

## Woman's Work.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—  
PHIL. iv. 13.

WITH this number of the OUTLOOK we begin the New Year. No doubt many of our missionary workers have resolved to redouble their diligence and put forth greater efforts, that this year may be crowned with success above all that are past.

Among our Methodist women there are very many who as yet have shown no disposition to enlist in this work. Many among them are living literally "at ease in Zion," enjoying the priceless blessings procured by the Gospel of Christ for women, without thought for the thousands living in ignorance of the name of Jesus. There are scores of such women in almost every church. We believe the Woman's Missionary Society has a mission to them. Do not only call upon them when you want money, but make a point to visit them for the purpose of kindling their interest in the good work. Lend them missionary papers; invite them to the meetings, and when they attend, see that they are introduced and made to feel at home. Let their views be respected, and see that they are offered some work to do. We have known instances of strangers attending a meeting and being left unnoticed, who felt that they had no lot there, and could not take time to go and watch a few say and do everything.

It is said the Mohammedans have ninety-nine names for God, but among them all they have not "Our Father."

THE obligation to extend the kingdom of Christ rests upon each and every follower of our Lord and Master. The command to "go and preach" implies also the command "to send." We who are not called to go are required to send. Let us remember kindly those who have left home and friends for Christ's sake; let us heed their calls for help, and see to it that doors they have opened shall not be closed for want of help. Let us specially remember those in our most uninviting fields, where congenial society greatly lacks, and the refinements of our civilization are almost unknown. Why not send them books and papers fresh from the press, and bright, newsy pictures of home life? Above all, let us bring them before the Church in our prayer-meetings, that the thoughts and petitions of the people may go out after them.

IN our missionary prayer-meeting let us remember particularly to pray for the native Christians. The

importance of their relation to the progress of the work of God cannot be over-estimated. Its permanency must be accomplished by the native Christian population.

"EIGHTY-FIVE years ago," says the *Missionary Herald*, "the Directors of the East India Company placed on solemn record:—'The sending of Christian missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarrantable project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast.' A few months since, Sir Rivers Thompson, Lieut.-Governor of Bengal, said: 'In my judgment, Christian missionaries have done more real and lasting good to the people of India, than all other agencies combined.'"

WE commend to the thoughtful perusal of our women, the following extract from an address by one of America's foremost ministers, Rev. Dr. Storrs. Speaking of our need of the early enthusiasm, only exalted and intensified in us if we would do the work for which our times call, he says:—"It is largely the function, I cannot but think, of Christian women, to inspire and sustain such an enthusiasm in the service of One to whom their sex has owed so much. Woman represents, and largely is, the conscience and the heart of Christendom. Conviction in her has spiritual efficacy. Love kindles judgment, and high purpose is sublimated in passion. More than man she beat down slavery in this country. More than man she is to mould the future of the world.

"It is no mere figure of speech which presents the Church as the Bride of Christ; and which shows the woman, seen in heaven, arrayed with the sun, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Now, more than ever before, the earth of the prophecy helps the woman, and gives to her immense opportunity. The shining and stimulating fervor of spirit in matrons and maidens, to whom was revealed the heavenly Lord, has been to this Board a beauty and a power from the beginning; never more than in the late years. Their delicate hands hold at this hour, I firmly believe, the levers which must lift the moral and Christian civilization of the world. It is theirs to set in swifter motion the wheels of beryl, vivid with life, which are under the throne. It is theirs to open for tribes and peoples the gates of life. With that intense and exhilarating temper, of which we already have felt the blessing, universal among them, and subtly diffused through homes and congregations, the appearing brightness will be as the appearance of the bow in the cloud in the day of rain, for the one thing wanting to the Church of our day will at last be supplied—its desire will equal its power, its zeal will match its mighty occasions."