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Three million gallons of spirits in six months, in excess of the same period the previous year! Will the revenue department, after computing the excise derived from this great increase in home production, also estimate the extra amount of misery it will entail upon thousands of families, the extra demand for prison and hospital accommodation it will create, the precious souls that will be lost by it, and then strike a balance, and let the public know how much the country is benefited by the increase!

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS are, for this issue, taken from the *Berean Quarterly*—a fact that we take pleasure in acknowledging.

Arrangements are in progress whereby we hope in future numbers to obtain the services of some of our own Sunday School men for this department of the HELPER.

METHODISM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The Methodist Church of Canada is making very substantial progress in the above province. There are twelve ministers who preach the gospel to an aggregate of about 5,250 hearers, in twenty-two chapels, and thirty-one other preaching places. The membership is 771, an increase of 1:8 for the year. There are ten S. Schools in an efficient and prosperous state. The contributions to the missionary fund are in advance of any previous year, notwithstanding the stringency of the times. A new and commodious chapel has been erected and dedicated for the people of Wellington, and also a substantial one for the Indians at Burrard Inlet. The Methodists of Victoria are sending a Missionary to labour among the Naas Indians; and several new fields of labour are being occupied.

All honour to the earnest zeal and *push* of our Methodist brethren! We Baptists may well take a leaf out of their book in this respect. What is our strength and standing in this far off province of British Columbia? We should like to know.

A doctor recently gave the following prescription for a sick lady:—"A new bonnet, a Cashmere shawl and a silk dress." The lady entirely recovered.

Contributed Articles.

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A WORD FROM A WOMAN TO WOMEN.

Will not the Baptist women of Canada help in the great work of winning souls to Christ? Are we not apt to think that if we guide well our houses and fulfil as becometh godliness our duties as daughters, sisters, wives, and mothers, we do all our Master requires at our hands, not remembering that it was to women as well as men He gave His last commission to preach the Gospel to all nations? Are we not in danger of being classed among those who are at ease in Zion, on whom woe is pronounced? A woman's first duty unquestionably is at home; but, should that prevent her extending a helping hand to those not so blessed as herself? Thank God, in all ages there have been, and still are, many noble women whose husbands praise them, and whose children rise up and call them blessed for faithful performance of home duties, but who, nevertheless, have found both time and money to help their brethren in the aggressive warfare of the church—not trusting themselves into the front rank of the army, but working unobtrusively in the rear, and accomplishing what the valiant standard-bearers could never do. There is *so much* to do for Jesus, work for *every one*, and the time is so short!

A cry for help has reached us from our own mission field of Cocanada:—Send a woman missionary whose whole time and work shall be devoted to the women and children of India, who can enter the secluded heathen homes (forbidden to our brethren) to tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

This appeal has come to us, and we have not even to look round asking "whom shall we send? who will go?" All who were in Jarvis street lecture-room on the 24th ultimo, and heard our young sister tell of her life-long desire to go to India and engage in this very work, must have felt that she was the one, that she was called of God. *There* in Cocanada is the want; *here* in Canada is the supply. But our sister can not go unless she is sent,—and who will send her?

The Foreign Mission Board can not do it. Dr. Fyfe says, in his recent article in the *Baptist*, that it is already overburdened and can assume no additional responsibility. Baptist women of Ontario, sisters in Christ, can not *we* undertake this work, and come to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of sin and darkness? The Montreal circles, we understand, are taking charge of the girl's school at Cocanada. The Presbyterian women of Ontario have already two missionaries in their field, and are just sending out a third. Shall *we* be behind? How can we render an account to God if we refuse this work? "Rise up ye women that are at ease, tremble ye careless ones." Mothers, wives, daughters, think of your privileges! "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Let every woman see that a circle or society is immediately formed in her own church, an interest awakened in foreign missions, and money collected. The Corresponding Secretary of the Central Board long since mailed a circular and pamphlet to every pastor in Ontario, but we were sorry to hear her report that as yet few churches had responded to her call.

Some one says: "So much to do at home, and charity begins there." Quite true, my sister, and woe be to us if we neglect home work; *but true charity never ends there*. "These things ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Neither must we reduce one cent of our contributions to the Parent Society, nor in any way must we work out of harmony with our brethren. This new work of ours must be an *extra effort*. Surely the Baptist women of Ontario can raise money enough to send one missionary to India, and support her in her work while there. Let each one deny herself some little luxury or gratification, giving its value as a freewill offering to the Lord for our perishing sisters in India, and the work is done. *God will bless the sacrifice.*

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THE OTHER EXTREME.

We have heard much said as to the pulpit becoming too much an advertising medium, owing to the divers announcements that it has been the custom to herald forth Sunday after Sunday. In some churches a perfect tidal wave of notices of

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