent." "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch," whence were sent forth those two peerless pioneer missionaries, Paul and Barnabas; and ever since Christ's disciples may rightfully be called Christians, as they are willing to deny themselves to extend the Gospel to others. Paul said (2 Cor.

10: 15, 16) "Having hope, as your faith increaseth, to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond you." And so says every true missionary ever since.

THIRTY YEARS IN JAPAN.—Thirty years ago in Japan the Scriptures were printed secretly, and copies were sent out only after dark. Those who performed this work did so at the risk of their lives. Now there is a Christian printing company at Yokohama, issuing the Scriptures in Japanese, Chinese, Tibetan, Korean, and two dialects of the Philippine Islands. Last year there were circulated in Japan over 138,000 copies more than the previous year. There is in Japan a "Scripture Union," with 10,000 members, who agree to read a specified portion of the Bible every day.

MISSSES HATCH AND McLAURIN enjoyed a most delightful voyage on the first part of their journey home. They expect to sail from Glasgow by S.S. "Columbia," on June 14th, and hope to be in Toronto by about the 30th of June. We are very thankful for the news that the sea voyage has done Miss Hatch much good.

THE MAY number of *The Missionary Review of the World* contained articles particularly interesting and stimulating, especially Dr. Pierson's (the Editor-in-chief) on "The Divine Link Between Prophecy and Missions"; and Robert E. Speer's (Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions) on "The Resources of the Christian Church for the Evangelization of the World." Those who would have their outlook broadened, their interest deepened, and their faith strengthened in this grandest of modern movements, Foreign Missions, would do well to read, in addition to their own religious and missionary papers, this magazine. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, N.Y. \$2.50 a year.