

cable to the missionary work. We may, however, accept and apprehend the full import of all this teaching without fruitage in ourselves, and thus "grieve the Spirit." Let us beware of this. "Hereby we know that He abideth in us by the Spirit which He hath given us." And may the "God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

A. P.

Chat with The Editor.

GREETINGS! New Year greetings, beloved friends and workers! Though the blessed Christmas is yet a week ahead, when this number reaches our readers the new year will have dawned. May it bring you peace, health and prosperity, and all the riches of His grace! May we all grow more and more into harmony with God's great purposes concerning us! When in the gladness of this holy season the chorus of joy and merriment fills our homes, let us not be unmindful of those who sit in the silence of mourning or the shadow of grief. There will be a hush in many a home. May the Spirit the Comforter abide in all such. To our missionaries so far from home and loved ones, we send our warmest wishes for a year of unprecedented success and rich personal blessing.

AND shall not our paper receive your hearty New Year's greeting, dear friends? Introduce it, speak well of it, and we trust it will bring you a fresh inspiration and blessing every month of the year.

IN accordance with decision of the Board, regular monthly letters from official correspondents in our several fields may be expected, and thus we hope to meet the desire of Auxiliaries for information direct.

IN kind concession to suggestions of ours, sundry slight changes designed to give more space and attractiveness, as well as usefulness, are presented in this paper. We desire most earnestly to make this space do the best service, and hope to have the co-operation of all our workers to this end. From our beloved sisters, whose faithful, patient labor in Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands is the support of all other work, we wish to hear as often as you have anything fresh or important to report. Tell us how you prosper, but remembering always *that five hundred Auxiliaries and two hundred Bands are all competitors for the limited space at our disposal.* Therefore, there being but twelve copies of the paper in the year, we must urge you to comply with the decision of the Executive and confine all reports to fifteen lines. In the matter of programmes of entertainments, it is impossible to give them in detail. Regarding obituaries, we sincerely desire to remember our "promoted" members, but the same limit of fifteen lines must prevail. For all of these, as our workers will understand, have chiefly a local interest, whereas letters from missionaries, selections, original papers, and sketches have a general

purpose of service for all readers. We therefore wish our workers to send us short papers on any phase of mission work, biography, or history which you may desire to share with the membership. Let our little paper become the centre toward which you shall all contribute of the best thought and suggestion God gives you, each for others, and all for the common good.

ENTERING upon our seventh year of service in this department, we acknowledge the kindness and co-operation of our sisters in the past. It is gratifying to know that the W. M. S. has been so successful in working up the subscription list, placing the paper in so many homes. This is a tribute to the fidelity of our women which should be freely accorded. During the past year especially, the work on this line has been faithfully done, and we hope Presidents will continue to bear this duty of their Auxiliaries in mind. Words of encouragement and cheer frequently come to us, from ministers interested in woman's work, from members, and from editors of women's papers with objects kindred to our own. These we warmly appreciate. To be instrumental in kindling noble purposes, in spreading sound sentiment, even if it be in a feeble manner, is no small privilege, and this is our constant aim. The educative influences of a good paper are silent but effectual. Who may estimate them? They go where we cannot. They speak and work, and reproduce themselves. They are missionaries in the best sense. Let us keep them in motion. When we become fully alive to their possibilities for service for God and humanity, we shall value the printed page, in a missionary sense, tenfold more than we do.

WE cannot undertake to acknowledge the receipt of communications. If correctly addressed, they are almost certain to reach us, and will then be religiously preserved in pigeon holes dedicated solely to the Woman's Missionary Society service. Do not be discouraged if publication is delayed. We will do our best to please; but the entire paper would not hold all the matter that is ours only. Much postage could be saved if all reports and papers, etc., were forwarded in unsealed envelopes bearing the words "Printer's Copy." Personal correspondence must be closed and full postage pre-paid.

OUR "Missionary Calendar" is a thing of beauty, and will be a convenience for the whole year. Every member should certainly have one. Our Calendar has a merit peculiarly its own, which will commend itself to all our workers. It bears the names of our missionaries and the "red letter days" which saw their birth. The hope of its originators, which is sure of realization, is, that by this gentle reminder, our representatives in the various fields will have the definite and special prayers of the entire membership. Begin the year by sending for one. Send one also to your friend who is not interested in missions, with a New Year's greeting and the hope that she will become so. Address, Miss Ogden, Room 20 Wesley Buildings, and enclose the price and postage. Single Calendars, 20 cents; per doz. \$1.80.