

the "rose of Sharon the lily of the valley and the One altogether lovely."

"So much of joy the summer held for me—  
The wondrous turquoise reaches of the sea,  
The wave-tossed tinted shells upon the strand,  
The pebbles glowing redly from the sand:  
Sweet idle time to watch the curlews pass  
Between the ranks of swaying salt-marsh grass,  
Yet, somehow, at the summer's ending, when  
I saw the lights of home shine out again,  
I sent no backward yearning to the sea,  
And all the joys the summer held for me.  
Regretful tears were far away. Instead,  
'The coming home is best of all' I said,  
So let it be, dear Christ, when bye-and-bye,  
My happy summer here is spent, that I  
May take my way unsoftened toward the place  
That needs no light but shining of Thy face.  
Thy smile will be so loving, I shall say,  
'My summer-time was glad and flew away  
On wings that seemed too fast and fleet, and yet  
I somehow feel no yearning, no regret,  
No wish that summer landscape to recall,  
For coming home is sweetest, after all.'"

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#### HOW THE CIRCLES MAY HELP TO CELEBRATE THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF OUR F. M. C.

The announcement that Jarvis St. church has invited the Women's Convention when we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the organizing of Circles, has given general satisfaction.

Already many are anticipating the good times we shall have on that auspicious occasion. The largest and most enthusiastic meeting the women have ever held will be the one to be held this Fall in Toronto, Jarvis St. church. And we shall all rejoice to hear how the tiny mustard seed planted there, has grown to a mighty tree, whose branches reach to the uttermost parts of the earth.

But only a few, comparatively speaking, will have the privilege of attending the Convention. So how those who stay at home may share in this celebration is the theme of this article.

An invitation to a Silver Anniversary means that, whether we go or not, we are expected to make a suitable gift.

All our Circles have invitations. What shall we send to the Treasurer to cheer her in the work, to encourage our Board, and perhaps help to reduce

that regular nightmare of a deficit—\$8000—staring the people in the face?

Surely, in all these years, there has never been a time we needed to pray, work and give, like the present.

Loud is the call for reinforcements, but no money to send any. If the facts of the case took hold of our hearts, and the women "had a mind to work," we could show our gratitude to God for His mercies to us as Christian women, and as a Society, by contributing enough money this year to send a new missionary to India.

I would like to suggest three ways of doing this, and hope others may give us their plans:

1st. Are there not some who have long wanted to make themselves Life Members? What more appropriate time? Why not do it this year?

2nd. If no one in your Circle can afford to give \$25 for this purpose, why not the Circle raise that amount and make some veteran worker a Life Member?

3rd. Let each Circle make a special effort to add to its membership all the new members possible, and our larger churches set before them the aim of at least 25 new members.

So all working together, all will have a share in the Harvest Home.

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#### FOUR GREAT NEEDS.

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It is much easier to preach than to practise. It is much easier to find fault than to improve upon that which we criticise. Destruction is much easier than construction. We would much rather mention some things which are worthy of commendation than mention some things wherein we have reason for humiliation. But we must know where our defects are before we can remove them and we must find out or be told of our weaknesses before we can "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." That were a very foolish soldier who would feel unkindly towards a friend who pointed out the weak places in the fortification. We are waging a bloodless war for King Immanuel, but if we are perfectly honest in our statements we are not having as many victories as we ought to have, and as we must have, if we are going to win the world for God.

Now what are some of the particulars in which we need to improve our methods of warfare and change our tactics in our conquests for Christ? What are