

OUR HOME WORK DEPARTMENT.

"And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works."

THIS department should commend itself to the attention of those who appreciate the growth and development of our work. A good deal has been said deprecatory of auxiliary reporting in this department. Whether this be owing to the traditional indifference to reports in general, whether it be to a lack of enthusiasm for a part of the work that lacks the romance of a foreign element, or because "other societies" not having a paper, have not developed this feature, we do not know, but we confess to no sympathy with an effort to eliminate them or to so abbreviate as to make them devoid of interest. The fifteen lines suggested by the Executive may be made to tell of a good deal of interest if all superfluities are omitted, but we certainly want all our Auxiliaries to do their best work and to send us the best reports they can.

The whole success of our Women's Missionary Society depends on the Home Work; therefore, to build it up, to develop its various phases, to encourage its feeble workers, and to establish all, is absolutely necessary. The aim of our Society is to win every Methodist woman to membership, and to educate the young amongst us to a love for missions. Spasmodic efforts will not do this. The work must be constant, steady, educative, by each congregation having its nucleus of influence and activity, *i.e.*, an Auxiliary. This is our method. Among the agencies we employ to stimulate our Auxiliaries is this paper, and we do not attach slight importance to the convincing testimony in these pages from month to month of the labors of our devoted women. We read through these reports that in the interests of our work hundreds, perhaps thousands, of women in our churches are learning how to conduct meetings, give addresses, write essays, devise plans of work, study and teach missionary history, biography, the status of woman in various countries, how to train our youth in the principles of Christian stewardship, and, by these means, intensify their own religious life, promote missionary, which is Gospel interest, and gather the gifts and offerings with which the Society carries on its work. This is the purpose of reports, and while occasionally there may appear a sameness, and, to the casual reader, "the same old things," to those who watch for growth there must come a feeling of gratitude that so many work so well. We know of no truly live society that does not keep its members in touch with the work and with each other by these means, and we frequently notice in the papers of other organizations requests from officers for tidings from those who are doing the "yeoman service."

"WHAT can we do to further our work?" "What can we 'get up' to interest the congregation in our work?" "How can we enlist the children and youth in missionary work?" These are constantly recurring questions, on which many new workers have but few ideas. We reply, Read the reports of our workers in the OUTLOOK, and you will find suggestions of practical value, then "go and *do* likewise."

To the corresponding secretaries of Auxiliaries we look for concise, bright readable reports of anything interesting, new or suggestive, that all workers may get the benefit. Space, however, will not admit programmes in detail. Short papers on any phase of our work, missionary sketches, experiences, etc., prepared for Auxiliaries, may, by publication, have extended usefulness. Send us your best thoughts, your brightest experiences, that the great monthly meeting in these pages may become profitable to all readers and helpful to all workers.

Do not forget, dear sisters, that "a consecrated pen is of equal value with a consecrated tongue," and involves equal obligation in the service of the Master.

"ONE Hundred Questions and Answers for Juvenile Mission Bands," prepared by a committee, may also be obtained at the same address. Leaders of Bands will find these exercises just the thing for imparting information, training the children to take part in the service, and infusing more life and interest into their meetings.

WE have before called attention to the little booklet, "Why are we Protestants?" Too much ignorance of real Romanism prevails among us. Our members should give this matter attention in view of our French work. Mrs. Ross has prepared this little work with great precision, and ministers as well as Women's Missionary Society workers will find it useful in their work.

MRS. DR. BASCOM, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary, Central Branch, has removed to Toronto, 72 Brunswick Ave., and will be pleased to receive any Mission Band workers who will call upon her.

THOUGHT GEMS.

"LET us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."—*Lincoln*.

"AND God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—2 COR. ix. 8.