

WHAT IS MISSIONARY WORK?

Can you take the Gospel message
To the lands beyond the sea?
Can you tell them of the Saviour,
Of His death upon the tree?

Do it!

It is Missionary work.

Can you help a fellow-worker
In some far off Mission field?
Can you cheer him in his labor,
Be a counselor and shield?

Do it!

It is Missionary work.

Can you point the poor and wretched
To their Heavenly Home on High?
Tell them of God's loving mercy,
And His presence ever nigh?

Do it!

It is Missionary work.

Can you through your daily duties
Do the good you find to do?
Can you speak some words for Jesus
Even though they be but few?

Do it!

It is Missionary work.

Can you, with what God has given,
Do your utmost every day?
Working, praying, trusting, loving,
Helping others on the way?

Do it!

It is Missionary work.

N. B.

FIELD STUDY FOR DECEMBER.

OUR subject this month is the extinction of the Liquor Traffic, Opium and Slave Trades, and all covetous hindrances to Christianity.

The programme in the Letter Leaflet for December gives the story of the young Hebrew Captives, Daniel 1st chap. as a good lesson on this subject. And the prayer is to be: "That the members of this Band, and all the youth of Canada may be as true to principle as was Daniel."

We give our readers a few of the figures, made up in view of prohibition, as to the way our country is made poorer every year by the money spent in liquor, which we all know is worse than lost. It is calculated that nearly \$40,000,000 goes in this way every year. Forty million dollars! Think of it!

The country is made poorer by the waste of grain used in the manufacture of this liquor. Part of it is Canadian grain, which might have been traded away with profit to other countries, if not needed here. Part of it is grain brought from other countries, for which money has to be paid. Over \$1,000,000 is wasted in this way. This grain would have fed 1,000,000 people, it is said.

The Dominion of Canada spends over \$6,000,000 every year to keep up its penitentiaries, jails, asylums, reformatories, almshouses, half of which would probably not be needed were it not for the "drink habit" of the people; so \$3,000,000 are lost in this way.. One of our politicians says: "The wonder is that with such terrible waste our country enjoys any prosperity. If this waste could be made to cease, Canada in ten years would not know herself, so prosperous and wealthy would she have grown."

Worse than all, careful calculation shows that (3000) three thousand lives are cut short in Canada every year by intemperance. This means more than a loss to the country.

Now we all know that within the last few months our country has practically declared for prohibition, and it only remains for the government to make a law and enforce it!

It is to the shame of our otherwise glorious British Empire that years ago she forced the opium traffic upon China at the point of the sword, and now the poppy plant grows all over China, and men, women and children are becoming stupid and besotted every day under its deadly influence, and the poor missionaries find it the greatest hindrance of all to their Christian efforts. Why did they do it, do you ask? To increase the revenue, to bring more money into the country, at any cost. The politicians forget that startling Bible verse, "Ye shall be ashamed of your revenues, because of the fierce anger of the Lord."

Those of us who read the newspapers of the day are interested in the description of the grand reception given to General Kitchener, England's latest hero. What has he done? He has won a great victory for England over the Arabs who had control of the slave trade in Africa, so we trust that this terrible traffic will soon be a thing of the past. The English nation delights to honor him.

All these things, the Liquor, Opium and Slave Traffics have been covetous hindrances to Christianity, showing that we put love of self and selfish gain before Christ.

S. E. S.

Questions for December.

How many millions of dollars are spent every year, in Canada, on spirituous liquors?

What other waste is there which helps to make the country poorer?

How much money is wasted in this way, and how many people would this grain feed?

How much money does the Dominion spend every year to keep up its penitentiaries, jails, asylums and almshouses?

About how much money spent in this way is the drinking habit of the people responsible for?

How many lives are cut short in Canada every year through this dreadful habit?

What has been done by the people recently, and what remains for the Government to do?

How did the opium trade get into China, and what has it done for China?

Why did the English do it, and what did they forget?

Will you tell of England's latest hero, and what he has done?