

Some years ago I gave some bonds to our F.M. Society, the income to be used for the general work. Now the continued high cost of exchange to India and a reduced balance to begin this year (partly from cost of exchange last year) have brought our balance so low that this summer may bring a time when the money due will not be in the bank when payment should be made. Entirely without appeal I have therefore given formal permission to our Foreign Missionary Board, through our Treasurer, Mrs. Piersol, to sell to the limit of my gift, the securities which now represent the original bonds. Of course it is understood that when the funds permit the "principal" shall be replaced. In the meantime the income would be less, and possibly a cheaper method of securing the necessary money may be found, but the Board has full authority to act. As I have given permission before the pressing need has actually arrived it seems reasonable that the Board may delegate authority to the Treasurer "with power to act," should there be occasion in this particular instance. This might come in midsummer, no regular meetings of the Board in July and August, eleven members required to constitute a quorum, and no one may vote by proxy. (In the Home Mission Constitution the quorum is nine).

This is my personal opinion based on some practical knowledge of business, and the action of our F.M. Board, while holding my permission could not be challenged; but this gives an opportunity to publish my opinion in a general way.

Earnestly praying that the Lord, in whose hands are powers which we cannot estimate, may lead us all to a greater appreciation of our privilege as "workers together with Him", and make us willing to do the small thing if we have not the opportunity for a greater service, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
Violet Elliot.

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WHICH ROAD DO YOU TRAVEL?

There are two roads in life, in all life, and therefore in Mission Circle work, because that is part of life.

One road is called **Ignorance**, and it leads to two Inns, the first of which is **Indifference**. This Inn is filled with a gay careless folk for they live there. They just do not think about worthwhile things. The second Inn you reach on this road is the Inn of **Inefficiency**. It, too, is well filled for people who travel by the Road of Ignorance are generally **Inefficient**.

Now Missions is worth while work, if not the most worthwhile work, for it is the Master's work, so certainly we are not going to travel by the Road of Ignorance about it, leading to these Inns of **Indifference** and **Inefficiency**. While we are thinking of this work we want to travel by the other road,—the Road of **Knowledge**.

Granting the foregoing, here is the plea for Mission Study, for real, right-down earnest Mission Study.

Mission Study will broaden our outlook on the world in general, and as we learn of the conditions of the lives of our sisters, it will be an education to us.

It will increase our knowledge. It will not do in these days to pray "O God bless the heathen" in an aimless un-earnest sort of a way. Our neighbors on the other side of the world might hear us, in these times when the world has become one great whispering gallery, and hearing, what would they think of our prayers? And what does the great Hearer of Prayer think as we pray so carelessly? Isn't He wondering why we do not know more, when Information is lying just under our hand, to be had for the laying hold, by means of study?

And it will develop our prayer life. When we know of the conditions and lives of our sisters, they will form an urgent and insistent call to pray on their behalf, for if we know and enter into the lives of our sisters, and meet those whose problems are so much more difficult than our own, we will want to share our best with them. It seems as though this development of Prayer life is the most important of all results, for it will bring us into closer touch with our wonderful Living Lord, so much so that we will desire, with a great desire, to show Him, not our beliefs or doc-