

Paper read at the Annual Meeting by
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I am asked to read a practical paper on the "Duties of our Members and the responsibility of the Women of the Church in regard to Foreign Mission Work."

Let me begin with some of the duties we, as members of the W.F.M.S., owe to ourselves.

The first, and most important, is to keep our hearts under the influence of Christ's love. The men who followed Saul to Gibeah soon after his anointing were described as "a band of men whose hearts the Lord had touched." We should be a band of women "whose hearts God has touched." Our inspiration should come from the Cross.

Our watchword should be, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Our power should be mainly heart-power.

To labor well and long for others, we must keep near the Cross ourselves. By prayer, by the study of God's word, by meditation upon the promises, especially those referring to the coming glories of Messiah's Kingdom, by trying—however vain the effort—to look upon perishing souls as Christ looked upon them, by reflecting much on what it cost the Redeemer to provide a ransom for lost sinners, by these and other means, we must keep our hearts aglow with love to Him, "Whose we are, and Whom we serve."

Another most important duty is to keep our minds well informed on the details of our work.

Heart-power is indispensable to any kind of Christian work, but knowledge is also indispensable in this work of ours, if we are to have a reasonable degree of success. We should know as much as possible of the different countries in which our Mission Fields are situated, of the geography, history, climate, and pro-