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Woman's Work.

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The Sin of Omission.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you a bit of a heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you might have sent, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts to night.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way,
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say,
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle and winsome tone
That you had no time nor thought for,
With troubles enough of your own.

These little acts of kindness,
So easily out of mind,
These chances to be angels
Which even mortals find—
They come in night and silence,
Each chill, reproachful wraith,
When hope is faint and flagging,
And a blight has dropp'd on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late.
And it's not the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you the bitter heartache
At the setting of the sun.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

It will be remembered that O. C. W. B. M. day is drawing nigh. The third Lord's day in December was set apart for this work, and we had better be getting ready for it. First, let us get ourselves ready in heart and hand. We can think of it, and talk of it, and pray about it, and prepare for it. We could ask our pastor to get ready for it a good soul-stirring missionary sermon the Lord's day before, which would be in keeping. It should be the topic of our Auxiliary meeting for December. We can have our envelopes distributed the second Lord's day in December, which will be a reminder for one week at least; those who want the envelopes can address me, as I have a supply. Dear sisters, we can make this a remarkable collection if we only put forth all the means in our power. The Lord has given us this power, and only a few short years and our work is over—whether well done or not. On the ground of his faithfulness and zeal, Paul had hope of a crown in that eternal inheritance which we may also have accordingly. Let every church in Ontario take up this collection, as it is needed for the work. Yours in the hope of that crown.

Mrs. E. McClurg.

Somebody is Watching.

DEAR SISTERS.—Will you listen to a little incident that came under our personal observation?

"I think I will stay at home to-day from the missionary meeting. I am tired. I shall influence no one. There will be only a few there, although many might go as well as not. I seldom excuse myself, and am sure my time is much more occupied than that of many of the women in our church."

So said a certain member of a woman's missionary society a few months ago. But no sooner were the words spoken than the good faithful prompter, conscience, began to work, and this is what it said: "Don't be discouraged. If you fail, those who usually

stand with you through summer's heat and winter's cold, through sunshine and through storms, may lose heart. Go for His sake, whose you are and whom you serve."

What was the result? Weary in mind and body, but cherishing the always strong desire to discharge each known duty, the lady made ready for the coming meeting. It was strange how there came into her mind one helpful item after another from the month's reading, that she would carry. Strange how she wondered she could have ever thought to stay at home. Nothing daunted, though a call for a member of the circle was unavailing, because a sister of the church had come to spend the afternoon, nor yet because another "must go down street to day," she hastened to the place where the few were wont to gather. Prayers were offered in the hush of the holy place, the songs of Zion rose from grateful hearts, earnest words were spoken by those who were humbly, devotedly doing their part to carry out our Saviour's last commission, and the meeting ended. Had any one been influenced that day?

Several weeks after, this note came to her who had well-nigh failed to be in her accustomed place: "My dear friend, I send a quarter of a dollar, and I want to tell you that the last time I saw you pass to the afternoon missionary meeting, I watched you out of sight, and made up my mind that I would keep a reckoning and would put a little into the collection for the meeting, every time, whether I was there or not. My friends made so much fun of the note-book you gave me, that I had to hide it, but I am not so much afraid of it as I was. I don't know why it isn't as sensible as keeping a diary. It is a sort of diary written in the sign language that the angels understand." Sister, somebody is watching.

The almost discouraged worker, speeding along in the cold winter day, knew not that the eyes of one who is seldom found in the missionary meetings were on her. She did not know of the resolution formed, the purpose strengthened, which would grow into a lively missionary zeal, perchance.

You do not know, as you almost faint by the way, who is watching, or who will be influenced by your life for Christ. Let me plead with you, that you hold in constant remembrance the woman's missionary meeting. Your presence, your prayer and word of interest, it may be your very passing along the street, may be a power for good to some soul, and by and by, when life's record is laid bare, all these little things may be found among the forces that helped to establish the kingdom of our Lord in the earth. It is ours to improve each opportunity. Ho for whom our work is done will give such measure of reward as is best in His sight.—Canadian Missionary Link.

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