

## BUT WE ARE BORNE ALONG.

men and women of the church, and we have passed on, to give an account of our stewardship of that last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach to every creature." So, to you officers, I say, keep ever before your Band or Circle the greatness of the work, the vast fields untouched by any mission and why—"because there is not meat in mine house, saith the Lord." Show them how little you and I can give, compared with the great needs, and yet how that little makes up the grand total.

Now, how shall we raise our finances? If you do not take home but two words from here this afternoon, let those two words be "system" and "enthusiasm." I will repeat it: System, **system**; enthusiasm, **enthusiasm**. No Circle or Band can run their finances in a haphazard manner. I prefer the ten or twenty cents a month for the Circle, giving ten cents to Home and ten cents to Foreign. In this way, we get twenty or forty cents more a year. See what that extra twenty or forty cents means to your Circle. It does not mean very much to any one, and yet to the Circle it makes a difference in their financial report and to the Association a very great difference, and then on to the Convention from all the churches. Oh, the work that could be taken on with that extra, hardly two cents a month difference! Now, when you go home, won't you please talk over the extra few cents and the monthly plan of giving, and just try it this year. We found we received more money by having the members bring their ten or twenty cents to the Circle, and they did not feel it as much as paying a lump sum. I wish I had time to read extracts from the May and June LINKS, but the thought I must give you is this, that if you are only giving \$1. a year, when we could give \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 or \$25 a year, we are failing to fulfill our obligations and hindering the coming of the Kingdom. THE LINK also tells us that one of the very greatest things that could happen

would be to take away from our women the thought that their duty is done when they pay their poor little dollar a year. Now, sisters, can we not forget more of the material things of this world, and think more of the Spiritual Life is too short, even at the longest, that it seems vain to waste our time on the glittering things here, that so quickly fade, which could be spent on winning the jewels that could be ours, to shine forever and forever. Now for

## Enthusiasm.

The collectors should be enthusiastic women, who are deeply interested in missions. In a business house, you know they are very careful to look out for good salesmen—men who love their work, men who know their goods, can talk them and show them at their best. No doubt, you all have had clerks wait on you in such a listless, half-hearted manner, and who seemed so indifferent whether you purchased or not, and should you ask the question: "Does this wash or does that shrink?" the answer is "Why I don't know." Another salesman waits on you as though he knew his business and knew his goods, and is anxious to give you exactly what you want. Now, which one are you apt to go to the next time you buy? To the one that knows his goods, every time. And you actually wait a few minutes to have that person wait on you. I know there is one store in Brantford where I like to buy my linens, because the clerk said to me one: "When I tell you every thread in that piece is linen, it is linen. I worked in a linen mill in Ireland, and I know linen." I found it true. When he tells me it is linen, it is linen; that's why I like to buy of him. So now, collectors, know your goods that you are offering; try and learn all you can about Home and Foreign Missions. You are working for your Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, the reward for your services is to be very