

The key to consecration is the *will*. Before Christ gave Himself up, His prayer was, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Let your will be lost in God's will, and there will be a sweet life hid in Christ. Consecration is possible. Throughout our Christian journey, we must oft repeat Christ's prayer, "Not my will, but Thine be done." If we are thus endowed for service, we shall not hear such expressions as, "I am not interested in missions," "God will take care of the heathen," "I have no time to attend the monthly meeting," etc. These excuses will be away in the past, buried forever by the desires (awakened by a consecrated life) of how best we can aid in the work.

Another possibility is more earnest prayer. We cannot work with God without talking with Him. And to know better how to talk with God and to God about our mission work is to become intelligent concerning it. We should have an outline of our work over before us. So much missionary literature these days should not leave us in darkness of how the work is progressing. We receive enough information in each month's *Tidings* to pray over for a month, not to mention the knowledge from our *LINK* and *Messenger and Visitor*. We cannot pray more earnestly if we know nothing about the work. It is possible for us to learn of the work. Then knowing the success achieved and the great and particular needs, let us go to God in earnest prayer, believing that by this means we are going to accomplish what otherwise would be impossible for us to do. Remember what we cannot do, God is going to do for us. But we must tell Him about it. He would be enquired of. Let us pray for more faith in our own prayers. How often we are surprised at the answers to our prayers, where, if we had really believed that what we asked for we should receive, we would say I knew it would come. "When ye ask, believe ye have received it." Oh, if we could get the meaning of that verse deep into our hearts, we would go back from this convention happier than when we came. Earnest prayer moves the heart of God. Now the call comes for recruits for the Foreign field. What are we to do? Pray! pray! and while we pray God will give us light, and we shall hear of one here and another there, whom God's spirit has worked upon through our prayers. As we pray for workers, we pray for means, and they shall come. Lord increase our faith. Again, let us consider the time possible for us to give to this work. It takes time for consecration, time for prayer, time to read missionary literature, time to attend the monthly meeting.

In soliciting new members for our societies, we are often told, "Oh, it is not the dollar, but I have not time to attend the meeting." Do you believe that? Where there is a will there's a way. Some one has said this saying applies only to God. I think it has been proved often enough to say that it can be applied to us, for you know we are speaking of possibilities. Certainly there are some who cannot on a missionary occasion, or any other time, leave their homes. But yet, if the desire to attend the meeting is strong, we can be invited to the home. That for the sick. But what about the well who find time for everything else they wish to do. They cannot join the society for they have not given up all for Christ. Consecration first.

Let us not be satisfied with one visit to these sisters, but reason with them, bringing the various points of our work before them until they are awakened.

As members of the society, just a few words in regard

to the attendance. You say there are many home cares. That is true. But do you begin the week with the meeting in view, and say, "I must so arrange my work that Aid Meeting afternoon will find me present. I must make no engagements that will keep me from the meeting. That hour I have promised to give to our workers in India. It is not my own time." If difficulties arise, ask God to remove them. I do not mean to say, it is possible to attend every meeting, but there are some who get out to one and it may be two meetings throughout the year. Would it not be possible to attend at least half the meetings? Remember I am referring to those who are able to do other work. There are exceptions, certainly. A member who could and does not attend the meeting, is a member in name only. Let us be active members. Time spent in prayer for the work, in getting others interested, the reading of missionary literature and in attending the meeting, is time spent in laying up treasures in heaven. The more treasures we can get stored up there, the happier we shall be.

Now we come to the money possibility. Let me say this. If we have consecrated ourselves to Christ's service, and are earnestly praying for the work, giving our time and talent for His employ, our money, which is not our own—as we are wholly Christ's—will, too, be laid upon the altar of consecration.

Now, dear sisters, it is possible to be consecrated to the Master's service, to be found often in earnest prayer, to give the time that God would require of us for this work, and to put into the treasury that which rightly belongs to Him.

Working thus with God will bring about a new era in missions; workers will be forthcoming; means, also, will not be lacking, and Christ gladly will say, "Ye have done what ye could."

AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER W.B.M.U.

During Quarter ending October 31st, 1897.

	CR.	F. M.	H. M.	TOTAL
Rec'd.—W. M. A. S., Nova Scotia	\$270.21	\$41.78		\$311.99
Mission Bands, "	80.15	8.00		88.15
Sunday Schools, "	27.25	16.80		44.05
W. M. A. S., New Brunswick	284.39	18.89		303.28
Sunday Schools, "	25.00			25.00
W. M. A. S., P. E. Island	92.37	13.76		106.13
Mission Bands, "	12.45			12.45
Collections Annual Meeting	15.24	11.75		26.99
" W. B. Convention	11.50			11.50

\$929.54

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Paid J. W. Manning, Treas. F. M. Board	\$175.56	25
Bureau of Literature	6.00	
Miss Gray, travelling expenses	7.00	
Prov. Sec. New Brunswick, postage	3.00	
" " expenses	1.50	
" Nova Scotia, travelling expenses	20.00	
" " postage	6.00	
County Sec	1.35	
Drafts and postage	3.02	

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