

Woman's Work.

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CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT.

Home Missions.

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Name and Amount. Includes Auxiliary at Collingwood, Toronto (Cecil St), Walkerton, Erin Centre, Lobo, St. Thomas, and Everton.

Foreign Missions.

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Name and Amount. Includes Miss Bessie Page, Concord, Miss Bessie A. Parkinson, Ermosa, Miss S. Ketchum, Cherry Valley, Mrs. L. E. Garrison, Miss S. E. Palen, and Auxiliary at Wainfleet.

Children's Work.

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Name and Amount. Includes Workers for the Master, Everton, Mission Band of Two, Cherry Valley, and Junior Endeavor, St. Thomas.

JENNIE FLEMING, Treasurer, San Diego, California, April 16th, 1894.

Auxiliary Programme For May, 1894.

Topic—Home Missions.

Hymn No. 583.

Scripture lesson—Exodus xxv. 1, 2; xxxvi. 1-7; Phil. iv. 17, 18; 2 Cor. viii. 12, 13, 14, 15.

Prayer, by leader.

Hymn No. 609.

Business—Election of officers for ensuing year.

Reading of minutes.

Collection.

Roll call—each sister responding with appropriate text or other quotation.

Three or four brief prayers from sisters who have been previously notified.

Hymn No. 621.

Reading of selection or original paper.

Discussion of subject.

Doxology.

Closing prayer.

The topic assigned this month comes very appropriately, just before our annual meeting, where it will doubtless be under consideration. We have paid very little attention to home missions during the past year, being quite fully occupied with what we had undertaken abroad. Our sympathies, I think, run naturally to foreign work, and yet it is a serious question whether we should devote ourselves as a woman's missionary society wholly to that. I believe that it would be better for our work to have some home interest as well as foreign—to have missions as our object—and that it would hamper us to be debarred from taking hold of home work should any favorable opportunity present itself. If we do not cultivate the home field, how is our strength to increase and go out in foreign help? A suggestion which rather commends itself is that of sending out an organizer—some capable, tactful sister—through the province to stir up the auxiliaries, add new members, and, if possible, organize new auxiliaries. This would not be an expensive undertaking, nor would it occupy the whole time of one person, and might be the first step

towards increasing our funds to fully support Miss Rioch, and do other work beyond that.

As it has been pointed out to us by a brother who has had large experience in the home mission field—though our Minnedosa work was a failure apparently, it certainly was not a failure in its reflex influence upon those who gave their prayers, thoughts and contributions to that work. Further than that we cannot tell how much good it may have done, but if we use our abilities to the limit, though our judgment may often be at fault, we must be content to trust God for the results. We do not realize the preciousness of present opportunity, how uncertain any future one is, and that if we do not use that at hand, it will never return. Think of the glorious privilege of being "workers together with God." No sacrifice can be counted too great, when we remember that after we have toiled and suffered a little while, we shall be "heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ." And it is such a short time, too. Let us pray our Father to help us realize this, and to use every moment for Him. It is by developing the missionary spirit, ever giving ourselves more and more for others, that we are to grow into His likeness; by constant activity in His service we may be "transformed into His image from glory to glory."

We can understand the thought of the sister writing on the subject of our work in the last EVANGELIST concerning the question of the funds. The fund not being very large would perhaps better not be divided, and yet if we pass a resolution to do exclusively foreign work, some opportunity for home work of great promise might providentially be offered, and our resolution would then stand in the way. We would be glad to see this question of an organizer of the O. C. W. B. M. well considered at our annual meeting.

R. H. C.

Our Future Work.

The suggestion concerning future work offered in the EVANGELIST of April 2nd, has produced gratifying results, inasmuch as it has stirred up some of the sisters to express their views, and thus far we are not very widely apart. Both the sisters who have written on the subject have expressed the main thought that was on my mind, viz., that one Board is sufficient to manage the home work. I presume that none would infer that my suggestion grew out of indifference towards the success and prosperity of the home work. Such inference would be wholly wrong. The proposal I made—that as a society we turn our efforts exclusively to the foreign fields—would, in my judgment, not weaken but strengthen the cause at home. As Sister Rioch says, the Co operation deals exclusively with home missions, and many of the sisters do now contribute more to the funds of that society than to the home mission fund of the O. C. W. B. M.

Then why have such a division of funds? Would not one board of management for the home and one for the foreign work be sufficient?

As to how such an arrangement could be made, both sisters have offered suggestions. Allow me to add another—That each auxiliary in making the pledge at the annual meetings shall specify how it is to be appropriated. If any auxiliary desires that all its contributions shall be applied to the foreign work, by all means let it have that privilege. And the same in regard to the home work, only let it be definitely understood, so that each Board may know what they can depend upon to work

The clergy have tested K. D. C. and pronounce it the best.

Our treasury could then pass the funds contributed for home work over to the treasurer of the Co operation quarterly, or as may be decided upon at the annual meeting. As Sister Rioch remarked, "it will simplify matters greatly," and have the additional advantage of giving us a great deal more time to attend the sessions of the Co operation, which I am sure every sister will appreciate. As the sisters of the Maritime Provinces co-operate with us only in the foreign work, such an arrangement will not affect our relations with them. Whether we shall be able in the near future to undertake more work in the foreign field will soon be determined under this arrangement. Dear sisters, let us in all our plans and purposes recognize Jesus as Lord and in perfect faith commit all our ways to Him.

