

1911: Foreword.

MOST often is the Foreword written last
 To show the writer's aim—what he doth mean ;
 But here nought but blank pages can be seen ;
 Not e'en a note to show how things are classed.
 Yet what is future now will then be past,
 And stand recorded on the page now clean ;
 Things as they are, not what they might have been
 Had we the right our life's tale to recast.
 And ah! we know that blots and blunders there
 Will mar the Story ere we reach the end.
 Well, if they drive us to our knees in prayer,
 And back to the all-cleansing Fountain send,
 For all the rest—to guard from anxious care,
 His goodness and His mercy shall attend.¹

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The Missionary World.

THE year 1910 will always stand out in the record of
 Foreign Missions. The World Missionary Conference
 was more than an event. It was "fruit wherein is seed." It
 presented, in a form that had cost long thought and labour, the
 focussed experience of the Missionary past ; it expressed, in
 terms of glowing life, the Missionary consciousness of the
 present ; it held the germ of Missionary developments in the
 future. Great in itself, it was greater still in its relationship to
 what was, what is, and what is to be. At this moment the
 message of Edinburgh is spreading to the Church throughout
 the world. Men and women from the Home Church, on
 whom deep impress was made, have returned to parishes,
 Missionary committees, and the headquarters of Missionary
 societies. Missionaries have gone back to their stations, foreign
 delegates to their own people in Africa and the East. Tokens

¹ Psalm xxiii. 6.