

Wait not till some grand position  
 Opens up for you to fill ;  
 In your present known condition,  
 Toil with all your strength and will.  
 Fired with love to God and neighbor,  
 Strive to do the things you should ;  
 And, in paths of helpful labor,  
 Learn the joy of doing good.

Though applause may be withholden,  
 Cease not in your work of love ;  
 Many a noble deed and golden  
 Gains no praise except above.  
 Do life's various evils grieve you ?  
 Grace on grace will yet be given ;  
 Every duty done will leave you  
 So much nearer God and heaven.

**THE** silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the L  
 of Hosts. Hag. ii : 8. nd  
**UNTO** whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much re-  
 quired. \* Luke xii : 48.

**WOW,** and pay unto the Lord your God. Psa. lxxvi : 11.

**WHO**so hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have  
 need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him,  
 how dwelleth the love of God in him ? 1 John iii : 17.

**WHER**e your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness  
 of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the  
 kingdom of heaven. Matt v : 20.

**YE** know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though  
 he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye  
 through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. viii : 9.

**ZEALOUS** of good works. Titus. ii : 15.—*Mission Rooms.*

## The Giving Alphabet.

Let those who don't believe in missions read the follow-  
 ing alphabetically arranged passages from the Bible.—

**ALL** things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given  
 thee. 1 Chron. xix : 14

**BRING** ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there  
 may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith,  
 saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows  
 of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not  
 be room enough to receive it. Mal. iii : 10.

**CHARGE** them that are rich in this world, . . . that they do  
 good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute,  
 willing to communicate. 1 Tim. vi : 17, 18.

**DO** good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the  
 household of faith. Gal vi, 10.

**EVERY** man according as he purposeth in heart, so let him  
 give, not grudgingly or of necessity. 2 Cor. ix : 7

**FREELY** ye have received, freely give. Matt. x 8.

**God** loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor ix : 7.

**HONOR** the Lord with thy substance, and with the first  
 fruits of all thine increase. Prov iii : 9.

**If** there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to  
 that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.  
 2 Cor. viii : 12

**JESUS** said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.  
 Acts xx : 35.

**KNOWING** that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the  
 same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or  
 free. Eph. vi 8.

**LAY** not up for yourselves treasurers upon earth where  
 moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break  
 through and steal ; but lay up for yourselves treasurers in  
 heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where  
 thieves do not break through nor steal. Matt. vi : 19, 20.

**My** little children, let us not love in word, neither in  
 tongue, but in deed and in truth. 1 John iii : 18

**NOW** concerning the collection for the saints. . . . upon  
 the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in  
 store, as God hath prospered him. 1 Cor. xvi : 1, 2.

**Of** all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth  
 unto Thee. Gen. xviii : 22.

**PROVIDE** yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure  
 in the heavens which faileth not, where no thief ap-  
 proacheth, neither moth corrupteth. Luke xii : 33.

**QUEEN** not the Spirit. 1 Thess. v : 19.

**RENDER** unto . . . God the things that are God's.  
 Matt. xxii : 21.

**SEE** that ye abound in this grace also. 2 Cor. viii : 7.

## Open Wide.

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no  
 man can shut it."

Again we stand at the open door of another year,—a  
 door which God has opened before us, and which no man  
 can shut. Twenty-one years ago a door into foreign  
 mission work was opened before the Christian women in the  
 Congregational churches in the United States. In  
 much weakness, with many misgivings, yet in faith and  
 prayer and fully believing in the Divine call, they entered it,  
 little knowing where it would lead. Since then, year  
 by year, new doors of which the early work gave no sign,  
 have been opened and entered. What special ones are  
 before us in 1889 we cannot tell. Of this we may be  
 sure,—some doors will be open before every Christian  
 woman in our churches, and she cannot shut them. She  
 may decide to enter or not to enter, but they can be  
 closed only by our God himself. To enter them in the  
 best way needs some preparation in ourselves.

In the first place, we need open eyes,—upon the  
 needs of women without the gospel. Strange as it may  
 seem, there are many Christian women whose eyes have  
 never been open to these needs, but that does not prove  
 that they do not exist.

This story is told in missionary magazines by the score  
 in books of travel by the hundred ; in secular magazines  
 in the public press ; all over the land. Let us open our  
 eyes and read it ; not as an idle tale or a fiction, that  
 makes us shudder and grow sick at heart for nothing  
 but let us see in it the lives of women like ourselves.  
 Then let us look at our own surroundings and learn the  
 lessons from the contrast.

Above all, let us have our eyes open to see the finger  
 of God pointing to these women in other lands, as those  
 to whom the women of this country are to give the Bread  
 of Life. Let us see His hand in all the providences that  
 have placed these women by our side ; the wonders of  
 modern invention, that have brought the nations of the  
 earth within speaking distance, and at the same time  
 thrown weaving, and spinning, and sewing upon machines,  
 giving us leisure for outside work ; that placed our great  
 weapon, the Word of God, in such convenient shape,  
 that some portion of it may find its way into the houses  
 of every land, however humble they may be. There are  
 those whose eyes are wide open to all these leadings, but  
 there are others whose eyes are not more than half open,  
 and others are entirely closed. Let those whose eyes are  
 wide open do what they can this year to open others ;  
 and let not her whose eyes are shut think for a moment  
 that these things do not exist, because she does not see  
 them.