

## WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE LORD TODAY?

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Little one, dandling along in glee,  
 Happy as only a child can be,  
 Have you a message that you can say,  
 Or work to do for the Lord to-day?  
 "Only to love Him who first loved me,  
 Only to tell of that love so free;  
 Trying to follow Him on His way,  
 This, though a child, I can do today."

O maiden sweet, in the blush of youth,  
 Whose feet are treading the path of truth,  
 Afer lies the goal, and steep the way,  
 So not a moment can you delay.  
 "But I'll speak to Him as on I go,  
 And, trusting him, I need fear no foe;  
 Although I am weak, yet He is strong,  
 And I'll lean on him when the way seems long."  
 —Herald and Presbyterian.

## FIELD STUDY FOR SEPTEMBER.

"Our Board of Management, Officers and Committee."  
 "All Sister Societies."

The close of our missionary year has come, and as we look back we ask ourselves how much we have done in the past twelve months to spread the Gospel and dispel the darkness of heathendom. When we remember how great the work is, and how small and weak we are, we fear that the little we may have accomplished is as nothing compared with the magnitude of the work still to be done. But "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," so we may hope that our small service will be accepted of Him.

Our prayers this month are to be for our Boards of Management and all the officers and committees of our Society, all those on whose shoulders rest the burdens of this great work. We cannot share these heavy responsibilities with them, but we can greatly lighten them by praying for the Holy Spirit to direct and aid in all the business they may be called upon to transact.

When the Israelites were at war with the Amalekites, as long as Moses held up his hand Israel prevailed, but when Moses let down his hand Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hand became so heavy from weariness that he could hold it up no longer, so Aaron and Hur held up his hands until the battle was won on the side of Israel. This is what we can do for the officers and managers of our Society. We can uphold them with our prayers, and thus encourage them in the performance of all their duties. The Board of Managers is the legislative body of the society. All the work at home and abroad is reviewed at its annual meeting, plans are

adopted for the furtherance of the objects of the society, missionaries accepted, their fields of labor designated, and the necessary funds appropriated. The different committees are the Executive Committee, which transacts business during the year; the Supply Committee, which has charge of all supplies of clothing, bedding, etc., contributed by auxiliaries and mission bands and circles, and directs as to their destination; the Literature and Publication Committee, whose duty it is to issue all authorized publications of the Society, and the Committee on Indian work, which obtains and presents to the Board of Managers all necessary information relating to any extension of the Indian work. All these committees have great responsibility resting upon them, and need our prayers to sustain them. Dear Mission Band workers, let us remember at a Throne of Grace all those on whom these burdens rest, that God may give them wisdom as they require it.

We must also pray for God's blessing to rest on all Missionary Societies of every denomination, or wherever they may be laboring for the salvation of the heathen world. In every Christian land noble bands of men and women, and of boys and girls are toiling to send the Gospel to those who have never yet heard the sweet story of redeeming love. Let us pray that they may be blessed in their good work.

As we close the records for the past year and enter upon the coming one, we pray our Father in Heaven to forgive us wherein we have failed to labor faithfully enough for Him, and to help us to do all in our power to spread the blessed tidings Jesus Christ came to bring so many years ago.

## POTATO AND EGG SOCIALS.

Have you heard about them yet, young workers? Well, if not, I must tell you. Some little people in the East have been using them, and, they say, with much success.

It is something like the birthday party, only, instead of pennies, each one who comes brings as many eggs or potatoes as he is years old. Then the potatoes and eggs are sold.

You might try either a potato or an egg social, and see what you can do with it.—Exchange.

## QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

- What must we especially pray for this month?
- What question do we ask ourselves at the close of the Missionary year?
- How can we lighten the duties of our Board officers and committees?
- What Bible story applies here? Please tell it!
- What is the Board of Managers? What is its work?
- What does the Executive Committee do?
- What does the Supply Committee do?
- What is the duty of the Literature Committee?
- What of the Indian Committee?
- What do these Committees need, and how can Mission Circle and Band workers help them?
- What must we also pray for?
- What must we do at the close of this Missionary year, and at the beginning of the new?