

Woman's Work.

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International Bridge.

It is some time since our auxiliary has reported, so I take this opportunity of writing you how we are getting along financially and otherwise.

We hold our monthly meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the residence of the president, Mrs. House, and follow the programme published in the EVANGELIST, which is found very helpful. Our meetings are profitable and interesting and usually well attended. There have been a few names added to our list, and the secretary thought of the plan of obtaining gentlemen as honorary members.

We did do some sewing, but lately have not had any to do.

We pledged ourselves to send \$5 to the support of Miss Rioch in Japan, which has been forwarded to the treasurer, an account of which was seen in the EVANGELIST. We have also done some home missionary work in various ways. The largest work we undertook was to buy matting, which cost us \$17 for the hall in which we have our services. We felt the weight of this debt, but now we have it paid and feel very glad that we have accomplished the task.

At present our treasury is empty, but hope it will not be that way long. Trusting to do more work in the future for our dear Master,

I remain yours, in behalf of our auxiliary,
M. H., Cor. Sec.
March 22, 1894.

Our Future Work.

DEAR EVANGELIST.—The article by Mrs. Brown in the woman's column of the EVANGELIST of April and has been noticed with much interest by the auxiliary of the O. C. W. B. M., at Guelph. We feel the extreme importance of a careful decision as to the future of our work, so much so that the undersigned has been requested to express our views in this column.

In the first place it would almost seem inadvisable in the present circumstances to undertake any more foreign work. From all parts of our own province come almost despairing appeals for aid, which if not responded to must involve failure of our cause. The Board of Managers of the Co-operation have intimated through the columns of this paper that a very liberal offering will have to be made to enable them to meet present obligations, without taking into account other urgent appeals. We are in full sympathy with the efforts for foreign work and would think Christians sadly failing in their duty toward the perishing millions did they not contribute largely of their means towards their rescue. But on the other hand, does it not seem reasonable, in view of the cause we plead, the weakness of our forces, and the apparent possibilities for successful work, that an extra effort should be made towards the establishing of the work at home, for if we allow it to fail, the contributions to the foreign work would soon cease, and instead of having one missionary as at present, we should soon have none.

We, with Sister Brown, very much regret the apparent failure of our mission in Minnedosa, but trust that even this may be turned to advantage if in future our mission points are more carefully selected and more frequent reports called for.

But, in this connection, we might consider another point. Would it not be well, in view of our weakness and the necessity for concentration of forces, that while keeping up our O. C. W. B. M. work, we turn over our funds (after, of course, providing for Sister Rioch's maintenance) into the common treasury of the Board of Co-operation? We could still save "the gleanings," and better results would be followed by our combined labors. It certainly should not lessen our zeal, for are we not all working for our great Master?

We should like very much to hear from other auxiliaries concerning this suggestion, which we think would be a practical solution, for some time at least, of the problem of the future work of the O. C. W. B. M.

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Guelph, Ont., April 9, 1894.

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

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APRIL 22.—*What and how to provide for the future.*—Matt. xxv. 31-46.

It is with feelings of indifference, pleasure or remorse that we think upon the past; the present, not half appreciated or valued, is gone before we realize it, while into the future we earnestly gaze with commingled feelings of despair, hope, fear or uncertainty. While the past is a valuable instructor, the present the most important, yet in all ages and by all peoples the future has commanded the most attention.

To a great extent the philosophy of ancient days dealt with the future, the uncertainty, and the lack of knowledge of which circumscribed it with interest and crowned it with a halo of mystery into which seers were delighted to gaze.

The oracles of ancient nations and the science of astrology were for the purpose of making known to eager inquirers the hidden secrets of the future. How futile were their attempts to unlock the future, history relates. There is but one book that has established a reputation of being able to successfully reveal the future, and that book is the Bible, written not in the power of man's might, but by God.

What to provide for the future:

1. That which will minister to our needs.

2. That which cannot be taken from us.

Men who are rich to-day are poor to-morrow, merchants become insolvent, banks collapse, and speculators go to the wall. In this age of dynamite nothing that has the elements of destruction is safe. There is but one place where we can store up treasures without the least fear of losing them. All who will may be stockholders. If you would know all the particulars of this great banking institution you must study the New Testament. Matt. vi. 19, 20.

