

The Eastern Society

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TO THE WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE CIRCLES OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC—GREETINGS!

Echoes of the splendid convention held in Ottawa are still ringing in our ears and the warm thrill experienced through the sympathy and co-operation of so many loyal workers—your delegates—has strengthened and encouraged our Board for the great things that are before us all.

This year 1926 is especially significant to our Women's Society because it marks our 50th Anniversary and for this reason we want to make it the very best in our history to date.

We have large responsibilities as you will see by the estimates, and the exchange makes financing exceedingly difficult. The only way we can hope to meet these obligations is by prayer—for believing prayer will solve all our problems.

We wish that every woman would read and study Helen Barrett Montgomery's "Prayer and Missions" until the truths contained therein become warp and woof of her inner consciousness.

Then we would suggest that prayer groups be formed in every circle—just a band of women pledged to pray daily for certain definite objects—the Treasury, our work and our workers—not necessarily another meeting, for they may pray separately, for He has said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done unto them by My Father which is in Heaven."

Those of you who were among the fortunate ones who heard Miss Lockhart's vivid story of conditions at Vuyyuru, must have felt the pull of the Jubilee, for no one could come away without an ardent desire to extend those overcrowded dormitories, to build the walls and class rooms and make possible the isolation ward which seem such bare necessities to us with our well-equipped Canadian Schools, but there are others who have not yet had the joy of participating in our Jubilee Thankoffering.

Will you help us to realize our ideal of "every woman a worker, every woman a builder" by telling them of the plan by which they

may work golden hours, days or weeks and fill this need which is crying out for accomplishment.

The symbol of the torch which we have chosen for our Jubilee, brings to mind the story of olden days when the Scottish Chieftain summoned his clan to battle by placing a flaming torch in the hand of his trusty henchman, telling him to run with it swiftly and name to every clansman the time and place to meet his chief. When the torchbearer reached the first hamlet he passed on the torch and the message to the headman. He in turn grasped the torch and ran to the next hamlet, and so on and on until every clansman had heard."

Ever since our Lord gave the starting signal "Go" (and let us remember it was first given to the women) his torchbearers have gone forward carrying the light of the gospel.

To-day the torch is in our hands passed on to us from those pioneer women who nearly fifty years ago in simple faith began this work which has been so signally blest. Let us lift it high and keep it burning brightly so that "the True Light" may shine into the hearts of India's daughters who have been given into our care and keeping.

Our women have time and again risen to the seemingly impossible task and we feel sure that our Jubilee Year will be no exception. So let us unitedly go forward into the New Year in the spirit of joy and thanksgiving and in the full assurance of victory.

Affectionately Your President,
Montreal Ethel C. Ayer.

KINGSTON TO QUEBEC

Are you listening? Tune in your loud speaker to C.B.M., India.

Speaking—Mrs. Cross, Avaniagadda.

Our Dear Friends,—The BOX has come, and I am aching to open it and see the contents. As you will see we are not at home but at the Mission Hospital at Pithapuram. Mr. Cross has been ill for over three months.

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