

CHAPTER I.

HOW THE CALL CAME.

IT IS RECORDED of our sisters of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, that after the Civil War, when the women were organized for relief work among the wounded soldiers, it was believed that the time was ripe for the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society. The venture was made, and how gloriously it succeeded the whole Christian world knows.

No such baptism of blood prepared the women of Canadian Methodism for their work, but simply the call of duty, or, as we prefer to say, the call of the Master saying to us, "Go, work to-day in my vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will pay you." The "whatsoever is right" has proved to be generous wages, enriching the home Church and each individual worker.

If we trace this river of influence to its source, it leads directly to the General Missionary Society—its General Secretary, Dr. Sutherland—proving that the Church has need of us, and that in the divine plan there is a place for woman's work.