

more fitting to present a view of what has been accomplished by united effort.

These retrospects give but an imperfect sketch of that work with its results, and now we turn our eyes to the fresh future and the fair unwritten page lying before us.

Some inspiring words taken from the last address of Mrs. Williams as President of the Union, may well encourage us in entering upon it:

“It has been given to Women’s Foreign Missionary Societies not only to stretch out a hand to rescue the perishing in heathen lands, but also to gather forces that break even now over our favored lands. Hearts that responded years ago to the cry of the prison-bound women of India, now go out towards those upon our own shores, who need this same Jesus, and methods that have proved themselves effective for the one object, are being successfully applied to the other. Every department of Christian effort feels the throb of a quickened life, and the sinning and suffering of every age, grade, and class, are being helped and rescued. Equipped as we are for work, and inspired as we should be by success, shall we not take fresh courage and put on new strength.”

The foregoing Retrospect brings us to 1890. Early in '91, while yet feeling more and more deeply the loss we had sustained in June, 1890, another shadow falls upon us. We quote from Miss Johnston’s tribute published in the *Link*.

“Not more than six months ago, death entered the ranks of the Executive Board of our W. B. M. A. and we mourned