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"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are differences of administration, but the same Lord; and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."—I Cor. xii. 4, 5, 6.

WE have reached the month of our Annual Meetings. The vacation season is terminated. And with the return to our homes comes the return to our duties as Auxiliary members. The review of our year's work, its successes or defeats, will bear to our hearts some profitable lessons. Have we planned wisely? Have we carried out our plans? Have we been diligent and faithful in the prosecution of our work, or have we been lacking in purpose and effort? Judging from the reports of the year we think faithful work has been done, but no doubt experience is teaching many profitable lessons.

WE hope all the Auxiliaries will hold public anniversary meetings, and aim to win the sympathy and co-operation of the congregations.

PROMPT attention to the filling out and return of the Corresponding Secretary's sheet, and prompt returns to the Branch Treasurers, are absolutely necessary. We trust no effort will be spared in securing all the funds in due time.

LET us gather up the lessons of the year and with glad and thankful hearts devote ourselves afresh to the work.

THE missionary work, which is the duty of the Church and the responsibility of individuals, demands money to carry it on, and demands it increasingly. It is not with the truly loyal follower of Christ a question whether or not he or she will give to missions. There is no option to such in this regard. The command has issued, and it is understood to mean, that believers on the Lord Jesus Christ are responsible for the "preaching of the Gospel to every creature." And that while literally we may not accomplish this in person, we certainly may live in the doing of it through the agents whom our money provides. To the Christians of this age are the heathen of this age committed as a great trust to be accounted for. Prayer and faith in God's great purposes are absolutely essential, but without money the necessary human instrumentality cannot be provided, and hence the money question is of the greatest importance as a factor in the missionary work.

WE are prone to congratulate ourselves when one year's receipts shows an increase, even if slight, over its predecessor; but how small the proportion raised by all our efforts, compared to that which is spent in the mere superfluities of living. In many homes more is spent upon a single evening party than is laid out for missionary purposes in several years. Decorations, which are simply the fad of the hour, absorb money that might develop blessing through time into eternity. And while all must realize that a beautiful and well kept home is the ideal of every rightly-constituted woman, and that for the growth of trade and commerce money should circulate, through the supply of human comforts and convenience demanded by our civilization, yet is it not too true withal that trifles, useless but for the gratification of an hour, are readily supplied, while appeals for missions go unheeded. A painful thought suggests that much of this heedless use of money is the work of women. If only the demands of the Lord's work were as imperative in our view as the demands of society! If only conscience should say, "What does God think?" instead of "What would people think?" the process of ennobling and beautifying the character of womanhood, and through women society generally, would begin in earnest.

WE have a very precious theory that women awakened to a consciousness of their power and responsibility may work wonders in the liberation of their sisters from slavery to expensive and fleeting fashions. The fact that women control the social amenities, added to the common creed that they are devoted to fashion, emphasizes both the power and the responsibility. Those who in the providence of God find