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"Here am I."

"Make use of me, my God!
Let me not be forgot;
A broken vessel cast aside;
One whom Thou needest not.

All things do serve Thee here,
All creatures, great and small;
Make use of me, of me, my God,
The meaneast of them all."

To Our Subscribers.

During the last two months a large number of renewal subscriptions have come in. Some of our friends, however, have forgotten to look at the date on the address labels of their papers. Will each one who reads this please do so now, and if her subscription has expired, kindly forward the twenty-five cents due, at once? We shall be very sorry to be obliged to stop any papers, but our terms are—*Cash in advance.*

The "Disgrace of a Deficit" Removed.

At the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec, T. Dixon Craig, Treasurer of the Board, presented a very satisfactory financial report, giving the total receipts of \$8,948, as made up from the contributions from the Women's Missionary Societies, \$1,920; Benevolence Scheme, \$1,522; Trust fund of Philadelphia (per Dr. Castle), \$500; special donation for Mission at Akidu, \$500, and subscriptions from churches and individuals, \$4,506. The expenditure for the year was \$8,917, consisting of the outlay upon the work in India, \$7,850; Rev. John McLaurin's salary, \$600; sundries, \$467. There was, therefore, a balance on hand of \$31.

Our Little Helpers.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Society of Ontario, the treasurer stated that Bessie Cox, a little lame girl of nine years had collected in Port Burwell \$1.50 for the mission.

In June was received from seven year old Lizzie May, of Westover, \$2.00. Last Christmas her grandpapa gave her a missionary box, and this was her six months' collection.

Another fifty cents came from a little girl in Wilkesport.

The "Children's Auxiliary" of Paris sent \$24.61, and the "Willing Workers" of Woodstock, \$3.50.

A Misstatement Corrected.

A statement having been made in a U.S. paper that "the women of the Baptist Church have declined to have their free missionary efforts controlled by the men," the *Helping Hand* defines the position of the Woman's Missionary Society in connection with the Baptist Missionary Union. As our Canadian Societies are conducted on precisely similar principles to those "across the line," we thankfully transfer the article to our columns for the information of those friends who are sometimes puzzled about our relation to the General Society:

"This Society in all its branches has adhered to one plan of operation; namely, that of being strictly auxiliary to the General Missionary Society of the denomination. The woman's membership fee is asked, not from former contributions, but, as expressly stated, is to be in addition to all contributed before. Its missionaries, sought out, encouraged, helped over all hindrances to undertake the work, are never appointed by the Woman's Society: its work is to recommend these laborers to the Missionary Union, and after appointment by that body to support them in their special field, which is decided in mutual consultation. From the beginning, the most delightful harmony has existed between the Woman's Board and the Executive Committee. The society has sought but the place of helper, and the Union has most gratefully accepted the proffered aid. In many ways, both public and private, it has acknowledged its obligation for service so heartily rendered.

"If there was fear at first on the part of any that resources for the woman's work would be drawn from the treasury of the Union, experience has proved such fears to be unfounded; and the wiser ones anticipated the creation of an atmosphere in the homes which would of necessity enlarge the resources of the Union. It is now acknowledged by all conversant with the facts that our denomination has gained much in intelligent interest in the cause of missions during the last two years, and the cause of this gain is ascribed in no small degree to the Woman's Society.

"So with reference to the quotation with which we began. We say, first, that the men have not sought to control the efforts of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society; and, secondly, that they have gladly accepted the help we have offered.

"Our position with regard to each other is that of cordial co-operation. We are mutual helpers of each other's work and joy."

Immediate Advance.

There can be no doubt of the increase of the missionary spirit in our churches. It has come in answer to prayer, as well as from the inspiration of what God is now doing in the conversion of thousands from heathenism. But this increasing interest can be of no practical value unless it leads to active work. The practical question of the hour is not so much how to increase the interest in our work as how to utilize what we already have, and that immediately. No longer should we be simply beggars at the feet of our Lord, expecting him to serve us continually with this missionary spirit;

rather let him be the recipient of rich gifts of service from us! This is no time for waiting. Luther well said: "The Word of God is like a passing shower; whenever it comes it must be received at once, or it will be gone. How often a man's 'not now' becomes a 'never.'" Let not, then, one of our sisters who has been forcibly impressed of late by the Holy Spirit that there is a work for her personally to do delay a moment. Let her organize a mission circle if none exists; or if there is one, let her seek a more active and increased membership, working at once, lest she lose the golden opportunity. Will not God hold us responsible also for the loss of spiritual power to ourselves, if we fail to improve what the Spirit teaches? God forbid that when called to our account we be left to say: "Lord, behold, here is thy pound which I have kept laid up in a napkin."
—Ex.

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec.

Having completed the work of man's redemption, our Divine Master when about to return to heaven, gave the great commission to his disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Such being the high behest of the Head of the Church, nothing short of the "world for Christ" will satisfy those whose minds and hearts are properly permeated with the spirit of the Great Captain of our salvation. This is the grand result which our Foreign Missionary Society, in the prosecution of its work, seeks to obtain. With the flight of another year, it becomes the duty of the Executive Officers to render an account of the important charge committed to their trust. In doing this, we shall follow the order heretofore observed and consider first the

HOME DEPARTMENT

of our work. On the 24th of December, a special meeting of your Executive Committee was held for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of releasing the Rev. John McLaurin from our service, during part of the time he remains in Canada. After a free and full discussion of the subject, at the earnest request of the Executive of the C. L. I., Woodstock, brother McLaurin was allowed to accept a position as Professor in the Theological Department until its removal to Toronto or his return to India, with the understanding that all the time he felt able to give to denominational work during the vacations, be at the disposal of your Board; he to receive therefor a balance salary of \$300. Contrary to the fears of some earnest brethren, the result of this arrangement has proved favourable to the interests of the Foreign Mission Society. During the time at his disposal, our brother has been both abundant and successful in his labours. In the interests of the Society, he has visited 10 Associations, delivered 35 addresses, travelled over 3,000 miles, and raised in cash and pledges the sum of \$2,000. This is a most gratifying result. But the still grander result of needed information imparted and holy inspiration given by his addresses and contact with the people, the "great day" alone will fully reveal.

Under the direction of your Executive, arrangements were also made with a number of our brethren to canvass those churches not contributing under the "Beneficent Scheme." In this way, efficient service was rendered to the Society, while the expense incurred was not large.