

## Woman's Work.

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The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.—Is. lii. 10.

THIS number will find our membership largely in the enjoyment of summer holidays. The regular routine of meetings and work being suspended to allow of needed rest to body and mind, we shall return to our homes freshly invigorated for the ensuing season's work. We wish all our readers a very pleasant and profitable vacation, and trust that with the return of autumn will come a revived interest and zeal in all our work.

"THE work of our hands—establish Thou it,"  
How often with thoughtless lips we pray,  
But He who sits in the heavens shall say;  
"Is the work of your hands so fair and fit  
That ye dare so pray?"  
Softly we answer, "Lord, make it fit—  
The work of our hands, that so we may  
Lift up our eyes, and dare to pray,  
The work of our hands—establish Thou it  
For ever and aye."

—*Woman's Advocate.*

WOMAN'S work in the mission field, in the Sunday-schools, day schools, temperance cause, and in all benevolent enterprises, has been so wonderful in its successes, and so beneficial to the race, that there is small reason to wonder at the enthusiasm of those who declare that her truest sphere will not be reached until her place is made at man's side in every department of human activity. "Woman in the Pulpit," a new book by Frances Willard, deals with the question of woman as a preacher. Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, who recently visited our country, appears to sympathize with Miss Willard's views. Speaking of this book, he says, "I feel that Miss Willard holds an invincible position, Scriptural and experimental, upon this subject, and that it will be much more difficult to answer her argument than to sneer at it. I cannot but feel that women have a greater Christian work to do than many of us have yet realized, and that they have it to do because they are divinely qualified to do it. Men may have a certain degree of argumentativeness, and an undoubted skill in making Christ's Gospel peculiarly hard to be understood, but they have not the sacred tact, the melting pathos, the holy patience, the exquisite sympathy which belong to the omnipotent weakness which is the incommunicable characteristic of womanhood. I confidently look to women who have received the heavenly gift, to recall and re-establish

the heroic and sacrificial piety of the Church." This, from a man whom learning and eloquence have stamped as one of the foremost men of our age, is valuable testimony. We would like to see Miss Willard's book introduced into our Sunday-school libraries.

WHETHER women aspire or ever attain to the highest duties of citizenship, which, properly recognized, are also Christian duties of the truest order, certain it is that some of the laws which now disgrace our statute books would never have found a place there had woman's voice been consulted.

IN countries possessing large standing armies, it is not surprising to see the children animated by the warlike spirit born of frequent "sham fights" and military displays of various sorts. Toy rifles, guns and swords, are found in every family. Recently a society of women have organized in England to counteract these tendencies in family training, and to endeavor by every means to develop a hatred of war, and encourage the idea of international arbitration for settlement of national difficulties. We herald this movement among women, though it starts with the toys of childhood. Who knows to what it may grow? Arbitration is the weapon best befitting the Christian civilization of this century, and certainly the most in harmony with the doctrines of the Prince of Peace.

WE reap what we sow. Oh, wonderful truth!  
A truth hard to learn in the days of our youth;  
But it shines out at last, "as the hand on the wall,"  
For the world has its "debit" and "credit" for all.

—*Selected.*

FROM the *Presbyterian Review* we learn that no department of their Church in Canada has prospered as has the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. They have gained 150 societies during the past year. The *Review* says: "They don't make long speeches, nor bring in long wordy reports, but they *do* push on work and bring in the money."

MRS. LEAVITT, the W. C. T. U. world's missionary, prosecuting her tour round the world, calls for missionaries and money for Siam. She writes to the *Union Signal*: "Eight millions of people to be reached, and not one-hundredth of an adequate force in the field; England raising one and a half million pounds for missions, and we less; England spending one hundred and twenty-four million pounds for drink, and we more. Oh, for men, women and money, especially women. I say this last advisedly, after a careful study of missionary fields.