

main ignorant who has carefully read the manual here referred to; and its use in the schools will raise up for us a generation of intelligent men and women fully armed against the seductive power of strong drink, no matter what name it may bear. Although prepared as a text-book for schools, the little volume will be a valuable hand-book for temperance speakers, and may be used with great advantage in the home. A valuable feature of the book is a chapter prepared for this edition on "The Use of Tobacco." Let "Public School Temperance" (we wish a better title had been chosen) be scattered broadcast; its influence on the rising generation will be most salutary; and let school trustees introduce it into the schools without delay.

Woman's Work.

"The seed is the word of God."—LUKE viii. 11.

WE are sometimes told that it is not worth while to spend our money on the Indian work, so slowly does it bring returns, and so difficult and discouraging has it proved. In fact, that it "does not pay." Since the rebellion in the N. W. T. we have repeatedly been assured on the highest authority that the Christian Indians alone were loyal and faithful to the Government. This in itself is powerful testimony to the value of missions among the Indians. What is needed is a more liberal support from the Church, that missionaries may be multiplied, schools established, and every means adopted for the elevation and conversion of our Indians. Admitting the difficulty and the discouragements, is that a reason that will justify us as a Church in neglecting the work?

We believe that the W. M. S. should as soon as possible establish a school for Indian girls in some suitable locality. No doubt for such a work a Government grant could be obtained.

If the Christian women of Canada neglect to evangelize their own heathen, to whom shall the work be committed? The blood of some of Canada's noblest patriots stains the soil of our great North-West, and in our midst homes are shadowed and hearts bowed down, because a pagan element revolted. The best guarantee for the cessation of Indian troubles is the spread of Gospel teaching.

As the yearly meetings approach, it is evident that the thought of the membership is quickened in regard to the workings of the Society. Questions and suggestions come to us for publication. Some of these could be answered by a careful study of the yearly Report and the Constitution. Our space is too limited

to attempt replies. Question boxes will be supplied at the meetings, and we advise our members to use them, when they will no doubt gain the information they seek. We give below those which seem to us the most important, and in doing so feel that the spirit prompting the writers who have sent in their names is most sincere and kindly, and the suggestions intended to be of benefit to the Society:—

A Suggestion to the Delegates to the General Board Meeting: The officers of this Board have, with scarcely a change, remained the same since the Society was organized, and thus very few know anything of its working. If at any time one of these should be laid aside and not able to do the work of her office, there would be no one qualified by experience to take her place. While it might not be wise to change the president, corresponding secretary, or treasurer, oftener than necessary, yet the same reason does not exist in connection with the vice-president and recording secretary. Why not, then, change these every year or two, and thus a larger number would become acquainted with the work and the interest in it be thereby increased. This suggestion is not given as an expression of a want of confidence in the officers of the Board, but as a matter of prudence.

QUERY.—It will be remembered by those who were present at the last annual meeting, that a memorial was presented asking that the powers of the Executive "as to dealing with the funds of the Society be defined, and the sum fixed it will be in their power to expend during the year." The committee recommended that the memorial be not entertained. This decision occasioned surprise at the time. On examining the Report, however, it appeared that the Memorial Committee contained seven members of the Executive Committee. Is this a good way to win the confidence of our increasing membership, viz., giving unlimited powers to the Executive, requiring only five to form a quorum, and making the Memorial Committee through whom Branches must speak, practically the same as the Executive?

ITEMS.

WE hope that the Branch meetings will consider the question of the Chinese work in Victoria. Can we not work in the direction of prevention?

WE hope the Committee appointed last year to prepare a uniform system of Treasurer's books will be prepared for the annual meeting. Something better than our present mode is greatly needed.

N.B.—Corresponding Secretaries are requested to forward any items of interest to the OUTLOOK, as we desire our department to show us the work and acquaint us with the workers. Kindly remember that