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THE LORD'S NEW YEAR.

Do you wish you could keep your watch by night
 Like the Shepherds of Bethlehem?
 Do you wish you could see a glory light
 As it shone in the sky for them?
 Have you kept your watch in fields afar
 Where the heathen in darkness dwell?
 Have you watched in the East for the rising star
 That shall lead to Immanuel?
 Have you seen how the gospel of God's good-will
 Is spreading through heathen climes?
 Have you heard how they call on the Lord, until
 It is sweet as the angel-chimes?
 I tell you the Christmas glory now
 Is a thousand times more bright,
 Than the glory that shone so long ago
 On that first glad Christmas night.
 The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
 It is blessedly drawing near,
 And peace on earth, good will to men
 Shall come with the Lord's New Year,
 —Good Times.

WHOM SHALL WE SEND?

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“WHOM shall we send?” What women shall we choose for this great work that we, as members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada, have made ours?—this work of the Lord, sanctioned, commanded by Himself.

And first, do we not need a clear conception of the work in order to study the requisite qualifications of the workers. Is it not this: to carry—to live—the gospel of our Lord Jesus to those who do not know Him, to teach them that there is one God, whose name is Love, whose greatest manifestation of Himself is in Christ Jesus, who reveals His will to us for

our obeying through the Holy Spirit—our Father and our God! What the doing of that work has cost in the past, the lives of such men as the Gordons, Carey, Livingstone, Bishop, Taylor, St. Paul, attest. Has it not ever been carried on through “perils in wildernesses,” cities and seas; “in labor and travel, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness?” And to fit lives for such holy service, is not careful training needed, deliberate preparation indispensable? Perhaps some of the members will presently tell us wherein this preparation might most potently consist—what training schools for missionaries might accomplish, what the wise distribution of literature, might do in the widening of our borders in awakening enthusiasm and a keener sense of personal responsibility, in forming also in the mind of the volunteer missionary a more finely balanced perception of the purposes of the work and its wise administration. All this I must needs leave to others fitted by experience and thought to determine. One thing we who have felt the sacred touches of the Eternal in the shaping and adjustment of our lives, know, that *whom Jesus calls to any work He makes ready!* Have we not known the sweetness of being made ready for tiniest, “nexte thynges” in many day's simplest living?—the divine pressure of that

“Machinery just meant
 To give thy soul its bent,
 Try thee, and turn thee forth
 Sufficiently impressed.”

“Prepared unto every good work.” And shall we not be sure of this same preparation for those sisters of ours whom He would send to “tell out” His message to remoter circles than those of home or country. *How* prepare? *How* call? We know not. Some-