

Where There's a Will There's a Way;

OR, HOW THE LITTLE ONES MAY HELP THE MISSIONARY CAUSE.

Little children will be
Builders for eternity,
Members of the Mission bands,
Working each with heart and hands.

A LITTLE Indiana girl, named Nellie, sent forty-two cents for Sitka. She gathered up old iron and sold it, amounting to forty cents, and sewed a ball of carpet rags for two cents more.

Little Frarey, about ten years ago, was a girl in the Sunday-school. Under the influence of an appeal for Missions, she desired to give something *that was her own* to the cause. Silver and gold she had none, but she had a little hen, and she resolved to give the profits from the sale of the eggs or chickens of her devoted hen to a Missionary labouring in far-off Oregon.

Yearly she sent him a letter containing the amount, rehearsing in her childish simplicity all the various mishaps of the year, the chickens that had died from ordinary causes and those that had fallen victims to the rapacity of the neighbours' cats, always regretting that the sum forwarded was not larger.

A class of little people, meeting once a week, resolved to help forward Missionary work. They could not afford to give money, but they agreed to collect from their parents and friends all the waste paper they could, and then sell it.

For some time after the little ones might be seen bringing their rather bulky contributions to the Missionary bag.

Missionary addresses were given to them from time to time, and when the paper was sold they were to have a meeting to settle what was to be done with the money.

This plan, and many others, can be adopted when there is a will to help. Some have tried Missionary trees, giving the fruit to the Lord's work, some prefer the ordinary collecting card, others the Missionary box in its working model form, or even with its ordinary square sides.

Children's working parties are generally considered a very interesting way of raising money for the Missionary work. Juvenile bazaars and Christmas trees may all be consecrated to this glorious work, and we are sure will never lose their reward.

During last year the Children's Medical Missionary Society received a collection from New Zealand; the earnings (for sewing) of a little girl in New South Wales; box money from France; half a franc from a little boy in Switzerland; and work which a little helper in Holland and her mother had made for the cause.

In connection with the same Mission, we are pleased to notice the efforts made at Amptbill, where a working party is conducted with considerable interest, although not without much labour on the part of those friends who have it in hand. The number on the roll, at the time the report was given, was 190, and the average attendance eighty-three, all of whom are young girls of the flower, shell-box, and cartridge maker class, who come at the end of a long day's toil for existence, to work for the cause of Medical Missions. The sale of work this year has yielded 13¢ to the Society's funds.

At Newport, in Shropshire, a pleasing effort involving some self-denial on the part of the little ones is worthy of notice. The juvenile Secretary of this Branch writes: "You will doubtless like to know what is meant by the

initials 'L. S. D.' Part of the money was the result of the self-denial of a family of children, who for some time resolved to give up tarts or sweets after dinner one day in each week, in order that they might have the money for the Children's Medical Missionary Society. Part of it was expended in clothing, and the remainder given to me."

The greatness of little things is seen in the efforts made by two little girls in the New Forest, who are seeking to awaken an intelligent interest in the cause of Medical Missions in a very poor and scattered parish of 700 persons, and to obtain halfpenny subscriptions monthly from those to whom "a halfpenny does indeed mean a halfpenny! with whom the wonder sometimes is where the next halfpenny will come from." Let us hear the result:

"L. and I. send you the Augere Parvum subscriptions. The 1/ 6s. 11d. is the amount of the actual subscriptions, and 13s. 7d. the extra that was given at Christmas. We have fifty-five members now, and they are all so interested in the Medical Mission, and they so like reading the dear little books that you gave us last year; 'Wanderings,' and 'Difficulties Overcome,' or the Story of James Henderson,' they liked especially. The little leaflets we always give away, as we have so many of them.—From your loving little F."

Home Influence.

The importance of "woman's work for woman" in heathen lands is well illustrated by a fact stated in a missionary's letter. He says that, "when Christian women are married to heathen husbands, generally the influence of the household is Christian. But when a Christian man marries a heathen woman, he quite as generally loses his Christian character, and the influences of the household are on the side of heathenism." This suggests the wisdom of sending over women missionaries to Christianize the women of heathen lands. When the wife and mother is converted, the influence extends to the whole household. In most of the heathen countries, none but women can reach women. Every woman in every church should desire to have a share in this department of Christian service, by contributing to the funds of the Society, so that in some measure, at least, the great wants and needs of heathen races may be supplied.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

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