3. That which will stand the final test—the judgment.

4. A home. "There is no place like home." Homes on earth are continually changing. Death enters and claims the mother or father, the brother or sister. What home has not the "vacant chair"? We desire a home where sorrow, affliction and death cannot enter—a home in heaven. John xiv. 1-3.

How to provide for the future:

1. We need wisdom. This is promised to Christ's disciples 1 Cor. i. 30;

Col. ii. 10; James i. 5. Man's wisdom is foolishness with God.

2. We must study the Bible. This furnishes us with all needed instruction. It above all other books tells us how to be successful.

3. By doing and being what Christ enjoins. Matt. xxv. 31; xxxi. 46; Acts ii. 38; Rev. ii. 10.

APRIL 29. *God's care for His own.* Psalm ciii. 1-22.

Says Spurgeon of this Psalm, "As in the lofty Alps some peaks rise above all others, so among even the inspired Psalms there are heights of song which overtop the rest. This 103rd Psalm has ever seemed to us to be Monte Rosa of the divine chain of mountains of praise, glowing with a ruddier light than any of the rest."

God has ever watched with tender, loving care His own peculiar people. He has ever been the faithful shepherd of His sheep, the just and merciful ruler of His people, and the loving Father of His family. Psalm ciii. 13.

If we would form some conception of the loving care God has exercised and is exercising over His people, we must study thoughtfully and spiritually the history of God's dealings with His own, from the call of Abraham to the present day. We behold an arm of omnipotence, enshrouded with love, protecting and guiding the old patriarchs Abraham, Lot, Isaac, Jacob and others. Who redeemed Joseph from slavery and elevated him to an eminent position in the land of the Pharaohs? Who preserved Moses from an early death to be the saviour of his people? Who piled up in mountains the waters of the Red sea, making a way of escape for the children of Abraham, and fed them with manna, and brought water from the rock to quench their thirst, and fought their battles, overthrowing the strongholds of their enemies, bringing death and destruction to their foes, and finally established the chosen nation in the land of Canaan? In Psalm one is drawn a vivid contrast, showing the relation of God to the righteous and the wicked. The one is "like the tree planted by the rivers of water," the other "like the chaff which the wind driveth away." In Psalm twenty-three God has promised to be with His own, even when walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

Christ in Matt. xxviii. 18 has promised to be ever present with those who serve Him. Paul says, "And we know to them that love God all things work together for good."

Let all Endeavorers come to the meeting prepared to relate instances of God's care over His servants, as David, Elijah, Esther, Daniel, the apostles and ourselves.

"God is love." Are we in a position to expect God's protecting care?

Ref.—Heb. i. 14; xii. 6; vii. 25; Matt. xxviii. 18; Psalms i. xxiii.; xvi.; John x. 1-28; John xiv. 15, 16.

MAY 6. *Lessons from the lives of great missionaries.*

A MISSIONARY TOPIC.

In order that the meeting may be made most interesting and instructive, the prayer-meeting committee must be unusually active, and all the members must work earnestly. Find clippings anywhere you can giving account of the missionary and his work. Enlist your pastor in the work; borrow all the copies he has of the *Missionary Intelligence*, and distribute to different members of the society.

The object of the meeting is to increase our missionary zeal, to enlarge our comprehension of the purpose of Christ's death, and "to renew a right spirit within us." Remember missionary work is not confined to the heathen lands alone.

Some lessons from the lives of missionaries:

1. A complete surrender of self. Christ, greater than all other missionaries, was a perfect exemplification of complete submission to His Father's will. Matt. xxvi. 39.

2. Immediate work. The first thing Andrew did after coming to Christ was to find and bring his brother, Simon Peter. John i. 40-42.

3. Prompt obedience. As soon as Paul heard the call, "Come!" he went. Acts xvi. 9-11.

4. Faith. We in this land of Christianity and plenty do not half realize the meaning of faith. It is told of a certain missionary in Africa that after laboring for years without results, friends endeavored to persuade him or her to leave, but without avail. They then sent word that they would send a present; what would it be? The answer came back: "Send a communion set." What glorious faith! Not one convert, yet, send a communion set. It was sent. Three years elapsed before it arrived, but just in time. It was needed. Souls had been won, and a great ingathering followed.

