

GOOD MORNING ROUND THE WORLD.

The Spanish "good morning's" "Buena diaz,"
 "Bon dia" 's the Portuguese wish as you pass;

And as over the sea
 The daylight shall flee,

The same in Brazil its new welcome shall be.

So over the earth the good greeting shall fly,
 And each in his own way shall speak and reply.

But one thought is found,

Whatever the sound,

And Good morning's Good morning, the whole world
 around.

—St. Nicholas.

THE END.

FIELD STUDY FOR SEPTEMBER.

Another Year for Jesus.—Retrospect and Prospect.

MONTH by month we have studied the needs of the heathen world, following the missionaries in their efforts to teach the Gospel. Now we are asked to turn our attention to the work at home. By a thorough review of our work in the past we may learn how to make wise plans for the future. This is necessary. The work abroad would soon fail for lack of support if the home work were not carefully done.

I heard a bright girl say, "I wish we were going to have the African Mission. It would be a new field to study." One field that is open to us is the training of the little folk. Give them the same patient effort some one else has given us, teaching them to sing and recite. The Japanese, Chinese, and Indian customs, that seem an old story to us, will interest them, if told in a bright way. We will be likely to find that we don't know *everything* about our fields after all, but this need not discourage us.

"Have you a good society?" "Well, a number attend, but there is no soul, they don't pull together." I read lately a story of a ship on her first voyage; each rivet and bolt, and piece of steel in her, refusing to give way in the least in the tug and strain of her first battle with the Atlantic ocean. At last they understood what was required; when the shock came, each yielded a little, and ceasing to be so many pieces of steel and iron, the ship found herself. I thought how suggestive, and wished that every Mission Band in our Society had "found herself."

We need to pray about the business details of our work. We miss many blessings when we neglect this. For instance, the Corresponding Secretary comes in contact with each member of the Band at least twelve times in the year, when distributing PALM BRANCHES, Missionary literature, etc. How soon this

duty becomes a weariness and vexation many a secretary can tell. Let her take it as work for Christ, praying that each paper may help to widen His kingdom, and she will find numberless ways of helping. Tell those who seem losing interest they were missed at the last meeting, or some helpful article may be pointed out, and so some who might otherwise drop out, may be kept in touch with the work by a faithful secretary.

' When Paul told the story of his life to Agrippa, he gave the secret of its success in these words: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." We might never have heard of the great missionary to the Gentiles had he just ceased to persecute, and not "straightway preached Jesus." There are times when the heavenly vision comes to each of us—moments when heaven seems nearer, and our eyes are opened to possibilities of work for Christ that we had not dreamed of—words to speak for Him, plans that will take thought, time and care to carry out; but alas how often we *are* disobedient to the heavenly vision. We go out from the precious service we found so helpful, or the hour of communion in our closets when we climbed high enough to take a wider view of the things that are earthly and the things that are heavenly, and instead of crystalizing the thought into action suffer the holy influence to be frittered away, forgetting that

"Tasks in hours of insight willed,
 May be in hours of gloom fulfilled."

"Therefore be ye *steadfast*, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

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QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

What have we done, month by month, this Missionary year?

What are we asked to do now?

How can we make wise plans for the future?

What would cause the work abroad to fail?

What one field is open to us?

Show some ways of doing good in that field?

Will you explain about the ship?

What do we need to pray about as one part of our work?

Will you tell us what may be done by a faithful secretary?

How will she find many ways of helping?

What was the secret of St. Paul's success?

Does the heavenly vision ever come to us?

How are we sometimes disobedient to it?

Will you repeat the Bible verse which tells us how we are to do our work, which is also the work of the Lord?