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Getting and Giving

The motive power of a watch is in the mainspring. This power turns the wheels and keeps the hands revolving. Without the mainspring, the watch is dead and motionless. But there is no power in the mainspring until it is wound up. The winding stores in it the energy which it communicates to every part of the watch. It can give out because it gets.

To turn the world to Himself,—this is the great work entrusted by the risen Saviour to His disciples. No other task ever given to men required so much power as this. It would be impossible for human might. But, getting strength from the Omnipotent Christ, the very weakest of us will be able to give out, in prayer and sacrifice and effort, his full share of the energy that will, at last, bring the whole world under Christ's sway.

The Scholars at Work

III. By Mrs. A. R. Melrose

In addition to the usual activities of a Sabbath School, our scholars have a large share in the support of the missions of the church, especially of Miss Jeanie B. Robb, our own missionary to Korea.

The general mission collection of the School is taken each Sabbath, in a separate envelope. At certain set times, the amount which each class has given in this way is reported from the platform, and all the scholars are much interested in hearing how the different classes compare.

The officers and teachers, in annual meeting, talk over the missionary enterprises of our church, and recommend to the School

certain methods of expending their money. These are explained to the School by the superintendent, and the scholars vote the money themselves. In this way they become interested in the missions, knowing where their money goes, and are encouraged to do more.

Recently it became necessary to increase Miss Robb's salary, and this the Sunday School undertook to provide for, in addition to what they had already been doing. In every class secretaries were appointed, and were given little note-books, with a list of those in their classes who would pledge five or ten cents or more per month towards this extra expense,—this to be given only by those who could conscientiously promise not to allow it to interfere with any other obligation. The smaller sums are the ones that are almost universally given.

The last Sabbath in each month is called Jennie B. Robb Sunday. All are reminded of this the Sabbath before, and each small (or large) secretary brings his or her book, receives and carefully notes the payment of each pledge, and hands the money to the general treasurer. Every part of the work that can possibly be put into the hands of the scholars themselves is given to them,—they feel that it is especially theirs, and that Miss Robb is their missionary.

At Christmas, our scholars do a joyously enthusiastic work for the poor of the city,—“Christmas Cheer”. A selection of families who need help is made, their circumstances are learned, and a committee of teachers and senior scholars is formed to decide on the character and amount of goods required. Then to each class is assigned some special share in this giving. One class may bring