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CHRIST'S LABORERS.

BY MRS. MERRILL E. GATES.

Ye faithful ones! O not alone
Ye toil in far, unfriendly lands,
But 'panied by valiant bands
Of shining spirits from God's throne.

A great, a glorious company—
Hosts of the Spirit-led on earth,
Heirs of the new immortal birth—
Are fellow-workers where ye be!

All praying souls, whose ardent view
Sees Christ's fair fabric rise secure,
'Mid fierce time-tumults, heavenly pure,
Upbuild those wondrous walls with you.

Angels, who downward bending hear
The sin-bruised soul's repentant voice,
And in the blessed sound rejoice,
How closely do they gather near!

And Christ the Lord, the crucified,
For whose dear sake alone ye go,
Who loves us as we cannot know,
How is he at your very side!

God, saints and angels! Surely ye,
Since all to God ye freely give,
Befriended are as none that live,
And heartened by high ministry!

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Contributions—With much regret we must report a falling off in our contributions of $434.74 in the first month of our new financial year as compared with the same month in 1900. We recognize the fact that the ingathering at the close of the year is apt to react in the first month of the new year; but the same conditions existed a year ago, and it is a disappointment to be obliged to begin the year in the minor key. We realize, however, that contributions must fluctuate from month to month, and since eleven months remain to redeem the loss, we will not lose heart over it. May it the rather spur us on to more "determined effort" in the new year.

Missionary—Three new missionaries have started for their respective fields of labor the past month,—Miss Harriet L. Osborne and Miss Evelyn M. Worthley for Foochow, China, and Miss Alice Gleason for
Guadalajara, Mexico. It is pleasant to think of the warm welcome they will receive in the places to which they go, and the fresh life and courage they will carry to the overworked missionaries. Of the young ladies in this country, Miss Phelps, of Inanda, has gone to friends in the West; Miss Pohl, of Smyrna, plans to take up some studies in Hartford Theological Seminary; Miss Bruce, of Satara, India, is to remain in the East; and Miss Mary Noyes, of Madura, is with friends in Cincinnati. Letters have been received from Miss Clara L. Brown at Honolulu, on her way home for a well-earned furlough. Miss Talcott has proved herself so indispensable to the work in the Sandwich Islands that she has been persuaded to remain there till the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Doremus Scudder, who are soon to take up the work. Miss Cull, of Marsovan, who has a furlough this year, is established in Cambridge, England, where she is to take up special studies.

**Via Christi.** This little text-book for our united study for 1902 is rapidly making its way among many of the women's societies in the United States and Canada. The first two editions were soon exhausted, and it has been received with universal favor. The publishers are to issue a holiday illustrated edition, which many of our readers will wish to purchase. To be obtained from Macmillan Company, 66 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Price, 60 cents.

**Miss Stone.** It is with great regret that we are again compelled to say that there is no word as yet of Miss Stone's release. The fact that both Turkey and Bulgaria are eager to disclaim all responsibility greatly hampers negotiations. In justice to Miss Stone and to the missionary force, it should be said that there was no "recklessness," as has been implied in some statements, on Miss Stone's part, in being found in the place where she was captured. The road was considered safe, and she was traveling with a party of teachers and pastors. The good news of her release may come at any moment. Efforts to this end have not been in the least relaxed.

**Union Meeting.** An interdenominational meeting was held Tuesday afternoon, December 10th, in the chapel of the Old South Church, Boston. President Caroline Hazard, of Wellesley College, presided, and there was a good representation of ladies from the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and other Boards, as well as from our own Board. After a brief devotional service, Miss Susie Sorabji, of Poona, India, the daughter of a prominent Parsee family, to whom many of our own constituency listened with great interest at our annual meeting, gave an address, which was a wonderful presentation of facts from various reports and authoritative statements from prominent
men, in regard to the condition of India's women. At the close a generous offering was made for the school in Poona, which is the special work which Miss Sorabji represents.

A New Magazine. A new visitor has appeared among our exchanges, called The Indian Ladies' Magazine. It is published in Madras, and edited by a native lady, Mrs. S. Satthianadhan. It is printed in English, and its appearance is all that can be desired in a modern magazine. It is intended for circulation among two classes of women in India—the growing number of native ladies who have received a liberal English education, and with whom the future of Indian womanhood largely rests; and the many European ladies who are spending their lives for the emancipation of their Indian sisters. It is hoped that it will serve as a bond of union for the educated Indian ladies with each other and with the Europeans, and the manifold activities by which the cause of Indian women is being furthered. The number before us contains articles on "Social Intercourse between European and Indian Ladies," "The Vedic Wife," giving some of the Indian ideals of womanhood in the ancient literature of the country, and some pretty Hindu stories. Social reforms are made prominent in an article on Pundita Ramabai and her work; and practical help for Indian wives and mothers is given in the cookery column, where there are recipes for such dishes as "cocoanut chutney" and "brinjal curry." We think the periodical promises much of interest to the friends of India in this country, and we wish it might have a large circulation here. The subscription price is $1.50 a year, which should be sent to Indian Ladies' Magazine, Royapettah, Madras.

Among Our Methodist Friends. "The touch of nature which makes the whole world kin" is shown in the following recently received communication:—

"The following resolution was adopted by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, at its recent session in Philadelphia, October 30th to November 6th, 1901.

Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Secretary.

"Resolved, That our sincere sympathy is hereby extended to the perplexed and afflicted great American Board on account of the cruel capture and detention of their devoted missionary, Miss Ellen M. Stone, by the brigands of Bulgaria, and will devoutly and constantly pray for her speedy release."

Many thanks to our Methodist friends. We most heartily appreciate their sympathy. May their prayers and ours soon be answered in the release of our beloved captives!"