

## Foreign Missions.

## Contributions.

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## For Jesus' Sake.

The cause of missions is the cause of Christ. He gave himself for the world's redemption. He emptied himself and became obedient unto death, yea, the death of the cross. Because of this God also highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name, that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and that every tongue should confess him as Lord. On the day of Pentecost Peter said to the listening multitudes: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified." On a mountain in Galilee he appeared to his disciples and said: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth." He had become the author of salvation to all who obey him. His last command to his followers was to evangelize the world. He requires every disciple to contribute to the accomplishment of this work to the extent of his ability. It will not do for us to be content when we make our own calling and election sure. The fact is, we can not be sure of our own salvation if we refuse to participate in the work of the world's evangelization.

As Christ emptied himself of all and bore his cross, so we must be willing to deny ourselves for his sake. We are to bear the cross after him. It will not suffice to give the crumbs that fall from our table, or the smallest coin that comes from the mint. David would not make an offering to the Lord of that which did cost him nothing. That would have been an offence to the Most High. Christians ought to deny themselves not only of luxuries but of necessities that they may have the more to give. A little plain living and a good deal of high thinking are needed. As long as the professed followers of the Christ give only one thirty second part of one per cent. for this cause, they can not claim to be denying themselves to any great extent. The drinking people of the United States pay \$1,200,000,000 for malt and spirituous liquors; the same number of people pay for Foreign Missions less than \$5,000,000. It was said of our Lord that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich. Unless we have his spirit we have no right to wear his name. If we eat and drink and are merry while a thousand millions live and die without hope because without God, we are not living as Christ lived. The evangelization of the world is the greatest of all enterprises. We need to put mind and heart and soul and strength and means into it. We must enlarge our views and operate upon a different scale, or this work will not be accomplished in centuries. Our risen Lord bade us do this work; we ought to hear and obey.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.

## Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Ledford, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont., to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

DEAR MRS. LEDFORD.—We organized our Mission Band on February 24, with a membership of twenty-four. At our first regular meeting we had an increase of seven, making a total of thirty-one members. Of course there are a number who have not yet joined. I think we shall have a very good band here. The children have decided upon "Coral Builders" for their name. It is taken from the tiny animals who live in the sea and build their homes with coral, taking them hundreds of years to form the reefs which reach the surface of the water. I think the name suggests much that is good. In the first place it teaches the children how much very small things may accomplish; also the patience and perseverance required to carry on their work. We decided to hold our meetings every fortnight immediately after school on Wednesdays. We took "China" for our first lesson. I thought it would be interesting on account of the recent visit of Bro. Meigs. We had a very nice meeting and the children seemed very much pleased with it. I hope our next report will be more satisfactory, as we hope to be in good working order by then. Our first two collections amounted to fifty-six cents.

Yours sincerely,

MINNIE MANNING.

Bowmanville, March 10, 1892.

The above report from Bowmanville is interesting and satisfactory, and I think we may expect the best possible results from the labors of the "Coral Builders" there. I am looking forward to having a similar report from some other points in time for the next paper. Our next annual report should be as much better than the last as that was in advance of the one before, and I confidently expect it will be so if we all try our best.

## A Daughter's Influence.

So much has been written in this world about a mother's influence, and rightly too—for there is no love like hers, no nature so self-sacrificing, no one surely who cares for us in quite the devoted way that she does, consequently her influence over us is great.

But the daughter? Did you ever stop to think of the many quiet, sweet lives hidden away, whose influence may not radiate far beyond the home circle? But just there, what a power for good they are! The mother, how naturally she turns to her for companionship, comfort and sympathy. The brothers, what a grand opportunity to win their regard, their love. "Tis said we are born brothers and sisters, but love and affection we must win," as much so in our own homes as we do abroad. How full of all charitableness, uprightness, truthfulness and integrity she should be.

How often have I heard girls whose lives are shielded and protected, have pleasant, bright homes, say they are disgusted with life; it is not worth the living, etc., the results, perhaps, of some annoyance, loss or disappointment. How little they realize that

The sweetest lives are those to duty well, Whose deeds both great and small Are close knit strands of an unbroken thread,

Where love ennobles all.

And surely our duty is to those whom God has placed nearest to us, perhaps sometimes influencing them unconsciously, but always continually and surely. God grant that it may always be to His honor and glory, thus making this world better and brighter having been a daughter and a sister.—Selected.

## A Child-Wife.

A lady who has been in the visiting the schools says of the little girls:

They will soon leave school to be married. The oldest one here is only nine years old. Many in this country are being married every day who are younger than that; and the childhood, with all its sweet joys gone forever. Henceforth they are prisoners in their own zenanas—the most out-of-the-way rooms in a higgansty or Brahman house are called zenanas—and here these little wives and their lives, leaving them only a covered palanquin. They seldom see a peep of the green fields even, or anything beyond their own homes. If a husband dies, the little widow knows there is such a life of suffering for her that she begs to be burned alive with the dead body of her husband. Oh, the horrors of child marriage. Of all the terrible sufferings that women and children have ever known this is the worst.

Yes, that beautiful little girl, only seven years old, with a face almost as white as yours, will be taken away day after to-morrow by a strange man twenty-one years old, to live at his old home with his parents. Yesterday, while teaching in a zenana, one of the brightest girls in the school, who has just been married, crept up to me, sobbing as though her heart would break. She said "Oh, teacher! my husband took my little Testament and reader and tore them all to pieces; and then he dashed my plate on the stone, and told me he wouldn't have any more such nonsense in his house—men must read, and women must cook! Oh, I can never go to Sunday school again! But there's one thing I can't stop, and that's my little prayers. I say them over and over when nobody but God can hear me; and when I'm alone, and can forget for a little while how my heart aches for my dear mamma and teachers, I sing about that 'happy land, far, far away,' and it seems as though I couldn't wait to get there."

I tried to comfort her, and told her I would visit her often. But although hundreds of these dear little girls have learned to look to Christ for comfort, there are millions who have never heard of him. Think of them, pray for them, send them Bibles, and help to send good men who will induce the rulers of the land to make a new marriage law that will save these children from so much misery.—S. S. Times.

## The Japanese National Flower.

The cherry blossom is the national flower of Japan, as the rose is of England, the lily of France, the thistle of Scotland, and the shamrock of Ireland. On the Mikado's flags, papers, and carriages, and on the soldiers' caps and uniforms, you will see the open chrysanthemum. But the flower of the nation and the people is the flower of the blossoming cherry tree.

The Japanese cultivate all over Japan, by the million, the sakura tree, which is valued only for the beauty of its blossoms. From an entire tree you could not get ripe cherries enough to make a pie; but the blossoms are massed together on the boughs like clouds, and the blooms are often as large as roses.—Selected. J. E. L.

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