

Before this issue of the LINK reaches our readers, Sister and Sister Higgins, as well as Miss Gray (the latter after eleven years of service) will have reached home. A warm welcome awaits them.

We mourn with the Aid Society in Wolfville, that their beloved President has been taken from them. Yet while we grieve, we are glad to think that she has been "promoted to higher service," as we White Ribbon women always love to speak of our comrades called away. Earth does not end our service for Christ, but, as "one by one" He calls us, let those who remain close up the ranks; do double duty now. Let not the work she would have done be left undone.

We give below a few words from Mrs. J. F. Kempton, which will speak to the hearts of all who loved Mrs. Higgins:—

The Wolfville church and W. M. A. Society feel sadly bereaved in the loss of Mrs. S. A. Higgins, who was called "up higher" on the morning of February 29th. From early life she had been interested in missions, and was connected with the W. M. A. Society here from its organization in 1891, first, as treasurer, then secretary, and the last few years as president. She was personally acquainted with most of our missionaries, and I am sure they will feel they have lost a very dear friend. "She being dead yet speaketh," for in her bequests she has left the W.B.M.U. five hundred dollars. She was indeed a beloved disciple; no one could fail to see in her a likeness to her Lord.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Precious, precious to Jehovah is His children's holy sleep;
He is with them in the passing through the waters cold and deep.
Everlasting love enfolds them softly, sweetly to His breast,
Everlasting love receives them to His glory and His rest.

"Grasp the little things—scraps, moments, farthings, words. Put them together, and how they mount up; what good they do when rightly applied."—*Sci.*

"Lord, send me! Let me so carry Thee with me, that I shall persuade men to come to Thee."—*Sci.*

Our secretary for Shelburne Co., N.S., Mrs. A. F. Browne, has been laid aside by serious illness. We trust soon to hear that she is well.

"HOW OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MAY HELP THE CHURCH SCHEMES"

is the title of an interesting article from the pen of Dr. Dixon in the *Presbyterian Record* for March. It all seemed so helpful for all young people that instead of giving extracts as we at first intended, we give below all but the first paragraph in which he names the different schemes of the Presbyterian Church.

Baptist young people may put their own church work before them as they read. Here they are, Acadia College, Home Missions, Grande Ligne Missions, North-West Mission, Foreign Missions, Infirmary Ministers Fund.

Our church is engaged in a great work, of many parts, and all of them necessary. Each one is helpful of the other. And we should know something about them to awaken our interest in them and enlist our co-operation

in support of them. All can help, the young as well as the old.

You may have heard the story of the boy who was assisting in pushing off a boat that was being launched; when an old man looking scornfully at him, asked him what he could do, the little fellow replied proudly, "I can push a pound." And that pound may have been just the full weight needed to make it go into the water, where it was to do its work. Every young person in the church can help in the great work that is to be done.

But to do this they must be trained. And how trained?

Just as others are trained. A shoemaker is trained to make shoes by making them, a tailor to make clothes by making them, a telegrapher to send messages by sending them, a bookkeeper to keep books by keeping them, and a giver to any good work by giving. One cannot give if he never begins to give. And the earlier one begins the better. He who gives coppers when he has only coppers, will give silver when he gets silver, and gold when gold is his.

I remember very well the one enterprise brought before the young children in my early days, and the joy it gave us in Scotland to gather and give our pennies to equip a missionary ship for Old Calabar. But beyond that, no training was given to the young people in reference to the great enterprises the church had undertaken. Not a word was spoken about them. We had no knowledge of them, and consequently could have no interest in them. This is a sad lack. We do not wish our young people to grow up in such conditions. So I want to point out how they may help the schemes of the church by raising money specially for them.

First, there is the mite-box. Each little child should have one in which to store up his savings for Colleges, or Home Missions, or Foreign Missions, or any other object he may select. Some young man or woman should charge herself or himself with the securing of the boxes, and their distribution, and at certain times the collection of the monies, when an address might be made on some scheme, to keep alive and maintain the interest already existing.

If this is properly attended to, and the children instructed to give a share of their money, it will be found that they can give as much, and even more, than many of the old people. If one has a supply of moveable rubber type he may stamp each child's name on his box, and add another interesting feature. Store the child's mind with thoughts of the heathen and their needs.

Second, there is what is usually called the talent scheme. This is for the young men and young women. It is giving them something to work with, to set them up in business. Something they may lay out for the Lord. It calls into play the needle, the pen, the piano, the skill of each in one direction or another, and not infrequently a very small grain of seed yields forty, sixty, or a hundred fold. It is amazing how much one may make when his mind is set on it, and especially when he is working unselfishly for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Let this be faithfully worked and the best results will follow.

Third, there is self-denial. A week of self-denial is becoming quite common among religious people. But our Lord calls not merely for a week of it now and then, but a steady life course of it. This is part of our distinction in following Christ (See Matt. 10:24). If we deny ourselves to help Christ's cause how delightful it