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NEW YEAR BLESSINGS

We have special reason for being glad as a society, this new year. For a long time we have been without a Young Women's Secretary, and a Secretary for Bands. Often we wondered when one might be sent to us. Nor did we stop at wondering nor at prayer, we called upon and asked several ladies if they felt they could undertake these offices. Some felt it would be a real privilege but circumstances or health prevented them. You can imagine, then, what a true pleasure it is for me to introduce to our Convention ladies and girls and boys our new **Secretary of Bands**, Mrs. O. C. J. Withrow. For some time Mrs. Withrow has been an active member of the Home Mission Board; she has also been in close touch with the wonderful Walmer Rd. Band and has high ideals for Bands. We of the Foreign Board welcome Mrs. Withrow very warmly to our Board and as a leader in whom we have great confidence.

But this New Year, blessings have not come single handed. I have also the further pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. H. F. Veals, of Hamilton, as our new **Young Women's Secretary**. Mrs. Veals has been on the Foreign Board for some years, she is one of our outside members who are usually at Board meeting, and we appreciate it. This partly accounts for Mrs. Veals being willing and able to take this new responsibility; for board meetings are "line upon line" until after a time we find ourselves well versed in, and very earnest about, all our mission work. Mrs. Veals has had experience in working among young women, indeed it is not long since she was one of them herself. She has gone to some of our Summer Camps and in different ways joined in young women's interests.

Though we have had a long wait for a Young Women's and a Band Secretary, we feel now that Mrs. Veals and Mrs. Withrow have come to us, it has been worth while

waiting and we want to help them in every way we can. May God grant them health and wisdom, and in this work may they experience real satisfaction and many a time of refreshing to their own souls.

Maud Matthews.

The Link gives most hearty welcome to our two new secretaries, Mrs. Withrow and Mrs. Veals, introduced by Mrs. Matthews. The work of the Young Women's Circles and of the Bands will be greatly strengthened by their oversight and by their messages in our papers.

Be sure to read very carefully the word from our Treasurer. It is a somewhat depressing word, but should serve as an immediate and effective challenge to more persistent and earnest prayer, more generous giving, and more constant broadcasting of our work and its needs.

Surely we should pray constantly for wisdom, guidance and help, and then by every means possible we should keep open the channels through which help may come. We believe it is our business, as far as possible, to let those responsible and interested know all facts and circumstances connected with our missionary enterprises so that all may pray and act together. Let us not ask nor expect God to do what He has given us power to do ourselves.

Study carefully our estimates for this year, given again on page 3, every item so significant and necessary. It is our responsibility and obligation to match these estimates with our gifts.

Remember February 19th, the Women's Day of United Prayer for Missions. The January Link, pages 161, 162, contains a message about this day from The Interim Committee and a suggested programme for the meetings.