

clers of the new West are also remembered, by the request for French, German, Scandinavian and Gaelic literature." The Association is absolutely free from bias, political, social or religious. Its mission is to brighten and broaden the lives of Canada's new citizens; to furnish means of recreation and education to the pioneers and their families, out on the edge of civilization. It is essentially a Canadian institution, because Canada alone supplies to-day, to any material extent, the conditions under which it exists. It is the public library of the frontier—of the "last west."

Again: "As to the field covered, the policy is to keep on the crest of every wave of settlement that eats into the unoccupied wilderness. When the Association was organized, our field did not reach much beyond the western boundary of Manitoba. To-day we send literature by canoe or dog-train into the Peace River country, five hundred miles north of Edmonton; we are supplying lumber camps in New Ontario and Northern British Columbia, as well as mining camps in the Yukon; the Aberdeen parcels reach isolated homesteaders and ranchers, trappers and fishermen, in a hundred remote corners of this broad Dominion. A special French branch in Montreal looks after the interests of French settlers in the Lake St. John district and other parts of Northern Quebec; and boxes of suitable literature are sent to the Doukhobor colonies, to the Mennonites, Galicians, and other foreign communities in the West. The Halifax branch sends boxes of magazines to the immigration sheds, for distribution among the immigrants landing in Halifax, as well as to the Sailors' Home; it also supplies books and magazines to the sealers and fishing vessels bound for Labrador and the Arctic seas. At the other end of the country, the Vancouver branch puts up boxes of periodicals for coasting vessels and Pacific 'tramp' steamers. Last year a box of literature was sent by the Victoria branch to Pitcairn Island, in the Southern Pacific, by one of H. M. ships on her periodical visit to the island.

"Four or five years ago, with the object of meeting changed conditions in the West, it was decided to establish small libraries in newly-settled districts, wherever sufficient population was found to warrant it. This system of libraries is still in the experimental stage, but the results so far gained lead to the belief that the Association may find here an even broader field of usefulness than in the distribution of literature to individual settlers. These libraries offer an unrivalled opportunity of fostering a broad and patriotic citizenship; of encouraging the sort of reading that is likely to make good Canadians and good citizens of the British Empire.

About fifty of these libraries have so far been established, principally in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and applications for others are on file, to be filled as soon as the material has been collected.

These libraries are granted on the distinct understanding that they must be controlled by, and open to, the community as a whole, not any particular group, religious, political or social. Full particulars are always obtained as to the character of the population in each district, and every effort made to select the kind of books best suited to the needs of each community. It is the policy of the Association that these collections of books should eventually become the nucleus of free public libraries, supported by the people of the district.

Collections of books have been also sent to the Gravenhurst Sanitarium, to the Columbia Coast Mission Ship, to Dr. Grenfell's Labrador work, to lumber camps in the North Country, from Quebec to the Pacific, to the Institutional Mission at Union Bay, B. C., and even to the remote posts

of the Mounted Police on Hudson Bay and at Herschell Island and off the mouth of the Mackenzie River. In these and other ways the Aberdeen Association is doing what it can to make Canada's new settlers, wherever they may hail from, happier and more contented and more intelligent citizens.

The office of President of the Aberdeen Association has always been filled by the wife of the Governor-General of Canada, so there is every reason to hope that the precedent may not be departed from, and that its next honored head will be the Duchess of Connaught. A thousand welcomes to her.

H. A. B.

Hope's Quiet Hour.

Dwelling in Love.

God is Love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.—1 St. John iv.: 16.

Keep yourselves in the love of God.—St. Jude, 21.

We are all well aware of the fact that "Love is the greatest thing in the world"; we all know by experience the gladness of living with people who care for us, and the even greater joy of pouring out the rich treasure of our love where it is valued and returned. One who loves nobody, and is loved by nobody, must be miserable and degraded indeed.

"Dwelling in love!" Is not that the happy state of two hearts that have found each other, and who feel as though all the world were theirs? If you could cut all the love stories out of the literature of the world, there would be very little left; if you could take away the love from human hearts—the old, old story that is always gloriously new and fresh—life would be a very dreary business. Browning tells us that a worm in its clod of earth—if it is a loving worm—is better than a loveless god. He also says that our great business here on earth is to learn the art of loving. We all like to be loved, we like to win the good word of our neighbors—but that desire to be popular may lead us very far astray. King David wanted to hide his sin from the people who loved and admired him, he was afraid of losing his reputation for holiness, therefore he killed his faithful servant, Uriah—or caused him to be killed. He enjoyed the name of a hero-saint so thoroughly that he tried to keep it by hiding one sin under another. When the day of repentance came, he woke up to the fact that he had been trying to secure the love of men, and sacrificing for it the loving favor of God. Then he came back, like a prodigal son, to his Father's heart, and publicly announced his unworthiness in words which have been read for thousands of years—what did it matter to him then about the condemnation of the world, if only he could dwell in the Love of God? That Love is the only Rock on which a human heart can rest in perfect safety and satisfaction all through life. Therefore the sooner we begin to dwell in the Love of God, as the daily habit of our everyday life, the better progress we shall make in the real business of living.

How can anyone dwell in God's love?

Our Lord says: "If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." One very practical test, then, is the question whether God's commandments are the rule of our everyday life. We are not only bound by the letter of the Ten Commandments which were given to the Israelites, we are also bound by the everyday commandments given directly to each of us by God. He is not an absent King, ruling only by written laws given through others. He tells us at first hand what we should do. When a business man has a chance to secure some advantage for himself which will result in an injury to another, he knows perfectly well that God is telling him to dwell in love—love to his neighbor. Every time we deliberately "pass by on the other side," when we have offered to us the privilege and responsibility of

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