

Woman's Work.

O. C. W. B. M.

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Missions.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions was organized "to cultivate a missionary spirit, to encourage missionary effort in the church, to disseminate missionary intelligence, and to secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes." It seems hardly necessary for us to speak of the necessity of a work with a foundation so broad and Scriptural—a work which leads us to the fulfilment of our Saviour's last commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To every true Christian this word should be regarded as a great and holy privilege rather than a stern duty. Those who are familiar with the C. W. B. M. work since its organization know something of the results; and when as women we meditate upon the privileges and blessings that have come to us through the gospel of Jesus Christ, our hearts should be so filled with love and gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that we should be willing, yea, anxious, to engage in a work that assists in conferring the same blessings upon others.

We sometimes wonder that any Christian woman should hesitate a moment to lend her influence to a work that has for its object the salvation of souls.

The missionary spirit is the spirit of Christ, and if as Christians we do not cherish a desire for the conversion of the world to Christ, we may well pause and ask ourselves if we properly appreciate and value the sacrifice that was made for our own personal salvation. Some indeed are those who are concerned only about their own eternal welfare. The love of Christ has not penetrated such natures to any great depth. Christ pleased not himself, but spent His whole life in loving, thoughtful service for others, and at last gave up that life that we through His death might inherit eternal life. "Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor." As we contemplate such love; as we meditate upon that pure, holy, unselfish life, does there not spring up in our hearts an earnest and longing desire to do all in our power for the extension and prosperity of His kingdom? If our hearts are filled with love to God and our fellow-man, we shall soon manifest in our works the nature of the spirit that possesses us. It may be truly said that the C. W. B. M. work has proved a blessing to every woman who has lovingly and earnestly given her service to it. The existence of these bands of loving, consecrated women has been a great factor in increasing the spiritual life and activity of the various churches, and if all our sisters could be made to feel their responsibility in this matter and realize the power they might exert, our churches would make still more rapid advancement, for we who are familiar with the work know and feel that our monthly meetings are a source of personal strength and blessing. As we study God's word and commune with Him in prayer; as we exchange helpful thoughts and suggestions; as we listen to the earnest appeal of those who are hungering for the Bread of Life; as the cries of millions of despairing sisters across the waters reach our ears, our hearts are touched, we are drawn nearer to God, our inner life is nourished and strengthened, and we feel ourselves growing in grace and knowledge. Our energies and talents

are more fully enlisted in all departments of service for the Master.

Ignorance is undoubtedly one cause of the indifference and carelessness of so many, but in this day of wide-spread education and intelligence, ignorance is scarcely excusable. Missionary biographies and information of all kinds are easily obtained; with greater enlightenment upon this subject will come increased interest, which will be followed by a humble consecration of our talents to Christ's service. There are few so poorly endowed by nature but that some talent can be developed and used for Christ. It is well for us to remember that we shall be called to an account for the use we have made of such talents as we have. Our personal, individual influence cannot be estimated. It is said that the smallest bird cannot light upon the greatest tree without sending a shock to its most distant fibre, so that our most trifling words and actions may influence those about us either for good or evil. In neglecting this department of labor for Christ, many others, seeing your negligence and indifference, will be led to withhold their service also. This responsibility can be shirked by no one. With our hearts full of love and sympathy, with our intellects enlightened and informed, our purses will be opened. To one, with all her powers and talents consecrated to God's service, giving is a joy and pleasure, and whether we are able to give dimes or dollars, our offerings with God's blessings will accomplish much. We have all received so much, cannot we give from our abundance? "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Giving is the heart of missions; missions is the heart of Christianity. Christianity is as the palm tree—it has but one bud, and that is the missionary spirit: Destroy that bud and Christianity withers and decays, and he who refuses to give to missions is doing much to destroy the power of that religion which he professes." There is so much to be done, and the indifference and lethargy that possesses many are so many barriers to the complete success of the work. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." How many more laborers might be sent into waste and desolate places if the children of God were alive to their responsibilities and privileges. Could we find it in our hearts to withhold our services if we but thought of the honor and dignity God has bestowed upon us, poor unworthy creatures that we are, in permitting us to be co-workers with Him in the salvation of the world? Someone has beautifully said, "The Christian does not live to get heaven, but to give heaven." "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The King's business requires haste, and so, dear sisters, let us not waste another moment, but engage heartily, earnestly and prayerfully in mission work. It is the work which Christ has given His followers to do. Life is so short; the days and years are fast passing away. Christ said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." He lost no opportunity of doing good; every moment was precious to Him, every moment brought its duty.

