

Woman's Work.

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Programme for June Meeting of Auxiliaries.

Subject—Blossoming into Heavenly Fruit.

Hymn No. 621: "I Gave My Life for Thee."

Prayer by the president.

Reading of Scriptures: 1 Cor. xiii. Hymn No. 430: "Sound, Sound the Truth Abroad."

Prayer by one or two sisters.

Roll call

Secretary's report.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Payment of dues and offerings.

Readings or remarks as may seem advisable.

Hymn No. 630: "Work, for the Night is coming"

Prayer or benediction.

BLOSSOMING INTO HEAVENLY FRUIT.

Blossoming! What a wealth of fragrance and beauty this word suggests. There is nothing in our material surroundings which more clearly indicates the Creator's care for the happiness of His creatures, than do the flowers. They seem to have been formed purposely to minister enjoyment to our finer senses.

God might have hidden nature do her work in a plain garb of green or gray, instead of giving us the old, yet ever new, miracle of bloom. Fruit and grain might have been matured without clothing, the orchards with a cloud of rose-tinted petals, or spreading out the harvest field like a sea of molten gold. But the budding and blossoming of spring-time and summer are but one stage of the process by which the good Father feeds His great family. The gorgeous queens of our gardens and the humbler flowers that deck the waysides and meadows, or hide their modest heads among the last year's forest leaves, were hidden by their Maker to nourish at least one tiny seed in each little bosom to perpetuate their kind in the great congregation of next year's blooming, or to feed some frail wanderer of field or air.

We know that the delicate wreaths of blossoms which make our orchards such indescribable realms of loveliness and perfume at this season of the year are but hand-maidens to the crimson and golden fruit which will load their branches by and by, or gladden eye and palate when autumn's storms have denuded every bough. We know, too, that the changeful beauty of the cloud-swept grain fields gathers its significance from its prophecy of golden sheaves and well-filled granaries.

In the spiritual as in the physical world God ordained that "beauty should be the bride of use." Every step in the Christian life is, or should be, a stage of development, and each development the unfolding of a new charm from the germination of the good seed, when our hope like a frail bud among the tender leaves of faith is held in the heart with fear and trembling till the time when its expanded petals wrap our whole being in the beauty and fragrance of a consecrated life—a life like these grand old tropical trees that ripen the choicest fruit on branches bright with bud and flower. There is no beauty like the beauty of holiness, no charm like the charm of a pure and devoted spirit. Now there abideth Faith, Hope,

Love—the leaf, the bud, the flower—and the greatest of these is love. Love is the crown of perfection, the full-blown flower which holds in its bosom all possible fruits of righteousness—the fruits which all the bloom of our Christianity was intended to mature. Faith without works is dead, and hope that does not ripen into love is a faded flower.

The strength of our love or devotion to a cause is tested by what we are willing to sacrifice for it. Sisters of the C. W. B. M., what of our blossoming? Does it all end in color and perfume? Words are but breath, "deeds, deeds alone are things." Work, earnest self-sacrificing work, is the fruit which must endow our bloom of Christianity with significance. What are we doing for God and our sisters? Have the flowers whose sweetness we have been inhaling begun to ripen fruit? Have we gathered a few ears of the golden grain of truth, or some of the royal, ripe clusters of hope for the starved minds and thirsty souls of our heathen sisters?

Christianity means much more to woman than to man. Where its principles are untaught might makes right, and woman being the weaker is the sufferer and becomes the slave of man. Is it nothing to us that thousands of our sisters drag out a life of such slavery that the lot of the ordinary female slave at the south was comparative comfort beside it? We have no time to waste. The autumn of age and the winter of death are drawing near. If our Christian life has ripened no fruits its foliage will be swept like dead leaves before the blast, leaving our last hours desolate indeed.

"Must I at last before Thee stand, O God, with nothing in my hand? No golden grain, no gathered sheaf? But bring perchance a faded leaf, Or withered bough to give to Thee For all Thy love has given me?"

P. A. HENRY.

Bowmanville, Ont.

Photographs.

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Programme for the Annual Meeting, O. C. W. B. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1893.

3 p.m.—Social meeting with the brethren. From 5 to 6 meeting for the appointment of committees.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

9:00 a.m.—Devotional exercises by Mrs. Brenenstahl.

9:30—Minutes of last meeting.

10:00—Greetings.

10:30—President's address.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—OPEN MEETING.

1:30 p.m.—Praise meeting, led by Mrs. McClurg.

1:50—Hymn—"The World for Christ."

2:00—Report of corresponding secretary.

2:15—Report of treasurer.

2:25—Report of superintendent on children's work.

2:40—Paper prepared by our missionary, Miss Mary Riach.

2:50—Address by visiting preacher.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 3.

9:00 a.m.—Devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Brown.

9:30—Minutes of previous meeting.

Unfinished business

10:30—Reports of committees. Discussion.

11:30—Adjournment.

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Children's Day.

I would like to add a few words on behalf of the sisters to what Bro. Alkin has so kindly brought before the notice of Sunday school workers in May 1st EVANGELIST. It will greatly strengthen the hands of the sisters to know that the children in the Sunday schools are saving up missionary pennies for "Children's Day" collection, June 25, that they may be sharers in sending the gospel to the people in Japan. They will thus feel an increased interest in our dear sister, who is there bravely doing her best for our King. With each penny may a prayer ascend for a blessing to go with it! If all our offerings were only consecrated with the prayers of the people of God, how much faster this world would be evangelized and the "utmost parts of the earth" hear the glad message! Is not this an excellent suggestion, "to have regular monthly missionary collections all through the year?" I think this plan is working well in the Sunday school down in St. John, New Brunswick.

B. S.

O. C. W. B. M.

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Kilsyth, May 8, 1893.

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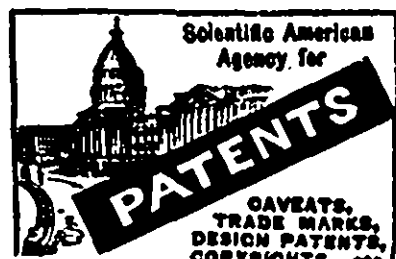
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Bro. Shield came to the hospital on the 8th April from Warton, Ont., where he had lived for several years. He united with the church in Warton in June, 1892, having been a consistent member of the Congregational body. It may be truly said of him, that he desired to know and do what the Word of God commands. He followed the example of Christ, in ministering to the wants of those in need. He expressed his willingness to die, if such was the Lord's will. Speaking of his faith in Christ, he said a few days before his death, "It would never do to give that up." He died in the hope of a "glorious resurrection." His remains were buried in St. James' cemetery, in this city.

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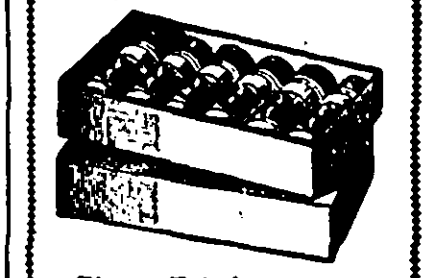
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