

NEW ENGLAND.

Dear Sisters,—

As a branch of the Living Vine we turn towards you with loving greeting, for we have been led to realize in a remarkable degree our oneness in the Lord, and have been filled with thanksgiving that we have a part in His glorious mission. As the Father gave Him as a witness to the people, so He has sent us into the world to be witnesses for Him. Our earnest prayer is that the Heavenly Husbandman will so cleanse and prune the several branches, that the sap of the divine spirit shall flow freely through us, and cause us to bring forth abundant fruit to His praise.

Our reports of mission work both Home and Foreign, show that our efforts for the advancement of Christ's kingdom have been blessed far beyond our expectations. We gratefully acknowledge that in seeking to help others, we too have been abundantly blessed, and many have been made to realize the truth, that every follower of the Lord Jesus is included among those to whom was given the command, to go forth "into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

As he who seeks for happiness as an end, utterly fails in his pursuit; so, those who seek for salvation that they may secure to themselves simply the benefits thereof, fail to enter into the joy of the Lord, whose mission was "to seek and to save that which was lost."

We rejoice that the cause of Temperance so vital to the interests of the Church, is progressing. Within the past year the Legislature of Massachusetts has enacted a "Scientific Temperance Law." Rhode Island secured a Prohibitory Amendment to its Constitution, and other States represented by us have made progress in the same line. In bringing about these results, we trust we as a Church, have had, under the blessing of God, no small share. As a nation, too, we are progressing toward the right, as shown by the enactment by Congress of the Statute, making Scientific Temperance Instruction compulsory in all institutions of learning, directly under

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