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To the President, Secretary, and Members of the International Missionary Union, Clifton Springs, New York.

Dear Brethren:

We salute you in the name of our Lord Jesus. The Cross-Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle began its work four years ago, and it comes to you today with a message of good cheer. Its members are now found in nearly every state of the Union, in the Provinces of Canada, and in South America; while letters of inquiry have come in from England, India, and China. The Cross-Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle is doing a purely educational work. It raises no money, sends no missionaries,



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does not interfere with any denominational Missionary Board. Its one purpose is to create a missionary conscience. This movement bears fruit in several ways, among which may be mentioned; more knowledge of God's word and work, more intelligent and earnest prayer, larger liberality, more missionaries for foreign fields, and an abiding interest in missionary progress. Members for the past year have read, "My Missionary Apprenticeship" by Bishop Thoburn, "The Story of John G. Paton", "Doomed Religions" by Dr. Reid, "The New Era" by Dr. Strong, and the Missionary Review of the World, the monthly periodical studied in the Circle. We believe that the home millions of Christians greatly need

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some such course as this, and anything that the International Missionary Union, or its members individually, may do to help in this educational enterprise, will be highly appreciated.

The course of reading and study for the coming year will be as follows: (1) "Life of Robert Morrison", (2) "Life of Adoniram Judson", (3) "Our Country" (Revised Edition) (4) "Foreign Missions after a Century" by Dr. James S. Dennis, + (5) The Missionary Review of the World.

Praying that the Lord Jesus - the Great Head of the Church may direct your deliberations, I am
Your Brother in Christ
M. L. Gray,

President Cross-Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle.



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