5. Prayer. These consecrated missionaries teach us what power there is in prayer. Read the life of John G. Paton.

6. Trust, dependence upon God. The Rev. B. Fay Mills, the great evangelist, relates the following: Rev. Mr. Richards had labored for seven years in the heart of Africa without one convert, when, reading one day the passage, "Give to every one that asketh thee," he was asked by the natives what it meant. His interpretation of it, after the fashion of scientific charity, failed to satisfy the natives. "Does your God not mean what He says?" asked they. He prayed for light, and when he returned to the class he told them that Jesus meant just what He said. The natives, who were thieves when they heard this, went to the house of the missionary and proceeded to carry away everything. He made no resistance. Everything went, even to the medicine chest. The missionary and his wife trusted Jesus to overrule the event to His own glory. They fasted that day and prayed. That evening the chief called his people together and said that he thought they were a contemptible people. "Here was the minister, who believed in the word of his God, and had made no resistance, and I propose to take what I took back." All with one accord followed his example, and soon there was more in the house of the devoted missionary than before. But that was not all. Three hundred of them were converted at one meeting and became a tribe, according to the testimony of Mr. Stanley, famous for their honesty.

Guelph Y. P. S. C. E.

At a recent C. E. prayer-meeting, instead of having a leader to take charge of the meeting, it was conducted without a leader in the following way: Each one came prepared to volunteer in taking some part of the service, either to lead in prayer, read the lesson, announce or sing a hymn, or to give quotations from Scripture. A very instructive and profitable hour was spent in this way. This idea was gleaned from the columns of the *Golden Rule* by the wide-awake convener of our prayer-meeting committee. I have reported this so that those societies which have never tried such a method may find it a pleasing change from the ordinary method of conducting their prayer-meetings. It might not prove very satisfactory, though, in societies where the members are in the habit of depending too much upon the leaders.

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Orangeville.

The Dufferin County Y. P. S. C. E. convention, held at Shelburne, which we referred to in our last letter, was a success. A large number was present. The subjects discussed were, (1) The Pledge; (2) Cause and cure of dull meetings; (3) What can the young people do for the old people of the church? (4) What should we bring to the convention and what take away? (5) How can a C. E. society best aid in missions? (6) Preparation for the work; (7) The importance of the consecration meeting.

The sixth, by J. A. Aikin, was good. He showed us that we must qualify ourselves for the work. Have confidence in our Leader and obey him. Take up our cross and daily bear it. After a short consecration meeting the convention closed, the delegates returning home fired with new zeal and determination for greater work for the Master.

The banner our society made was won by our own society, our offerings to missions being 66 cents per member for the last year. There are twenty societies in Dufferin County, with a membership of 578.

Our society held a parlor social at Mr. H. King's. About fifty were present. A programme, consisting of solos, readings, dialogues and instrumentals, was well rendered. Fruit and candy were then served, a collection taken, and the singing of "God be with you till we meet again," brought an interesting entertainment to a close.

One of our members, Sister Ethel Thomson, has been very sick for the past ten weeks, and is still very low. We hope and pray for her speedy recovery.

M. E. K.
Orangeville, March 24, 1894.

Cleveland hotels will accommodate about 2,500 delegates. All others will be placed in the delightful homes for which the city is noted. Hotel rates will be from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per day, according to accommodations furnished, two or more persons to occupy each room, according to its capacity. Delegation or state transportation managers will please make all arrangements for hotel accommodation through the Entertainment Committee. There is no necessity for their visiting Cleveland, as the Entertainment Committee has made all arrangements with the hotels; can furnish all information required, and get better hotel rates than strangers can in dealing with the hotels direct. All managers desiring space reserved must accompany application with written guarantee that space so reserved will be paid for in case it is not used. Otherwise no hotel accommodations will be reserved for them.

Owing to the limited number the hotels can accommodate, the Entertainment Committee requests those applying for hotel accommodation to be as moderate in their demands as possible. Unless each is restricted it will be impossible to supply all who may desire some hotel accommodations. Rates in homes will be from \$1 to \$1.50 per day for room and board. Individuals wishing accommodations will write their state manager or transportation agent,