S. M. BROWN.

Our Future Work Again.

If you read Sister Brown's letter in this issue you will see there is now no proposition before us to devote all our funds to foreign work.

Several suggestions have been made through the EVANGELIST as to how the funds collected by the auxiliaries can be used to the best advantage.

Sister Brown suggests "that each auxiliary in making the pledge at the annual meeting shall specify how it is to be appropriated." Sister Kilgour, in April 16th issue, asks us to consider whether it would not be well to turn over the funds (after, of course, providing for Sister Rioch's maintenance) into the common treasury of the Co-operation. In the same paper Sister L. V. Rioch suggests that all auxiliaries agree that one-half the fees collected each quarter should go to home work, the other half to foreign work, and further adds, "would it not simplify matters greatly if in home work the O. C. W. B. M. should unite with the Board of Co-operation?" Now, I trust all our auxiliaries will discuss the question fully at their May meetings and see that the delegates to the annual meeting understand the real feeling of the auxiliaries they represent. It is most desirable that we all should be of one mind as nearly as possible.

An objection I see to Sister Brown's suggestion is that the auxiliaries would not be working in harmony. Some would probably give all their funds to home work, others all to foreign work, still others one half to home and the other half to foreign work, and a few perhaps be indifferent as to where the funds would go.

Sister Kilgour's proposal gives rise to the proposal, how much will be needed for Sister Mary Rioch? We all know her salary must be provided. Some of the sisters think we should also pay her house rent and helper and give something towards the support of her charity school. All these questions will come up at the annual meeting. No doubt Dr. Macklin will give us much valuable information along this line.

Let us have a full and free expression from all the auxiliaries through the delegates at the annual meeting. Sister Rioch expressed the sentiments of the auxiliary in Hamilton. Still, I think I can safely promise that this auxiliary will cheerfully follow the course decided upon at our annual meeting.

A. MUNRO.

The Lobo Auxiliary's View.

MY DEAR SISTER BROWN,—Seeing that you desire the mind of the sisters on the subject of "The future of our work," we considered the matter at our last auxiliary meeting and came to this conclusion—that it is not advisable to give our offerings exclusively to the foreign work, for the following reasons:

1. The majority of our sisters are in favor of home work.

2. We have some young and growing churches in Ontario that need our help. Instead of allowing these young churches to languish and barely live, we ought to aid them to develop, so that in the near future they too may be interested in our foreign work, and, as a natural consequence, this fund would increase.

We quite agree with you with regard to having one fund (in fact, we thought that matter was settled in Bowmanville.) It is a much simpler method and should be left to the discretion of the Board, after they have the mind of the convention, how to dispose of it. We would suggest to help one or two points in Ontario, so that we may know the field we are working in. The time is very short to discuss this matter fully, but we hope the sisters will come to the convention prepared. Let each delegate have the mind of her auxiliary, so that it will be thoroughly understood. We don't expect all to come to the one conclusion, but will aim to act for the advancement of the cause.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. E. McClurg.

To Auxiliaries of O. C. W. B. M.

DEAR SISTERS,—As you are all aware our annual meeting is to be held at Hillsburg, beginning Thursday, June 7th. Now, it rests with each of us to make it a success. It is very desirable that every auxiliary be represented and that each delegate come prepared to state the mind of the society with which she is connected in regard to the work.

The topic for the May meeting of auxiliaries is "Home Work." It is certainly a most happy selection, as it will afford an opportunity for full discussion. If each auxiliary would make the subject one of earnest, believing prayer the benefit would be great. Shall we not all seek aid from above that the Spirit of Christ may actuate all our deliberations—that we may choose wisely and that we may continue the work with renewed vigor, seeking always to carry out the command of our Leader, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. . . . And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Dr. Macklin, missionary to China, at present on furlough, will in all probability be with us at the annual meeting. He writes: "I shall take much pleasure in visiting Canada at the time you mention and visiting any place you please. I have had a very profitable time in further qualifying for my work in China and would just as soon quit hard study for the warm weather, so as to be strong to resist Chinese malaria when I return to my field." Any church wishing to have Dr. Macklin visit them could arrange for time, etc., at the convention.

L. V. RIOCH.

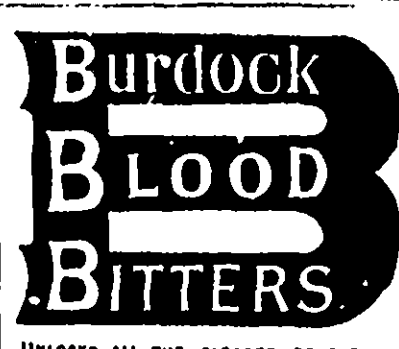
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Why He Wanted Corbett Whipped.

"I hope that Mitchell will whip Corbett," said a military officer as he boarded the car.

Everybody within hearing looked to see who the speaker was, and at last an acquaintance said, voicing doubtless what was in the mind of most of the bystanders:

"What! You want to see an Englishman whip an American?"

"That's what I said," replied the officer, looking defiant. Then he broke the silence to explain himself: "After that, I hope that the colored man Jackson will whip Mitchell, and then I want to see the boxing kangaroo come along and knock Jackson out. I think that this prize-fighting business will then have been brought down to its proper level, and I shall take no more interest in it until human beings again manifest a disposition to degrade themselves in the same way."

The military man looked as if he meant what he said, and the expression on the other faces indicated that he was not without support.—Dispatch.

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