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

Arthur J. Santer.

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.