

generally on this question, the mode and means of working being necessarily arranged by the workers. One thing, however, is certain, that whether at home or abroad there will be no lack of opportunities. How many cups of cold water can we not give! How many words of cheer! "Apples of gold in baskets of silver." Even in the narrowest sphere there is much, very much missionary work to be done. A great power for good rests in the hands of teachers, especially in the Sunday School, and a few moments' missionary talk given to servants, work-people, children and others, may, with God's blessing, be the means of turning their thoughts into this noble channel. Enlisting the hearty, active sympathies of other women is itself a missionary work of no mean importance. If we sow the seed prayerfully God will assuredly give the increase. It has been aptly said that we need missionaries to the rich, the influential, and the powerful, whose lives and conversation are reflected in those below them, and who thus exercise a strong influence in the effect of their example.

Again there are few of us who have not felt the joy of a strong, pure, spiritual atmosphere, such as we experience in communion with Christian women who are indeed living epistles to be known and read of all. Are not such, in the honest sense, Home Missionaries? It is not our present purpose to speak of what others have done, but of what we are to do, else we might multiply instances of true missionary spirit as a governing principle in lives consecrated to good works, never weary in well doing, though held down by sickness, bereavement, and losses of every kind and degree. Does it sound too trite to say that what woman has done woman may do? Yet it is even so. Giving is perhaps less easy with many of us than working, but here, as ever, we are comforted and encouraged. We are to give what we have, and the raising of money for missionary purposes can be carried on in so many ways, that if but a few of them be attempted it will not be disputed that all can contribute, but a certain godly prudence is required in the choice of our methods. Let zeal be tempered with knowledge, and while confessing the great necessity of obtaining funds, let us not ignore the equal necessity of letting our offerings be free from the blemishes of self-seeking, vain glory, jealousy, and the like, which, as a moth fretting a garment, will sadly impair their purity and lustre.


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ZENANA WORK.

In the Fifth Annual Report of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society it appears that there are active working branches in Hamilton, Kingston, Montreal, Peterborough and Toronto, with Miss Kirkpatrick of Peterborough as associate secretary. Societies of this description, controlled and managed entirely by Christian women, are becoming most useful auxiliaries in missionary work.

LIFT HIGH OUR BATTLE FLAG.

FOR OUR MISSION NEWS.

 LIFT high our battle flag,
Stained with the precious blood,
Carry the token of our Saviour's love
O'er distant field and flood;
Faint not, yield not, though doubtful seems the strife,
Be faithful to the end, and ours the crown of life.

"Fear not; be not dismayed;"
Jesus will give us grace
Till earth's remotest bounds shall glow beneath
The brightness of his face.
The Lord of Hosts, with many or with few,
Can work His sovereign will; only be true.

Oh! brave and valiant souls,
Whose cry goes up for aid,
Look on the Sacred Heart once pierced for sin;
Gaze and be not afraid.
The right hand of His righteousness is thine,
Upon thy path His countenance will shine.

Thrice Holy Trinity,
Eternal ever blessed,
Strengthen the hearts of those who in the fight
By fears are sore oppressed.
Help us, oh Lord our God; we rest on thee;
Come in thy might and set the nations free.

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THE will of the late Archbishop Trench has been admitted to probate. The value of personal estate is about £80,000; £30,000 have been bequeathed to Thomas Cook Trench and the Rev. Canon Scott for the discretionary use in helping any archbishopric, bishopric, beneficiary, incumbency, preferment, or institution of the Church of Ireland. Among the articles of historic interest left by the deceased are the volume of letters of Lord Chesterfield to his great-grandfather, the Bishop of Waterford, and the silver cup presented to his grandfather by the Prince of Orange.

A LAYMAN of the diocese of Michigan, who seems to recognize the true source of prosperity, returning after a sojourn of several months in the far west, learned that our interesting and active congregation of colored people was much worried with a pressing obligation—a payment of \$450 immediately required on their new parish house. The expences of preparing it for church uses had been greater than they had estimated, and they could raise no more money. The layman above mentioned instantly gave his cheque for \$450, while a year ago, for the original purpose, he contributed \$200. When congratulated by a friend upon making this gift, he explained that it was a simple and natural matter. He had just completed a business transaction by which he had gained \$4,500, and he had only tithed it.—*The Churchman, (N. Y.)*

The bishop of Rangoon, Burma, states that since 1878 the number of the clergy in the diocese has increased from nine to twenty-nine. Four new churches have been built, and four more are in erection.