

Tabernacle Flower Mission.

DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE AND GLORY OF HIM  
WHO IS THE ROSE OF SHARON AND THE  
LILY OF THE VALLEY.

Our motto and object, is to cheer and help the poor and suffering for Christ's sake. We write with a desire to enlist the sympathy and co operation of these who have flowers and opportunity to cultivate a supply for the Mission. By doing this, friends can help us to successfully enlarge our operations this coming season, and we desire to do so, for last year we had encouragement to go forward. The thankful looks, and grateful acknowledgments of the sick ones made our workers feel their labour was not in vain in the Lord.

Dear friend you can help and aid us in ministering to the comfort and pleasure of others by sending us flowers from week to week; they can be sent in bulk, in hampers or boxes. They will then be assorted and arranged into small bunches by our helpers and taken by loving hands to the sick and suffering.

If you have no flowers, you can greatly assist by writing or cutting out suitable scripture texts from lesson books and almanacs, and pasting them on white cardboard, ready to tie to the flowers, for we hope by the Word of God to reach and save souls.

Since 1881 when we commenced this branch of christian work a total of 6,972 bunches have been sent out. Last year alone 1,926 bunches were distributed. With more means and workers we see the way to greatly enlarge. Who will help?

Could those who have flowers in abundance see how eagerly and with what glad surprise they are accepted, and the amount of pleasure afforded, I am sure that few flowers would be allowed to grow and bloom unappreciated, seeing that they can be made to minister comfort and cheer to not only the aged and sick, but to the poor and tired toilers who have no time or opportunity to grow and gather flowers, and thus, from their freshness and beauty, learn how God careth for and sustaineth even the flower of the field, which to-day is and to-morrow is cast into the oven. Will you gather of your abundance, and thus help us to prove that God is love, and that Jesus, who came to save the lost, is fairer and sweeter than Sharon's Rose.

Ribbon of Blue Notes.

During the month with voice and pen we have tried to stir the temperance sentiment of the people.

Perhaps by quoting the testimony of a dying child, as given in the *Christian Home*, we can with few words awaken some to a sense of responsibility.

"YOU DID IT."

Little Bessie was dying.

Her father had struck the child a blow on the spine while insane from the influence of rum, and confusion and terror overwhelm the frantic household, for little Bessie is beloved by all.

Among those of the neighbours who had gathered in amid the excitement was the rumseller who had dealt out the poison to that neighborhood for years. He drew near the death-bed, and heard a watcher, who was wiping the death damp from the child's beautiful face, say, "That blow has killed her."

Little Bessie caught the whisper, and, raising her eyes that were growing large in death, she fixed a dying gaze upon the rumseller, and said: "You did it!" and in a few minutes was dead.

That group never forgot the dying child's charge, and the rumseller says that it haunts him day and night; and yet he continues to deal out the fatal beverage to his victims. Every one of us who does not rise up and assist in crushing this brazen serpent is guilty before God, and the rumseller will say to us: "They who are not against us are for us;" and more than one "Little Bessie" will say to us, "You did it."

Yes! the wholesale murder of innocents will not cease until this traffic ceases, and to-day millions of voices are crying to us from the grave, "You did it."

Our Study Table and Review Notes.

Our advertising space is full and to show our appreciation of the kindness of the "Montreal Witness" in exchanging space, we give their ad. as a reading notice:

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Repentance is the act of a Christian, but repining is the act of a carnal man.—*Secker*.

The Persians say of noisy, unreasonable talk, "I hear the sound of millstones, but I see no meal."

An aged Christian woman was asked, "Are you never troubled by the devil, that you are always so cheerful?" "Oh, yes, he often comes to my door, but I never bid him come in or give him a stool to sit on."