

or friends, in mental or moral power, willing to share and to serve of her riches with the poor; for the first lesson learned by this higher culture has been no longer to think of mankind as divided into "upper and lower classes" but rather that of the rich and poor. One of the greatest works set in motion by educated women is the Ladies' Sanitary Association, which by co-operative work, in a quiet persistent way, against ignorance, teaches the rich and poor, what are the essentials of wholesome life, viz.: pure water, nutritious food, daily bathing, and daily exercise, abundant entrance to light and air. Through countless lectures to women of all conditions, and by town libraries, over 100,000 books and tracts have been distributed on hygiene and good cooking. The National Health Society is under the patronage of three Princesses of Great Britain, its motto being, "Prevention better than Cure," and its objects: literature, hygienic dress, smoke abatement, and open spaces.

In 1864 were established colleges for working women, to provide them in business and domestic service with three things: teaching, amusement, and an opportunity of friendly intercourse; also a "College by Post" to help, by correspondence, girls with few opportunities of advancement. This writing mission, includes the work of students attending the colleges and universities and correspondence with factory and shop girls.

Home Arts and Industries, Technical Schools for Girls, and Recreation Evening Schools are largely taught by cultured women, or their paid agents.

In educational effort, we find in the North of England, the Ladies' Council of Education, which carries on active work in assisting their less favored sisters. Affiliated with them and akin to them, is the North Union of Domestic Economy, which shows us that the Church considers as work worthy of her daughters, the support of home cookery, laundry and dairy classes.

The Parents' National Educational Union brings before parents, rich and poor, the most rational methods of training and rearing children, under four heads: the physical, mental, moral, and religious aspects of life.

Such are a few of the educational associations conducted by the Church women of Canada. Such are a few of the educational associations conducted by the Church women of England.

So much for Domestic Missions; while the Church has no fewer than 850 associations of women, who yearly raise the sum of £31,000 for foreign missions. The Venerable S.P.G. is also largely assisted by women who have educated thousands of native women in foreign lands

Surely we can not doubt, that with destined ends and for Divine purposes, did the Archbishop of Canterbury pronounce the solemn words at our Queen's Coronation:

"Be thou anointed with holy oil, as king, priest and prophets were anointed and as Solomon was anointed King of Israel, by priest and Nathan the prophet: so be you anointed, blessed and consecrated Queen over the people whom the Lord our God has given you to govern."

Well was she named Victoria, and well has she justified the title: "By victory abroad and at home, victory upon the plains of battle and upon the subject seas: and better yet, victory in the moral and social fields of the age, victory above all for the principles of home and family, and for the advancement of women."

For women, a nobler time was crystalizing when Victoria became Queen of England.

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[This interesting and valuable paper was written by Mrs. Holden, of St. Marks' Branch W.A., Hamilton, and read at the Quarterly meeting held in Thorold, Sept. 23rd, 1897.]

REV. DR. PIERSON mentions the following dominant reasons why Christian women have felt specially called of God to the work of Foreign Missions:

- (1). Women abroad were inaccessible except to women.
- (2). Christian womanhood would naturally both prompt and help work for women.
- (3). Woman owes a special debt to Christ for what He has done to uplift her socially and domestically.
- (4). Woman naturally sympathizes with her own sex, and can appreciate woman's degradation and elevation.
- (5). Woman abroad needs the practical illustration of what the Gospel can do, and has done, for women.
- (6). In all education woman is God's ordained pioneer. As wife, mother, sister, daughter, she is the heart of the home and sways its sceptre.
- (7). This work provides a legitimate sphere in which all that is best in woman can thus be amply exercised and developed.

GENERAL GORDON frequently quoted the following verse, or part of it, and had a copy hung up in his bedroom at Rockstone Place, Southampton:

"Oh! ask not thou, how shall I bear
The burden of to-morrow?
Sufficient for the day its care,
Its evil and its sorrow;
God imparteth by the way
Strength sufficient for the day."