

to you. Five million women and girls never had a chance to hear the name of Jesus. The iron heel of paganism grinds women into the earth as it does no other creatures. China, Japan and India all tell the same story. Out of all the fulness of our glad lives, have we *nothing to give*? There is no woman in America that does not owe service to the Lord. With every tick of the watch eternity receives an unsaved soul. A world's need and our power to meet the need, proves our responsibility to meet that need." Ponder these things, my sisters! Let not the sin of indifference and neglect rise up in the Judgment to condemn us. I fear of many in our fair Christian land it may be said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

There is a feeling abroad among us that is paralyzing all missionary effort. We meet it constantly. It is this: that the heathen will *not be lost* without a knowledge of Christ; that in some inexplicable way they will escape eternal punishment—somehow, somewhere. The Bible says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, with all the nations that forget God." Innumerable passages prove that salvation can alone come through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, that our eyes might be opened to see the *hopelessly lost* condition of the heathen, that the 100,000 who have passed into eternity on the Canadian mission field since we gathered in our last annual meeting are forever shut out from the presence of God. Lost! What means the word? that we can speak it lightly or unconcernedly. Let this thought pervade our working and sleeping hours. On bended knee with open Bible, let each one of us seek from God's own word to determine what the fate of those must be who have *no Christ*. This should stimulate us to action as nothing else can. We need no more forcible missionary appeal than this. For the past few years the burden of our prayer has been, that the Lord of the harvest would give us more laborers. There was a time, not long ago, when not one came forward in response to repeated appeals to offer himself for service in the foreign fields. The Lord has graciously heard our prayers, and to-day more than a score of young men in our own College have pledged themselves to be foreign missionaries.

Now things assume a very different aspect. Are we prepared to have our prayers thus speedily and marvelously answered? Are we willing to furnish the money necessary to send these young people forth? The responsibility is thrown back upon us as churches and individuals. As our W. M. A. S. are expected to do all we can to cultivate a missionary spirit in our churches, our work is made very plain just here—*more money must be raised*. As to the means employed, each society must choose the methods best suited to the locality in which they are situated. We must certainly cease to pray for missionaries if we are not prepared to send them. It is simply mockery and cannot be pleasing to God. Our Union has done nobly in the past, each year the funds have increased; but who for one moment thinks we are doing all we could or ought. A cent a day for missions from each member would enable us to send out all the missionaries asked for at present, and provide for the additional expenditure of carrying on the work. Is that beyond our ability? Does the Lord not require it of us? As Dr. Pierson has said, "These regions beyond" must be entered.

Faith must enter the unclaimed territory of promise. Prayer must enter the unclaimed territory of divine power in the divine presence.

We must get a new standard of giving that shall be in-

dividual, systematic, proportionate, cheerful, and self-denying. And we must get a new standard of living that shall walk with God and pray in the Holy Ghost and recognize the word of our Master, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

I do believe that the missionary spirit runs deeper and wider and rises higher among our people than ever before, and I also believe that our W. M. A. S. have been one of the chief agencies in bringing about this state of affairs. More tongues speak of heathen poverty and wretchedness, more eyes glance at missionary facts and items, more money comes into the mission treasury, and more hearts are lifted to the Almighty's throne in earnest pleading for missions than ever before in the history of the world. While our people are busy and burdened about home enterprises and local church matters they do not forget the vast fields and tremendous needs of heathendom. It is dawning upon a few that the Master included them in the commission, and the *great work* of the age is to send the Gospel to all nations as speedily as possible. Let us then go home determined by God's help to make our Societies more efficient and interesting. We must not forget that the roots or rootlets of this Union are the local Societies; as they are cultivated and developed so the tree of our Union will flourish and expand and bring forth fruit in abundance. The tree above depends helplessly upon the spreading roots below. Do not let our efforts be confined to the sisters who gather once a month for prayer.

Let us go forth, putting consecration to God first, not making the fatal mistake that any improved methods of work will take the place of or secure *spiritual power* without which all our efforts are vain. Let us strive to win souls near and far and train them from childhood to give. Reach, if possible, every individual, the poor as well as the rich. Provide missionary literature, not only for our meetings, but in our homes, and send it to our friends. Talk about what we read and impress it upon all with whom we come in contact.

Let us send messages of solid comfort to our missionaries laboring on foreign shores. The mighty Caesar was accustomed to write short letters. (One of his generals was in great extremity when he received from him the following message: "Keep up your spirits. Expect help.") Let us send a similar message to our weary waiting missionaries. What could so cheer and encourage them as to hear of *large reinforcements*? Let us take as our motto for the coming year, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." God has wonderfully strengthened our faith by showing what He is willing to do for the Telugus; over 6,000 baptized during the past year in connection with the "Lone Star Mission." Will He not do as great things for us? Yes, if our faith fail not and we do our part. Let the prayer of our hearts be—

"Oh, strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

Oh, fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow,
In kindling thought and glowing words
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt and when and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share."