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Mother's Hymns.

Hushed are those lips; their earthly song is ended:
The singer sleeps at last,
While I sit gazing at her arm-chair vacant,
And think of days long past.

The room still echoes the old-time music,
As singing soft and low
Those grand, sweet hymns, the Christian's consolation,
She rocks her to and fro.

Some that can stir the heart like shouts of triumph,
Or loud-toned trumpet's call,
Bidding the people prostrate fall before Him,
"And crown Him Lord of all."

And tender notes, filled with melodious rapture,
That leaned upon His word,
Rose in those strains of solemn, deep affection,
"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Safe hidden in the wondrous "Rock of Ages,"
She bade farewell to fear;
Sure that her Lord would always gently lead her,
She read her "title clear."

Joyful she saw "from Greenland's icy mountains,"
The gospel flag unfurled;
And knew by faith "the morning light was breaking"
Over the sinful world.

There, where no tears are known, no pain or sorrow,
Safe beyond Jordan's roll,
She lives forever with her blessed Jesus,
The lover of her soul.

W.F.M.S. and Mission Funds.

IT is evident from letters that appear in the papers, and other correspondence, that there is a considerable amount of misunderstanding as to the financial condition of the W.F.M.S., which is causing, in some quarters, a degree of hostility that cannot but prove disastrous, if not corrected. It is reported that the statement has been made at Missionary meetings, and in pulpits, that the W.F.M.S., have more money than they know what to do with, that they last year lent Dr. Reid \$10,000, for the use of the General Foreign Mission Fund, and for which they are receiving 7½% interest; that the W.F.M.S., is assuming the authority of a Court of the Church, and dictating to congregations as to what they are to do with their funds, etc. Will you allow me to make the following statement in the name of the F.M.C.

1. The W.F.M.S., is an organization having a constitution sanctioned by the General Assembly, and the only thing they have ever done that looks like dictation, is simply to attempt to carry out the terms of their Constitution. According to that Constitution all Auxiliaries are expected to contribute their collections to the funds of the General Assembly, and not to the Society.

2 The Foreign Mission Committee, when preparing estimates for the year, prepares estimates for the W.F.M.S., also, all of which are submitted to and adopted by the General Assembly's demands, and in

order to do so have had to seek the loyalty of all their Auxiliaries. Is not it rather unfortunate now, when, or because they have succeeded in their efforts, that unkind and untrue charges should be made against them? They in no sense interfere with the administration of the funds,—once the money is collected it is handed over to Dr. Reid, and the F.M.C., does all the rest.

3 The statement that they have more money than they know what to do with, and have lent Dr. Reid \$10,000, at 7% interest, is entirely wrong, and yet is just such a statement as is likely to do much harm. The fact is simply this. Dr. Reid borrows large sums of money from the Banks every year, to carry on the work until the spring comes, when congregations send in their contributions. Of course, the interest on that borrowed money is so much loss. If our funds were a year ahead so that the Treasury would not be exhausted until the next year's congregational contributions came in, all that interest could be saved. Now the contributions from the W.F.M.S., last spring (1894) were sufficient to pay the previous year's account for work amongst women and children, and also to place in Dr. Reid's hands, \$10,000 towards that same work on this year's account. It was not a *loan* to any other department of work,—it was an advanced payment on *their own* work, and a saving of so much interest which would have been incurred had it been necessary to go to the Banks for that amount. Of course, that \$10,000 did not meet all expenditures on woman's work up to date, Dr. Reid has had to borrow a considerable amount for that purpose for which interest is now being paid, not to the women, but to the Banks. Hence, instead of ground of complaint in this, the real cause of regret is as has been stated, that all our Committee's are not in a condition to avoid these bank loans, by being in funds to the full extent of their liabilities for the year. That is all there is in the charge of investing money at 7½%. There has been no *loan* and there has been no interest charged. To say that the W.F.M.S., has more money than they know what to do with, surely needs no reply. Are there not millions of women dying for time and eternity, because no one has sent them the bread of life? Is not the same cry from the Zenana prisons heard to-day, that was heard, when, and on account of which, the W.F.M.S., came into existence?

Surely anyone who will wittingly defeat or impair the efforts of these Christian women for the Salvation of their sisters, is assuming a grave responsibility. The Great Enemy is no doubt eager for discord. Let us be as careful lest he gain an advantage over us. Is it too much to ask that before any person gives currency to these, or any other, hurtful charges, that they correspond with some one who is in a position to say whether or not these things are so.—R. P. M'ACKAY,