

During the Ecumenical Conference, held in New York, 1900, a long contemplated plan to unite all Woman's Boards of Missions in Canada and the United States in a more thorough study of missions, took definite shape. At a meeting held at the close of the Conference, a representative committee was appointed and was given power to arrange such a course of study and the best means of its pursuance.

After much time and labor had been spent a course of books has been prepared of a denominational character, which fills the need that has been universally felt in the Woman's work.

Four books have been published, and are "Via Christie," which treats of missions from the apostles age to the period of modern effort; "Lux Christi" is a study of India; "Rex Christus" tells us of China's teeming millions and missions among them. "Dux Christus," the book of the series laid down for study in 1905, records missionary efforts in Japan. The study of "Dux Christus" will be peculiarly interesting at the present time, considering the fact that the world's eyes are upon this progressive nation of the East, Japan bids fair to be one of the first of the world's powers, and our study of "Dux Christus" will throw light upon many phases of their national life and character.

These books have been received with great unexpected enthusiasm in the United States and Great Britain, as well as Canada.

Their value is far-reaching, can hardly be calculated. An excellent example of the result of study "Lux Christi" we have in Miss Bars' admirable paper upon India, to be found in this issue of the LINK. May many more such efforts be forthcoming, and such would certainly be the case if the books were more generally used in our societies.

Let us earnestly urge these studies upon our societies. Study upon any subject broadens the mind and intellect. If each member of societies mastered this course of mission study already published and those to be published in the following years, each individual would have developed in two ways, mentally and spiritually. Would not the intellectual calibre of our societies be improved as well?

It is a praiseworthy thing to gain all the information we can of our Telegu Missions, but do not let the boundary of our Telegu field be the limit of our horizon! Other denominations are doing and are doing as great and grand things in evangelizing the millions of the earth as we

have. Let us widen our views and find what the prospects are upon other fields than our own.

A more intimate knowledge of the mission field will bring more vividly to our consciences the needs of them, both temporal and spiritual. Increasing gifts of money will be given, our prayers more intelligently made, not the rambling petitions so often heard, though well meant.

Some one has said, "Opportunity is obligation, true sense of obligation is inspiration." To a child of God an opportunity is a claim, an obligation, and is thus inescapable. If God has given us all an opportunity for higher individual development, and as a subsequent result, increased advancement of our Christian lives, is it not our duty to ask, "Can we conscientiously escape? God holds us responsible as stewards for our lives and the powers He has given us, let us make the best possible use of them, be true to our trust.

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READINGS.

"Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," 1c.; "The Man who died for Me," 1c.; "Crete Blaken Way," 1c.; "Mrs. Ashmiad's Bureau Drawer," 1c.; "Rose Leaven," 2c.; "Mrs. Gibson's Giving," 2c.; "A Helpmeet for Him," 2c.; "She hath done what she Thought she Couldn't," 1c.; "Wasted Linen," 3c.;

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"Willie's Mitts," 1c.; "T'other and Which," 1c.; "A Missionary Potato," 1c.; "Six Girls," 1c.; "Young People and Missions," 1c.; "A Pink and White Missionary," 2c.; "Story 7 Satakia," 2c.

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The end of life is not to do good, though many of us think so. It is not to win souls, although I once thought so. The end of life is to do the will of God.

How can you build up a life on that principle? Let me give you an outline of a Bible reading: The object of life, "I come to do Thy will, O God."

The first thing you need after life is food, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." The next thing you need after food is society. "He that doeth the will of My Father in heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother." You want education, "Teach me to do Thy will, O God."

You want pleasure, "I delight to do Thy will, O God."

A whole life can be built up on that one vertical column, and then, when all is over, "he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—Henry Drummond.