

*MISSIONARY SHIPS.*

TUNE—"I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY."

The mission ships are sailing  
Across the waters blue,  
To tell the sweet old story,  
The story ever new ;  
To carry to the heathen,  
So far across the sea,  
The news of that dear Saviour  
Who died for you and me.

CHORUS—Sailing, the ships are sailing  
Across the waters blue,  
To tell the sweet old story,  
The story ever new.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring ;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing ;  
For He shall have dominion  
O'er river, sea, and shore,  
Far as the eagle's pinion  
Or dove's light wing can soar.


CHORUS—Sailing, the ships are sailing, etc.

Spread all the sails, dear children,  
Send the glad news afar,  
Till all the Eastern nations  
Shall see once more the star,  
Shall follow where it leadeth  
To find the Lord of light,  
So shall its rays most holy,  
Dispel the shades of night.

CHORUS—Sailing, the ships are sailing, etc.

*FIELD STUDY FOR SEPTEMBER.*

ANOTHER YEAR FOR JESUS—REPROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

 S a Society we give thanks unto God for all His benefits towards us. There has been grave perplexity and anxiety about our work and our workers in Japan and China, but their lives have been precious in His sight ; and in the darkest hour we had this sure ground of comfort and rest for our faith. Our love is only a faint photograph of the love of Christ ; if we are anxious or sorrowful, the very strength of our feelings may reassure us ; our Father, who is all-wise and all-powerful, loves our friends infinitely more than we do, and their work is His own.

It has been a year of spiritual blessing at home. Many of our Mission Band members have received Christ into their hearts and publicly pledged themselves to His service.

The time has come to close our year's work. One year has gone farther from or nearer to Jesus, and another year coming in for, or from, Him. Which

has it been ; which shall it be ? Will we make as many blunders in the coming year as in the going ? Or will we push on, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for grace, and make less ? Let us take a look back and see where we have done well, and where we have done ill, and learn, if possible, the secret of our success or failure.

The success of a Mission Band depends on the faithful performance of duty by each member. Elect your officers with care. If you have a girl with a character for patient and thorough work, who does not do things by fits and starts, make her President. Try to put the right one in the right place. Make the one who can never "do composition, but is all right at arithmetic," treasurer and secretary.

Having chosen your officers, give them your loyal support. Carry out cheerfully whatever part of the programme the President assigns you. Assist the treasurer by paying your fee early, and the corresponding secretary by paying for PALM BRANCH as soon as the club is formed. Let not the first beginning of a quarrel arise. Remember you are engaged in Christ's work, and it can only be carried on in this way : "In honor preferring one another."

How may we accomplish more than we have this year ? We may not be able to bring larger gifts into the treasury, but we may gain a wider and a fuller knowledge of the needs of the world. Read the life of some great missionary, and drink in his spirit.

We may pray more—for ourselves—for our fellow workers—for our Band meetings—for our substitutes in the field, and those they are laboring among ; remembering the promise : "Whatsoever ye will ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

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*QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.*

- What is the subject of Field Study this month ?
- As a Society what do we do at the close of the year ?
- What anxiety have we had of late in connection with our work ?
- What ground of comfort have we in relation to our friends ?
- What has the year brought to our home work ?
- What important questions are asked in regard to the year's work—our part in it ?
- What in regard to next year's work ?
- What are we recommended to do ?
- On what does the success of a Mission Band depend ?
- Who is best suited for a President ?
- Who for a Treasurer ?
- What must you do, having elected your officers ?
- How can you assist the President ?
- The Treasurer ? The Corresponding Secretary !
- What must you avoid, and why ?
- What must we do in order to accomplish more next year ?
- For what must we pray ?