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PAST—PRESENT—FUTURE.

Our Jubilee year is now past, and our gifts of commemoration have been brought in. We have had joy in these gifts. The "might and mercy boxes" were mostly the medium, though some gave who had no box. In March at the Board's open meeting, the final reports came from Circles and Associations. When the total was counted we waited breathlessly, not daring to hope we had reached the objective. But the Lord's faithful women had not been forgetting, and the little "might's" and recorded mercies had mounted up to nearly \$4800 — and some yet to hear from. It meant our objective would be reached. It made a lump of happy emotion rise into our throats, for it seemed as if the hundreds of women who had a share in this were present in their gifts—and we realized that the Lord was through them supplying the needs of the work in India.

Now, a word as to the present situation. While we rejoiced over our Jubilee report, a word of warning came regarding our regular funds. They of course are most important of all. It really is the paying of an incurred debt. The salaries and work developed by our missionaries must be carried on—that is our permanent work. So we face a serious situation, unless our gifts, during the remaining months of this year, are considerably more than our gifts during those months last year.

The Young Women's Circles have done well. The greatest falling off is in the Bands. Will not the readers who have Bands in their church resolve now to lend a helpful interest to their leader? And pass the word on to the children that we are missing their gifts. If you have no band in your church, consider whether the Lord is calling you to start one.

Two reasons for larger expenses this year are—an unusual number of passages, and that old bugbear, exchange again.

Our dollar is not now worth one hundred cents in India. Indeed we must send \$1.10 (one dollar and ten cents) for every dollar promised. Will you not all try to do this?

Since I have known the women of the B. W. F. M. Soc., they have never failed to pay for work they authorized. It is well, however, to know where we stand. We are behind. Yet a little more from every one who can give it will bring us out even.

Now I am going to tell you of an added reason for wanting to make our estimates—and this brings us to our future plans.

If we are unable to make our present budget, we may hesitate to send out a new missionary—and we have a candidate whom we are particularly desirous of sending next fall or early winter.

Miss Janet Holmes has offered herself for Bolivia, and we feel she is truly fitted to be a missionary. Miss Holmes is a grand-daughter of the late Dr. Thomas. Her mother is on our foreign board. She told of her call at a Circle meeting at Central Church. It was a very appealing and sweet message, so human and natural, yet so anxious to fill whatever place the Master designed for her—and she is assured in her own heart that place is Bolivia. Miss Holmes is a university graduate (honor mathematics); she is gifted with a good mind and is no less endowed in heart and temperament. Above all, she has the spiritual qualities, without which the others would be useless in the work of the Kingdom of God.

There is need that some one be in Bolivia and have the language by the time Miss Clark comes home on furlough about two years from now. All this makes us anxious to assure Miss Holmes that we will send her.

Let us then give thanks for the blessings of the Jubilee Year, and watch unto prayer that in our present year we fail not in our obligations. Let us also decide to make it possible to send Miss Holmes as our new missionary, believing that God who has worked through our Society, will enable us to go forward.

Maud Matthews.

NOTE—As we go to press the full amount of our Jubilee Fund, \$5000, and something over, has been received by the treasurer.—Ed.