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Jesus Only.

A MOTTO FOR THE NEW YEAR.

"Only Jesus would I see;
Only like Him I would be;
Only for Him I would live;
Only to Him I would give;
All I *am*, and all I *have*,
All to Him who died to save."

THE LINK appears this month in a new and more convenient form, also printed on much better paper than that hitherto used. The managers have been enabled to make this much-needed improvement by the action of the Central Board of the W. B. F. M. Society of Ontario, which at the last meeting unanimously passed the following resolution:—

"That this Board would suggest to the managers of the LINK the advisability of reserving, instead of dividing among the Societies, their surplus funds, that they may be used for the improvement of the paper."

In addition to the change already made, it is intended to introduce an occasional woodcut of one or other of our Mission Stations, or some subject illustrative of missionary life and work.

"Go Ye into all the World."

Almost the last words that our adorable Redeemer addressed to His disciples when He was about to ascend to His Father were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And I presume that it is generally admitted that this command is given to all the followers of Christ irrespectively of age or sex. If this be so, it well becomes each of us, my sisters, to inquire whether we are obeying this command. Very few of us are required to come out of the privacy of our

own homes and go forth as laborers in the foreign field, or indeed to occupy any public position as workers in the Lord's vineyard. In the vast majority of instances God requires that we should be keepers at home; that it should be our business to promote the comfort of our husbands, fathers and brothers; that we should have the care of the house, of the sick, of the aged and of children; and to many of us it may seem that we have "barely hours and barely powers" for the performance of these duties, inasmuch that we ask, *How can we obey this command?* I would answer:—

Firstly,—By praying for missions and missionaries in our closets. There is much more of real prayer, much more of the outgoing of the soul to God in the closet, ~~when no ear but that of God can hear, than in the presence of any human being.~~ When others are present, there is necessarily a regard to the manner of presenting our desires; and the moment the mind is withdrawn from the petition itself to the manner of presenting it, it ceases to be prayer. Let us then pray for the conversion of the world in secret to our Father, who seeth in secret.

Secondly,—By praying in concert with others. The individual who leads in prayer must, in order to the edification of those present, not only choose suitable petitions, but also choose suitable words in which to present those petitions which, as has been previously remarked, interfere with the outgoing of the soul to God. But it is far different with those for whom he or she is the mouth-piece. Nothing so kindles a devotional spirit, so elevates the affections, so calls forth desires towards God, as to join in the earnest pleadings of another at the Throne of Grace. Does not the heart, under such circumstances, at times become so big with desires, that it must have utterance, though in half suppressed groans?

Thirdly,—By reading missionary intelligence ourselves and disseminating such intelligence among others. It must be evident to all that interest cannot be felt relative to those nations of which nothing is known. But ignorance now is culpable. The number of cheap periodicals devoted to missions in foreign lands renders it possible for each to learn much of the condition of the heathen world; and as God has made each of us our brother's keeper, it is scarcely less our duty to endeavor to induce others to read such intelligence than to read it ourselves.