So, sisters of the Lobo church who have never yet given your influence to this work, you do not know the blessings and joys of which you are depriving yourselves. The work needs your assistance and presence. Encouragement is due to those who have upheld it through many trials and difficulties. Thus engaging in a good work, your lives will be broadened and strengthened, the church will feel an additional power, and the kingdom of Christ will increase in members and influence.

May the love of Christ constrain us and lead us to consecrate our lives anew to His service, resolving to serve Him better during this year upon which we have just entered than we have ever done before. May God bless the work and the workers, and when we are called hence may it be said of us as of one so long ago, "She hath done what she could."—Written by Mrs. J. A. Brennstuhl for Lobo Auxiliary, Jan. 8, 1895.

St. Thomas O. C. W. B. M.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HOLD THEIR SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. C. W. B. M., of the Church of Christ, held their sixth anniversary last evening. There was a good attendance and a most interesting and profitable programme was carried out. The result of such a meeting must be a source of inspiration and strength to the society, and every sister in the church should avail herself of the opportunities offered by this society for culture and training in that most interesting work, the mission field. After devotional exercises Mrs. Coulter, President of the society, delivered the annual address.

Mrs. Campbell, the efficient secretary, gave a very interesting report of the origin and steady growth of the society.

Mrs. Price, the treasurer, gave the financial statement, which showed that the society practiced what they preach, and that the nerve from the brain to the pocketbook was as much Christianized as the one connecting the brain and the tongue.

A reading on self-denial, entitled "Mrs. Morgan's Quarter," was given by Mrs. Cordery, and an interesting letter on the O. C. W. B. M. work was read by Mrs. (Sheriff) Brown. In response to the roll-call each member gave a missionary item, and short addresses were given by Mr. Campbell and the pastor.

Mrs. C. H. Norsworthy read a beautifully-worded letter from Mrs. Knowles, expressive of sympathy and continued interest in the Ontario work. A reading by Mrs. Ashbury, entitled the "Missionary Spirit," was followed by a carefully-written essay by Mrs. Price, on China.

Two of the Juniors, Mary Campbell and Eva Coulter, gave appropriate readings entitled "What Can I Do?" and "Is It Nothing to You?" The proceedings were interspersed with suitable music, the Juniors furnishing two selections.—*St. Thomas Journal, Feb. 20.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We have come together this evening to celebrate the sixth anniversary of our Auxiliary, and perhaps it is as well to look over our work, and from the failures as well as the successes of the past learn lessons that will give us more wisdom in the future. As to failures, they have been due more to lack of interest in this good work than from any other cause. The successes have been very many.

This society was organized Feb. 13, 1889, by Sister Knowles—the object being to cultivate a missionary spirit in the church. We started with nine members and have grown to twenty-five, with two honorary. During the last year our gain was eleven, our loss two. We held eleven monthly meetings and two public ones. In May last, during self-denial week, our offerings amounted to \$9.90, which completed our pledge of \$40 to the O. C. W. B. M.

Our thanksgiving service was very interesting, some of the sisters taking part for the first time. The offerings amounted to \$5.33.

Twenty dollars of our pledge goes to support Miss Rioch, our missionary in Japan, who is sent out by the O. C. W. B. M., and the balance of pledge for the home work. I am pleased also to state that we will more than complete our pledge this year. We take seven copies of the *Tidings*. From these and from the columns of the *CANADIAN EVANGELIST* we gather knowledge, strength and encouragement, and use the programmes of each with such variations as our local needs require. A sister has said in an appeal in *Tidings*: "There is so much to do, and time passes so quickly, that unless each sister bears her part faithfully as the moments go by, the year of our pilgrimage will close and our allotted portion of the work will be incomplete." Dear sisters, let us not have our work incomplete. In doing this

work we keep our own souls, our own lives full of the love and spirit of the Master, and in so doing we are teaching, we are preaching, Jesus and heeding His last loving command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

A little child is delighted when its birthday comes, and those parents are wise who make the anniversary of their little ones a day of rejoicing for them.

