

Woman's Work.

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We have just lately crossed the threshold of a new year—a fitting time to pause and think. What have we, as a sisterhood in the Church of Christ, done during the past year towards carrying out the commission which the Saviour gave to His followers as He was about to leave them? Have we been faithful to our trust? True, we have done a little in the way of strengthening weak churches among ourselves at home, but does that fulfil the requirements of the commission? Listen: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," etc. In view of all that the Gospel has done for us, of the many comforts and blessings which we in this civilized Christian land enjoy, it surely becomes us to consider our responsibility; not only so, but we should esteem it a high and holy privilege to be permitted to become co-workers with our adorable Master in the redemption of a fallen world. Think of the millions of our poor down-trodden sisters in heathen lands who have never heard the name of Jesus; who never knew that there was a Saviour provided for them; that He who was the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person, condescended to take our nature upon Himself, and in that nature suffer the penalty due to us for our sins; that He now stands with outstretched arms calling, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." How can we, in Christian lands, hope for that salvation which was provided if we withhold the light of truth from those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Christ died for them as well as for us, and we are assured He would have all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. Now, my dear sisters, let us resolve and at once begin to carry out our resolutions, that we will do more and better work than we have ever done before. The sisters who were present at our Convention in Toronto last June will remember that we started a fund in order to send a missionary from Canada to some heathen land—a woman to work among women, as we have been informed by those who have labored in such places that there is no other way so effectual in reaching the women of those dark regions as by having an earnest Christian woman go among them and instruct them. In regard to the aforesaid fund, the sisters present entered heartily into the project. In about twenty minutes there were pledges made, ranging from \$1 to \$20 (two sisters present pledged \$20 apiece), aggregating \$146. If every sister in the Dominion of Canada will give in the same proportion, "as the Lord has prospered her," there will be no lack of funds in the treasury to send a missionary, or more than one. Now, is there among us one sister who would not wish to take part in sending the Gospel to those who have nothing

but misery before them in this life, and not a ray of light or hope beyond? Do you excuse yourself by saying that there are so many calls for money, we cannot attend to them all? Have you forgotten, my sister, that the money is not ours? We are but stewards. Did you not consecrate your life, with all you have and are, to Him who redeemed you? And now, if He asks for a part of His own, to send the light to your poor benighted sisters in heathen lands, can you refuse it and expect His approval? At a recent meeting of the Board it was thought best, under existing circumstances, to take Japan as our field of foreign work for the present. We have a fund of \$188 from the children's mission bands, which has been drawing interest since the commencement of the present missionary year, which will be applied to the support of the missionary. Now, there are certain necessities that go towards making up a missionary's outfit which could be donated by those who have not ready money at hand, and who could in this way take part in the work. Bro. Garst, who is home at present on furlough from Japan, in answer to a letter of enquiry on the subject, gives a list of those things which he considers very important in an outfit.

The library should be largely for reference. Encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlas, a typewriter, if one knows how to use it, would be useful, a medicine chest, an oil stove, a small cooking stove (with cooking utensils) for either wood or coal, as wood is very high in some places, rugs, photographs, views, etc., the latter for entertaining guests, of which there are many. At first they cannot speak to each other on account of language. Suppose some brother or sister in the trade would donate a copy of Worcester's unabridged dictionary, another a good atlas; several might unite and give a full set of encyclopedias, such as Chalmers. A good cook book is a necessity. In regard to clothing, anything which would go towards making up a lady's wardrobe would be acceptable. If all these articles could be donated it would materially lessen the direct outlay. Now, my dear sisters, the all-important matter is to find an earnest, consecrated Christian woman, who will volunteer to go to this work in Japan. You must remember that perfection is not one of the requisites. Any young woman of ordinary ability, who has love enough for her Saviour, and love enough for souls to enable her to say, "Here am I; send me," would be the proper person to go. Bro. Garst says: "A fair education is very important, and some knowledge of music is very helpful, especially in a woman worker. Anyone going should make up her mind to a life's work, as the longer one is in the work the better she gets. The language is very hard to learn, hence the worker should not be too far advanced in years." In view of all that the Saviour has done for us, and of the glorious reward awaiting those who deny themselves for His sake, is there not a sister in Canada who, with all a woman's love and a woman's sympathy, and a faith like that of the great apostle to the Gentiles, will say, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me;" I will go? M.S.

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Don't You See?

The boy who on the corner stands With open mouth and listless air, Who in his pockets thrusts his hands, And shows no signs of thought or care; Who idly dreams—who rarely works— Who needful task or duty shirks; Though kind in manner he may be, There's much that's lacking—Don't you see?

The boy who will neglect his book For game of chance, or bat and ball, For gun and dog, or rod and hook, Or for a dance—for one or all— Will find he's made a grand mistake. Can games the place of knowledge take? When on the top round he would be He'll find he's lacking—Don't you see?

The boy who smokes a cigarette, Or drinks with friends a social glass, Is forming habits to regret, Whose ill all other ills surpass. Though solid rock is near at hand, The boy is building on the sand. With scoffing mates and boisterous glee, His course is downward—Don't you see?

The girl who at the window waits With idle hands and dreamy look; Who, by her actions, says she hates The household work of maid or cook! Who lets her mother work away While she indulges in a play! How's it reined that girl may be, There's much that's lacking—Don't you see?

The girl whose recitations show No earnest work—no careful thought, Who fails in what she ought to know, When skilful test of work is brought; That girl will fail to win the prize— Will fail while earnest workers rise— A grand success she'll never be— There's too much lacking—Don't you see? —John M. Morse, in Boston Courier.

DEAR MRS. LEDIARD.—The membership of the Cheerful Givers of Warton is forty-four, with an average attendance of twenty-five. The collection for the last quarter amounts to \$1.82. The last quarter was the beginning of our third year as a band, and, as we are entering on the new year, I take this opportunity of wishing all the bands success in the work we are all engaged in for the Master.

I remain, yours truly, Warton. LULU E. SMITH.

DEAR SISTER LEDIARD.—Our St. Thomas Cheerful Givers are a little late in wishing you and our workers a Happy New Year! Now we come with an offering of \$20, so you will pardon our tardiness, will you not? Since the early part of last May our band has met quite regularly every two weeks on Wednesday just after school. We did not take a vacation during the warm weather as our little Givers voted against it. The mite-boxes given out last June were some of them returned at our Christmas Sunday school entertainment to be opened, and their contents amounted to \$16. I should like you to know the names of some who did so well. Mary Campbell's box had \$5, Ira Nicol's \$4.35. It was a little unusual the way the latter took to fill her box. She begged that she might forego the pleasure of any gift and have a birthday party for the benefit of her box. A number of older people were invited, among them an old lady ninety years of age. The members of the Mission Band gave a nice programme of songs and recitations, then all did justice to the bountiful supper provided by Mrs. Nicol, and each contributed also to the filling of Miss Ira's mission box. Eva Coulter had \$2.07 in her box, and no one had less than

thirty four cents, and that was a wee baby's box—one of our Little Pearls. Our older members are working in the Y. P. S. O. E., but we number about twenty counting our baby members—our Little Pearls. Our Mission Band contributed their part towards the Christmas entertainment programme. We hope to open our boxes again just before the June meeting. I gave to each one who had over fifty cents in his or her box a Chinese coin—not of intrinsic value but prized as a curiosity. You will doubtless all have an opportunity to see these and other curious things when Bro. Meigs visits us. Now if we have not made our greeting too long we will come again some time. In behalf of the Cheerful Givers, Mrs. KNOWLES, Supt.

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