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"Thy Kingdom Come."

Every time we repeat the prayer "Thy Kingdom come" we acknowledge our share in the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. The church that is doing most for the spread of the gospel is the church that lives nearest the standard of Christian duty. There is no distinction as "Home" and "Foreign" missions—the command is to preach the gospel to every creature. We cannot all go forth as missionaries, but we can help in sending some who are worthy representatives of our religion.

If Christianity is true, there is no escape from the brotherhood of man. We may try to ignore the fact, but we are kindred of all the races of men; and if we will not perform the duty that this relationship imposes—if we are indifferent to their needs—if we will not share with them our blessings, they will share with us their moral plagues and disorders.

The duty which this truth imposes is personal consecration, for how can the gospel be better preached than by the living epistle? We are liable to lose the individual in the church, and to judge where the society is working, it matters little whether we do our part. But no matter how successful a church may be, it is not as successful as it would

be were the personal influence added. A congregation composed of members whose lives correspond with their profession has a wider influence than when the work is left to a few, however capable and energetic they may be. Realise the duty involved in church membership, and there is no fear but that by your gifts and example you shall proclaim the Kingdom of God. Instead of regretting that your sphere is humble, rejoice that the Kingdom of God is so wide and that you are permitted to share in its advancement. The soldier of most humble rank considers it an honour that he took part in the conflict that added to his country's greatness and renown. Shall we be less sensible to the glory of our Redeemer's Kingdom? Let us labour, watch and pray, remembering that God's blessing attends God's work.

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The annual meeting of the St. John Presbyterial of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in old St. Paul's Kirk, Fredericton, on Wednesday and Thursday, July 7 and 8. Mrs. J. M. Robinson, of Moncton, presided, and called the meeting to order on Wednesday morning. After devotional exercises and roll call Mrs. MacFarlane, on behalf of the Fredericton Auxiliary, welcomed the visitors, to which a