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## Editorial.

THE "THANK-OFFERING."—We have heard from a good many Circles where the Thank-offering service has been held. We hope that others will yet have the service. Let us not be weary nor discouraged, but with the New Year take a fresh start in our mission work.

TO OUR LINK AGENTS.—Christmas and New Year's greeting to you, and many thanks for the willing service rendered during the past year. We know this work is not the most pleasant that can be, nor work in which you can shine, and that it requires much determination to do it, notwithstanding these things. We know though, there is no way in which you can more directly and effectively help our Foreign mission cause than in this agency. Now is a good time to try for new subscribers. Don't be satisfied to send the old list with a few dropped out who have removed, but look around and see if some new ones have not come into your church, and get them. Please note the directions in last item on last page.

PRAYER UNION.—As we are remembering our missionaries, and their work, at the noon hour, let us make it a special subject of our prayers, that the famine which seems to be approaching and which even now is causing considerable distress, may be averted and let any of us who have not been as constant as we would wish in our prayers again renew our promise and remember the work our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care, at the hour of noon day. As so very few names have been sent this year some may have forgotten that the last claim of the pledge is, "We also agree to induce others to join our Union." Could we not, each one, get others to join, and by so doing, deepen their interests in this great work of saving those who are, "Without Christ, having no hope, and without God in the World."

MARION CLEMENHA,  
Sec. of Prayer Union.

THE GROUP OF MISSIONARIES.—We give a photogravure of the missionaries sent out by the Maritime Board, this fall and who are already in India. We are sure their going will cheer the hearts of the much depleted staff out

## SKETCHES.

R. E. GULLISON.

Born in Brookville, Digby Co., N.S., in 1869, he made a profession of faith in Christ under the preaching of Pastor Geo. B. Titus, and was baptized into the membership of the Beaver River Church in 1885, by Pastor J. I. DeWolfe. Mr. Gullison left his home a year later with the purpose of following the sea for a living. He felt a strong conviction that he ought to preach, but, like Jonah, he tried to run away from the Lord, and, of course, got into trouble—though not exactly in the same way that Jonah did. Being unwilling to preach and afraid to let God's will be done, he drifted far away into the darkness. He could not pray and hardly dared to read the Bible. At length the Lord conquered, and, convinced of the foolishness of his action, Mr. Gullison, one night on board ship in the morning watch while on the look-out, yielded the contest by a complete surrender. He says: "I told the Lord I would do any thing he wanted me to do. Blessed hour! What I dreaded before now I longed for, viz., to become a minister of the gospel." Mr. Gullison preached during the summer of '87, and was licensed by the Beaver River Church. He spent three years at Acadia College, preaching during vacation. Then he dropped out of college for two years, preaching at Tanook for a year and at Beaver River a year. On the latter field he was ordained, in March, '93. A prophet has not always honor "in his own country," but Mr. Gullison was so highly esteemed by the people when he grew to manhood that they refused to let him return to college, and called him to minister unto them in holy things. Returning to college he completed his course and was graduated in June, '95. He has been pastor of the Lower Aylesford Church for more than two years, and on that field has had a blessed ministry. The church became deeply attached to him and also to his noble wife, so that it was with much sorrow that they gave him up for the work in India. Probably few pastors succeed in so short a time in getting such a strong hold upon the affections of their people. Mr. Gullison had no Foreign Mission impressions until he attempted to preach his first missionary sermon. He could not preach that sermon until he had told the Lord and the people that he was willing to be a missionary himself. While at Acadia, the volunteer pledge was presented to him, but he could not sign it. He was willing but not desirous to be a missionary. Later on, however, he wrote a pledge in the fly-leaf of his Bible, and promised the Lord to go where he would send him. He says that he does not believe in a first call to the ministry and a second one to the foreign field. When God calls he calls once, and that call summons one to work in any part of the vineyard. The desire to spend his life where his services were most needed, and his failure to find any good excuse for remaining at home, decided him as to the place where God would be pleased to have him labor.