

the work needing to be done, and (possibly) of your being the one woman needed to do it, and the next step finds you actually doing it; no question of fitness, no question of self, nothing but the exceeding joy of working for Christ should be considered.


Although practically without unit, the objects of the auxiliary are, as before said, nominally three in number, but if we change the sequence and begin by diffusing missionary intelligence, zeal will be more easily awakened, and the raising of money for missionary purposes will naturally and readily follow. At least that is as it should be, and with God's grace will be. The initial difficulties are conquered, the uplifted standard of woman's work for the church planted on firm ground, and humanly speaking, the future is in our own hands. Let it, then, be ours so to labor humbly and reverently, that we may be auxiliaries indeed. One of the less defined, but not unimportant functions of the Woman's Auxiliary at large, will be to act as an educator to those who, from various causes, do not understand in all, or perhaps any of its bearings, what its work should be. To such, (and they are not few), the continuous workings of an authorized body acting under the auspices of, and subject to, the authority of the clergy, will clear away the mist of ignorance, open up fields of thought, and probably succeed in giving a wider, healthier tone, than now obtains among many who, though attending missionary meetings and having the question frequently brought before them in church, are yet entirely ignorant of their own duties in this connection. The writer was lately refused a contribution to Diocesan missions on the plea that the speaker (not a woman) had subscribed to the new furnaces in his own church!

The friendly element is another salient feature. Few things are more conducive to good feelings than working together for some common object of interest, and in this way the missionary working parties, where social distinctions simply do not exist, play an important part, and are a very desirable adjunct, the provoking to good works being not the least of their advantages. It must not be forgotten that the wise liberty allowed gives each separate branch of the Woman's Auxiliary the privilege of determining the destination of its offerings, so that local preferences may be largely consulted, and an impetus given by the choice of some favorite field of work. This is calculated to attract the younger women, and should be kept in mind by all. The formation of Girls' Friendly Societies is an excellent work, and as in many instances the good done is at once seen, it is most useful to those who like to walk by sight as well as by faith, but may be strongly recommended to all workers. The motto of the Woman's Auxiliary expresses all that is required, and that woman, who, before the bar of an honest, God fearing conscience, can truly declare that "she hath done what she could," need not be downcast, nor cry *mea culpa*, whether she have to give account of one talent or five.

THE FOUR ALLS.

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I.

 All people go and teach;
Stay not for weary foot or faltering tongue,
Or tribulation sore.
Rest never more,
Until the joyful song by angels sung
At Bethlehem, earth's furthest bounds shall reach.

II.

All nations go baptize,
And in the armies of the Triune Lord,
Gather the people in.
No peace with sin,
Make ye, till o'er man's soul by grace restored
The glorious Sun of Righteousness shall rise.

III.

All things that I command,
See ye observe to do and teach men so,
For thus the Father wills;
And all the ills
That cluster round your pathway as you go,
Shall count for fullest joy at God's right hand.

IV.

All days with you I'll be,
In storm and sunshine, in dark ways and bright,
In sickness, bonds, and woe,
With you I'll go.
My hand shall bear you up, my love shall light.
Only be strong, and know no stay but me.

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WE sometimes complain of the slow progress of missions, as though nothing had been done. Is it nothing that the Church has been aroused to her duty? that every large Christian body has her missionary organization? that many thousands of missionaries are in the field? that the word of God is preached in four times as many localities of the heathen world as there are missionaries? that millions of dollars are collected annually to sustain these missions? that hundreds of thousands of converts are enrolled in Africa and Asia, add indeed all parts of the globe? and that, counting Roman Catholic missions, we number in the heathen world, Christians by the millions?

A SCOTCH minister had a wonderful "beadle" by the name of Dawson. One day the doctor remarked that when he preached, Dawson invariably settled himself down to a comfortable nap, but that whenever a stranger occupied the pulpit Dawson was wide awake and most attentive the whole time. The doctor, accordingly, taxed him with this. "Weel, doctor," said Dawson, "ye see I can trust you, but a stranger needs to be weel watched for his fundamentals."

"WHAT did the Puritans come to this country for?" asked a Massachusetts teacher of his class. "To worship in their own way, and make other people do the same," was the reply.