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A Challenge

In the history of every individual or institution there come testing days, days of unusual trial and heart searching, days when it just seems as if the way we felt sure had been undertaken under God's guidance is closing in front of us. It all depends on the character of those thus confronted what the result may be. One is thoroughly dismayed and turns back, convinced that after all a mistake has been made, and all the years of toil and striving are lost. Another sees in the difficulty a Challenge, a test of faith, a new incentive to consecrated endeavor. To such an one, there is only one thought—to proceed—with more determination than ever. This one believes that the programme entered prayerfully and already signally blessed by God is the way he has appointed, and must be pursued though the path be rough as well as pleasant in places.

Just such a testing time has met our Women's Foreign Mission Society, of which you are a member. On the next page of our paper this month, our Treasurer reports that Circles have given \$1065.19 less than at this time last year (June first); Young Women's Circles (apart from Miss Scott's passage money) have given \$52.19 less; Bands, \$82.85; Individuals, \$1437.30 less, and from Miscellaneous sources \$590.05 less has come in. This totals \$3227.58. Other organizations are ahead \$425.55. This leaves us behind \$2801.93, which may be divided into regular giving \$2200.99 and extras \$600.94.

For fifteen years, instead of being behind each year, we have been going ahead. What are we going to do about

it? Is your Circle behind? Won't you see what is the matter? Has any one of us unnecessarily cut her contribution? Do we realize that if we have, we are virtually saying that "we are quite willing that each missionary should receive less salary," or "she may do without some of her helpers," or "some students may go unsupported?" One new missionary is in the estimates. Shall we keep her home? What will it mean to her life, to the hundreds whom her life will touch, if she stay at home for even one year. Then remember that this new young life will just bring our number up to where it was before Dr. Cameron's death.

How do you think one of our veteran missionaries would meet the need? When the situation was gravely discussed at our last Board meeting, her immediate answer came "If it is necessary to keep Miss Kenyon home because of lack of funds, I will pay my own way back to India, I have enough saved to do that."

We can't let her do that, can we? She has given her life already. What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits to us?

This situation presents a challenge to our faith, to our devotion, to our generosity!

The next two months, which usually produce so little for the Treasury, must be fruitful this year. A Board Member

FROM THE TREASURER.

You will surely think that your Treasurer has formed the habit of talking "deficits." We certainly are behind—