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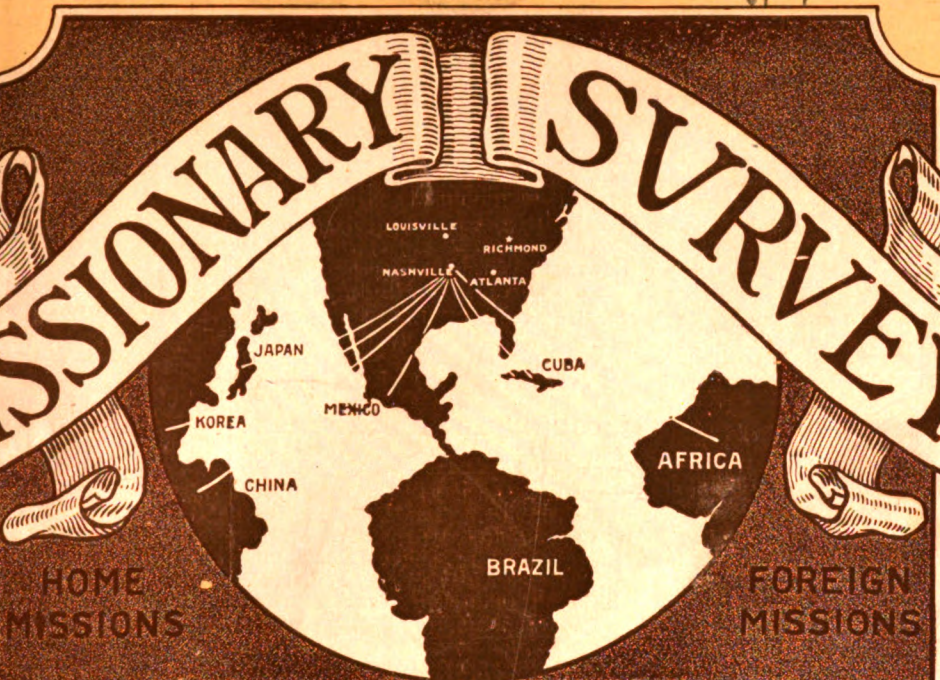
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## To The New Year

One song for thee, New Year,  
 One universal prayer;  
 Teach us—all other teachings far above—  
 To hide dark hate beneath the wings of love  
 To slay all hatred, strife,  
 And live the larger life!  
 To bind the wounds that bleed;  
 To lift the fallen, lead the blind  
 As only love can lead—  
 To live for all mankind!

—James Whitcomb Riley

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**"THIS ALSO THAT SHE HATH DONE SHALL BE SPOKEN OF FOR A MEMORIAL OF HER"**

These beautiful words of Jesus spoken of that woman who anointed his feet when He was here on earth can also be said of truth of many of his faithful followers today who are furthering the work He left here for them to do. As we listened to a member of the Third Presbyterian Church, Richmond, tell of the twenty successive years in which the women of that Church, first the Ladies' Aid and later the Woman's Auxiliary, have conducted a Foreign Mission study class, and then heard her say, "The leading spirit of these study classes was one whose passion was *foreign missions*," and knowing that this good friend to whom she referred, Mrs. Edwin Pleasants, had recently been called Home, we could but think "This *also* that *she* hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of *her*." How she did love the Cause of Foreign Missions! How she did "uphold the hands of those who work" in the foreign fields and those who superintend the work in the Nashville office—not only with her liberal gifts, but with an influence which meant even more than dollars and cents. We think with pleasure of the many evenings we have talked together and have listened to her as she earnestly and yearningly spoke of the great work that needed to be done.

The Auxiliary of the Third Church probably holds the record of having had a Foreign Mission study class for the longest number of consecutive years of any in the Assembly, and was certainly one of the first to have an organized study class. "The White Fields of Japan" which will be studied this spring, will be the twenty-first

consecutive Foreign Mission Study Class held by that Auxiliary. There are a number of interesting things that might be mentioned in connection with this statement, and first and foremost, perhaps, is that the women of the Third Church are *informed* about the work of our Church. This business of "upholding the hands" of the Master's workmen has not been lightly looked upon by them—the result largely of the influence of this one who has been the leading spirit in all of the classes of these years.

And another most interesting, and we would perhaps not be far wrong should we say unusual thing, is that never have they gone outside their own Church to get a leader for the Study Class. And never has this study class been a one-day or an afternoon "make-believe" class, which is too often the case. It has *always* been a *real study* of the subject, when the women would come together once each week, for a number of weeks, and study the book chapter by chapter, and in the meantime, some at least, would read every available piece of material they could get bearing on the subject.

If only there were in Auxiliaries more women who had "a passion for missions" and who would use their time and influence getting their Auxiliary to conduct a real study of the book this Spring! Such an influence, as in the case of our friend Mrs. Pleasants, would live on and on.

"The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean

Will leave a track behind forevermore;  
The lightest wave of influence, once in motion,

Extends and widens to the eternal shore."  
—Sarah Lee Vinson.

