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“Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; . . . And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. . . . And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”  
COL. iii. 12, 15, 17.

THE vacation season is upon us. Many of our Auxiliaries have adjourned till September. The members enjoying rest and recreation during the summer will doubtless return with fresh stimulation to work. We wish to each and all a happy holiday. Let us not be unmindful of the bounty of the Great Giver, who lavishly bestows the beauties of land and sea for our delight and profit, that to Him sweet incense of praise may ascend, and all gifts return in cheerful, loving service.

THE Conferences are over, and our Women's Missionary Society representatives, so far as we know, have faithfully performed the duties assigned to them by the respective Branches. These addresses by our women are now a regular feature of the Conference sessions. Some years ago it would have been considered almost unpardonable in women to seek to address audiences of men, though they were composed of ministers of religion. To-day the right is accorded, the women are courteously received, and our woman's work for woman is formally acknowledged with thanksgiving and a “God speed.” What

has made this possible? What, but the progress of true Christian principles, with its rich educative tendency? It shall not rest here, but, with the blessing of God, women, the most indefatigable toilers for humanity's uplifting, shall be free, as God's children, to apply their endowment of talent wherever they may feel called.

IT is often tritely observed that “Nature did not intend women to be” or to do “thus and so.” But, we take it, God is indicating with women, as with men, by inclination, taste and ability, what He intends. Conventionality has subordinated women for many ages, notwithstanding the emancipation by Christ Jesus; but, in this day, we know that all knowledge is the inheritance of the women who choose to claim it, and that the number is increasing daily. What we want to teach women especially, and above all, is the necessity of a personal consecration of their powers to God for humanity's service, that in the practical vindication of their woman's right to all human privileges the whole world, social, intellectual, political, as well as religious, may be blest. Too long have women played on the stage of a frivolous and fictitious life, and that without exciting opposition or distrust. That time has, we believe, gone forever. With awakened powers, a new life, pulsating with new issues and making new demands, is presented. The frivolous gives place to the serious; the false to the true.

SOME years ago a woman in our country might take the platform, to sing or act or dance, for the amusement of an audience, but to preach, or lecture, or give an address, would have provoked unfavorable comment. Now, however, things are changed, and our sisters are rising to the demands made by the Christian progress of the age. From the papers, timidly read with downcast eye and trembling lip, they have gained the courage to look into the eyes of their brother co-workers, and speak to their hearts. We should rejoice at this. It is one of the best results of our Women's Missionary work, that in our Churches, women are thus stirred. God is leading us on to greater responsibilities. He is teaching us many things, and “A wonderful method He hath.” Just and honest men must sooner or later discover the re-inforcement which woman's concentrated power will bring to them, for the conquest of all organized iniquities.

THE “Deaconess movement” is meeting with favor from our Conferences and the churches generally. It is another of those methods by which the age is recording its recognition of the value of woman's work. True, the Romish Church has pursued this