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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all who read the Link! May the work in which we are united help to make it a Happy New Year also to many in far-off India and Bolivia! May the coming days bring to us all a wider vision of the world's needs and a deeper sense of our own responsibility, and may the joy of service enrich our lives as never before!

Let us remember the United Day of Prayer for Missions arranged for January 7th! An outline program was given in the December Link. It will be inspiring and helpful in many ways to come into touch for a day with the splendid foreign mission work done by the women of other communions. It is good to sometimes look beyond our own little preserve, to fellowship with other workers and to let our sympathies and our prayers reach out to all the world.

In "Convention Jottings" last month the Editor noted the rejoicing over the fact that exchange was again at par. It did not occur to her that this fact could possibly lead to any decrease in our giving. Since then she has heard some one wondering whether this might be so.

Surely those who felt impelled last year to pay the exchange on their own gifts will now not give less but will rejoice that this extra giving can go toward supplying some of the many needs of our always expanding work. *Those Estimates*—Did you read them in last month's Link with your imagination as well as with your eyes?

Our Treasurer, in giving a talk at a thank-offering meeting the other evening, called our Estimates "reasons for being thankful." Was she not right? Let your imagination play about the items! Those little salaries—how small as compared

with the salaries of teachers and business women in Canada—yet they secure for us the services of a cultured, consecrated, capable band of women who give themselves without reserve to the most unselfish, sacrificial work on our behalf. Think of their work as day by day and month by month they touch a multitude of ignorant degraded lives and give them the Gospel message. Think of our schools and what they mean for the uplift and enlightening of thousands of young lives, and through them of many homes. Think of the Bible women and their gracious influence in the villages and towns as they tell day by day the story of the new life in Christ. Follow our doctors through their crowded days filled with loving and healing ministry.

Shall we not be thankful, too, for the special opportunity for helping those wonderful Cocanada Schools that just now so much need our help? Miss Hatch tells us that promising girls, eager to be sent to the boarding school, often have to be disappointed for lack of room. Surely we should sing a perpetual hymn of praise that our little gifts give us a share in these great undertakings.

Let us remember, too, that every department of our work is hampered for lack of money. On every side the needs call for enlargement, larger buildings, more schools, better equipment for our medical work, more bible-women, and above all, more missionaries.

Our new investment in Bolivia, too, makes a new demand upon our treasury.

Who would give less this year than last, even though exchange may remain at par? Rather as our own blessings multiply with the years, may we not each year by our larger gifts claim a larger share in our great expanding foreign mission work?

Miss Rogers has received a letter from