

of ministers, superintendents, missionary committees, women's organizations and programme committees to provide what they think will be the most effective inspiration to their respective audiences, has very often made them inconsiderate both of the missionary and the Board, and it is to be feared that the present tense as well as the past, must still be used in this connection.

The Women's Societies and their officers have been by no means the least offenders along this line. It is easily understood that the women who have in hand the task, by no means easy, of rousing and maintaining interest in a far-away cause, feel that the inspiration of a visit from one who knows the needs and the opportunities and the results, from personal experience, will be greater and more lasting than that from any other plan they can devise. And because this is recognized, the Board does encourage the performing of this service where it is possible without injury to the primary purpose of the furlough.

The societies, committees, etc., cannot be censured for wanting the missionary; nor can they be censured for asking him or her. But surely we are right in saying that, out of consideration for the missionary, the responsibility of saying "Yes" ought not to be placed on his shoulders; and also, that every member of every society ought to be entirely in accord with the Board in "putting first things first" in furlough as in other things.

Regarding the requests being made to the missionaries rather than to an officer of the Board, it is, as the children say, "no fair." Any man or woman engaged in a profession or business in which he wishes to succeed, or which he wishes to see succeed, will give himself or herself to the interests of that undertaking to the limit of his strength, and usually beyond it. There are very few of us who can claim to be wise in this regard, and who know when to stop. This is as true of the missionary as of any other, and no one should place him or her in a position where he may assent to the request, forgetting his own and his work's best interests, or, if he refuse, feel he may be laying himself open to the charge of unwillingness to serve his cause.

In making request to the Board, or to any one of the Boards, through its secretary, one and all, may be assured

that the interests of all sides of the work will be considered; that here at home the work in India and Bolivia needs to be presented, and presented in the best way possible; but also that the mission field needs its trained leaders, and needs them with their highest working efficiency, and therefore that the chief purpose of this or that missionary's furlough, of the heavy expense involved, of the year's loss of service, is to return him to his field fully refreshed in body and mind.

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**"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD WE  
WILL SET FORWARD OUR  
BANNERS."**

These words might well be the motto of the women who are just now inaugurating a forward movement in our Home and Foreign work. There have been for some years Young Women's Circles or Auxiliaries here and there among our churches, but only here and there.

Both the Home and Foreign Boards have been feeling, for some time past, that there was a field white unto harvest among the girls and young women, and now has come, apparently, the psychological moment to gather it in. We all knew, and we all know, that there is a host of girls in our churches who are not working for, and learning of, and giving to, Missions, just because there is no place into which they fit. They are either not quite ready to join with the women in their Circles, or they are engaged in some profession or business during the day, and so not able to join any club meeting in the afternoon.

Miss Ellis, of Moulton College, came to us just at the right moment, with an enthusiasm for Missions, with an appreciation of our "weak link," and also with practical experience of how best to inaugurate and develop some movement which will make good the deficiency. The Boards have discussed, the committees have met separately and jointly, resolutions have been drawn up; and now the ball has been started rolling, for Toronto at least, by a meeting of representatives from every church in the city, women from the Circle, young women from the seven existing Young Women's Circles, and leaders from organized Bible Classes. Mrs. Firstbrook presided, while Miss Ellis