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"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory."

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A Quarter of a Century

THE following sketch is prepared with a twofold purpose. Its first object is to recount with humble and devout gratitude all the way by which the Lord has led us during the first twenty-five years of our existence as a Society, and also to record our loving remembrance and appreciation of the promoters and pioneers of the Society. All honor to the brave women who in faith and courage began this great missionary movement, and who, trusting not in their own strength or wisdom, but looking to the Divine Spirit for guidance, were enabled to overcome many difficulties and to lay the foundations of the organization broad and deep, as they watched over its interests and bore the burden and heat of the day in the early years of our history. Some of these have heard the Master's voice saying "Come up higher," and have exchanged the earthly service for the heavenly, and some are still with us and still giving of their best in ripe experience and wise counsel to the work of the Society.

The photographs which by the kindness of friends we are able to present in these pages are prized by very many. With the exception of that of Mrs. Jeffrey, who did not become a member of the Board until a somewhat later period, they are all portraits of those who may be called the founders of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It would have been a pleasure to have given more portraits, but the limits of the sketch forbade any enlargement of the number.

It will be impossible to relate in detail all the occurrences and interesting points in the quarter century life of our Society. What is omitted will be found in the Reports, a re-perusal of which at this time would be both pleasant and profitable.