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UR Prayer this month must be for the Board of Managers of our Woman's Missionary Society, and surely they need the help of our prayers that they may wisely and well perform the duties of their responsible positions. There will be questions to decide this year which will call for the united wisdom and best judgment of these "Elect Ladies," and feeling the need of the wisdom that comes from above, they will ask for it, as Solomon asked for it in the days of his youth, and the God and Father who was so pleased with his request that He gave it "more abundantly," will surely out of His abundance supply their need.

There is a story of a Leader of men, long ages ago, who found the burden imposed on him too heavy for his strength, but when it was divided among many, hope and courage were given him to fight the battles of the Lord. This same Leader, on whose hands, humanly speaking, depended victory for God, was obliged to have his hands sustained by two of his brethren until the going down of the sun, and victory was assured.

This is History—as true as the history we are making to-day—and it has been left on record to serve as an object lesson for us as well as for the Jews, showing that those who are put in the responsible positions of life must be sustained by the help and sympathy and prayers of their fellow workers.

Do we realize that we are taking a new blank missionary year, fresh from the hand of God, to be filled in *for Him* with kind little deeds, brave little self-denials, and all the little sacrifices that are made for *Love's sake*!

Just now we are in the transition state, "winding up" the affairs of the year; but next month we anticipate that our little paper will be fairly "bristling with points!" There will be so much to tell, so much good news from the Branches, that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth will speak." We invite contributions from all.

This is just the time to subscribe for the PALM BRANCH—the first quarter of the new year. We are going to make it self-supporting this year! Special, self-sacrificing efforts may be needed, but we will do it! "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together!" That is what is needed.

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We give two of the Three Minute Papers this month, read at the "Annual Meeting of the City Auxiliaries," St. John. They will be found interesting and helpful.

WORDS OF CHEER.

I have a heritage of joy,
 Which yet I cannot see,
 But the Hand which bled to make it mine
 Is keeping it for me! WARING.

"PILGRIM'S PROGRESS" IN A SIAMESE TEMPLE.

What would good John Bunyan say if he could have seen some of the places to which his story of the Pilgrim would go? In India, China and Japan we find people taking just the same pleasure in the quaint old story that we do. And now Pilgrim has gone to preach in a Buddhist wat or temple. This book was sold to the head priest by Mr. McGilvary when he was making a missionary visit to one of the Laos towns. You can imagine how pleased the missionary was to see the priest in his yellow robes coming with his new book to get a little help about the reading of it. The next day he came again, and the third day he was able to read pretty well. He was interested in the story, and I am sure that the story of Pilgrim would make him more and more interested in the story of that Cross where all pilgrims of every name and nation can lose their burden of sin.—*M. L. B. in Over Sea and Land.*