

themselves in leading social positions are sure of many followers. Why not, then, make only the things that are true, pure, lovely and of good report fashionable? Why not make fashionable a simpler standard of social life, stamped with a recognition of accountability to God? Why not make these homes into which He has poured of His abundance centres of clean, pure, elevating pleasures, instead of compromising too often with those which "make angels weep and devils rejoice." All homes should be used for God's glory in their social as fully as in their domestic purposes. Alas for those elaborate homes whose women hesitate not in the name of debauched fashion, or coveted "style," to permit unwomanly attire, and the questionable pleasures of the dance, the euchre table or the social glass.

IN all efforts to raise money, the gift principle should be foremost. Small amounts regularly *given* as offering for God's cause, are worth infinitely more than large amounts raised by questionable methods which educate people to imagine they have helped the cause of God, by so much, when they have simply purchased a well-made garment for the cost of its material, or sold an inferior article for a "good price," because it was for a "good cause," or enjoyed a fifty-cent supper at half its value. Such methods of supporting religious work are destructive of the moral sense and should be ruled out.

WITH the most magnificent opportunities for the cultivation of our highest powers, with all the treasures of literature, art, music and the sciences at command, with the knowledge of God, and our professed allegiance to Him, is it not wonderful that Christian society is yet in the thralldom and bondage of amusements, whose origin dates from that darkest period preceding the dawn of the intellectual day when the animal and physical nature were predominant.

AND some now say, "Pray, wherein do these remarks relate to the work of missions?" We believe every way. Woman's work in missions is many-sided, but the same work. In the heathen world, to present the Saviour of men, to tell the "old, old story," to uplift the degraded, and to establish the Kingdom of God. In the Christian world, to live the religion we teach, to produce its fruits in making life pure, noble, symmetrical, and thus preserve it from relapsing to the practices and wrongs of heathenism.

WE cannot restrain an appeal to the young women of the churches to consecrate their lives to God's service in society. Care free, with the vigor and charm of youth, the confidence of a generous mental equipment, what opportunity, what capacity! Why not

give back to God these gifts in loving service? Why not for Christ and humanity's sake, young women, redeem society from its perils to spiritual growth by setting the fashion of pure pleasures, discountenancing all those evils which the best men and women of all ages have believed to be contrary to God's Word.

THE influence of young women upon social life is practically illimitable. Why should it compromise with doubtful things? Why not rule out the companionship which makes your company secondary to a cigar? Why not demand of men the same high standard of morals they have the good sense to demand of those they wed? On such lines much work for God and humanity must be done before the civilization of which we are prone to boast rises to the Gospel standard. And this work must be done by women!

AND this consideration of young woman's influence naturally leads to the desire for their more hearty co-operation in the work of our W. M. S. The deplorable condition of our sisters in heathendom, their physical sufferings, their wrongs and oppressions, are not realized. That heart were adamant, indeed, which did not swell with sorrow and indignation at the evils of which they are victims. We are only indifferent because we are heedless. Would that all women could witness those terrible realities, that playing at missions might cease and be succeeded by persistent aggressive work.

DO not get the idea that our work is "always the same thing," that is, always a "demand for money." The more you think of it and read about it, the sooner you come to the understanding that it is a broad and interesting study, far exceeding the breadth of a society's operations, and bearing potent relation to every side of life. Give yourselves to it!

AMONG the noble and elect women whose energies are spent in the service of the race, none is more surely succeeding than Lady Dufferin. Seven years ago she conceived the idea of bettering the condition of the women of India. Last year 466 women received treatment. The staff now consists of nine women doctors and thirty-one assistants. The fund has an income of £5,000 a year, after having spent £120,000 in hospitals and dispensaries.

THE women are arranging a Congress of Christian Missions in connection with the World's Fair. The theme of orators like Lady Henry Somerset and Mrs. Ballington Booth, will be woman's share in the evangelization of the world.