To-night we celebrate the anniversary of our Auxiliary. We are not very old—only six years—just beginning to stand alone, and are learning the A B C of mission work. It is our intention to go on learning. We do not expect to graduate out of the school of Christ here, but if we are faithful, if we learn well the lessons our great Teacher has given us and follow closely the example He has laid down in His holy word, we will graduate by and by; and, sisters, it will amply repay any self-denial we may make, anything we may do for Christ, to hear from His lips the blessed words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Paul seemed to like to talk of his fellow-laborers and co-workers in the gospel. "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." And so to-night it is with pleasant memories we recall the work of faith and labor of love of Bro. and Sister Knowles while in our midst. Oh, how their hearts burned within them for the extension of Christ's kingdom. That heart is dull indeed that would not learn something of the spirit of missions, something of the love for fallen humanity which characterizes their life and teaching. With us their name and the mission cause are almost synonyms. We cannot speak of the slave question, but "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will flash to our minds; of the temperance cause without hearing again the burning words of John B. Gough, the great temperance advocate; of the Endeavor movement separate from Father Clarke; the mission work, the evangelization of the world, the great object for which Christ gave His life, we cannot separate from the teaching we received from Bro. and Sister Knowles. Sisters, to-night their prayers are ascending and mingling with ours around the throne of grace that we may be instrumental in sending to many the story of the cross, that many through our efforts may learn to know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal.

"Though sundered far by faith we meet
Around one common mercy seat."

We are pleased, nay more, we are delighted to have so many new names on our roll. It is our desire, it is our prayer that every sister in this church become co-workers with us in extending the kingdom of our Lord and Master. And why not? I want to say right here that it is one of the most needful societies in the church. I do not say this egotistically, as I belong to every society in the church except the choir. There is just one thing that keeps me out—I would be of no use there. Although the Lord has not given me the gift of song, I am thankful that He has given me the faculty of appreciating the efforts of others, and I think you will agree with me as we look over the past year, that no branch of the church has worked more faithfully than they. We believe this society, by instructing the mothers in missions through them, is instructing the whole church.

As we have many new members who have not had the privilege of becoming conversant with the work the O. C. W. B. M. is doing, we will give a brief synopsis. The work done in the foreign field, so often spoken of by us, we will



Mr. J. Alois Chausse
Montreal, P. Q.

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The following letter is from Mr. J. Alois Chausse, architect and surveyor, No. 163 Shaw Street, Montreal, Canada:
"G. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:
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HOOD'S Sarsaparilla CURES

I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla it has increased to 162. I think Hood's Sarsaparilla is a marvelous medicine and am very much pleased with it."
J. ALOIS CHAUSSE.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, humors, sick headache, indigestion.

briefly refer to. The sisters in the Maritime Provinces, Mission Bands and Junior Endeavor societies, also private individuals, help the Board in keeping Miss Rioch in Japan. We give all told this year \$700, and would ask you to read the bright letters Miss Rioch sends you from time to time in *EVANGELIST*.

We are living in an age historic and effulgent, with the names of such godly men as the late Elders Sheppard, Sinclair, Kilgour and Block and Bro. Anderson, of Hamilton. Through the indefatigable efforts of these early pioneers, the gospel in its purity and simplicity has been planted in Ontario. Verily they carried out the conditions of the seventy who went without purse or scrip, like Paul, by laboring with their hands. To them it was a labor of love, but toil, privation, hardships and persecutions were their lot. To aid them in this work the churches formed the Wellington Co operation, to do evangelistic work, especially in country places. This was enlarged in the year 1882 into the Ontario Co-operation. They then decided to open up mission work in the cities and towns. We now have mission churches in Toronto, Hamilton, Collingwood, London, etc. The mantle has fallen from the shoulders of those worthy pioneers, but has been taken up by the worthy sons of worthy sires, who are willing to deny themselves that the good work so well begun may go on.

Although the enlarging of the Co-operation into a provincial one (as it was first intended to be) gave a great impetus to the work, there was still something lacking. This was found to be a training-school in our midst, where our young men could receive a thorough knowledge of the word of God, while at the same time they would be kept in sympathy and touch with the home field. Recognizing the wisdom of the brethren to the south in establishing a school in nearly every field of work and taking advantage of the facilities offered of federating with Toronto University, we have started a Bible school under most favorable auspices. For equipment, a thorough and practical course of study, broad and cultured scholarship, Toronto University ranks second to none on the American continent. He who

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