

Woman's Work.

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From the Treasurer.

It might be well for the sister from Lobo, who contributed a few thoughts for this column last issue, to know that the money lying in our treasury belongs to the Foreign work, indeed with very little exception, has been contributed by the sisters of the Maritime Provinces, the Children's Mission Bands, and individual sisters and brothers for that special work, and could not be used for the support of weak churches at home.

J.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

We, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Church of Christ at Winger, desire to place on record our sincere appreciation of the sterling qualities of the late lamented Annie M. Swayze, who, though not directly affiliated with our auxiliary, has often met with us, and we can truly testify that she was ever found willing to assist in any good work, either of benevolence or for the church, which we as Christian women might contemplate doing, and we also wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family in this their great affliction, realizing full well that words are weak and human consolation of little worth in the face of such a sorrow, in view of which we can only commend them to God, who alone is able to bind up the broken hearted.

Signed: Mrs. E. Forrester, Pres. Mrs. E. Zavitz, Vice Pres. Sarah Wells, Sec. Matilda Thompson, Treas.

The foregoing resolutions express something of the esteem merited by the departed sister, who was a good wife, a fond mother, and a most obliging neighbor and friend. Moreover, this death has a sad significance to us, inasmuch as the deceased had taken an active interest in our new church building, and hers being the first funeral in the new edifice.

It is also worthy of note that on the day of dedication (some five weeks before) she was among the few who felt constrained to add to their already generous subscription. Neither shall we soon forget that about the last work her hands performed was in helping prepare for our Thanksgiving service, which, however, she was not permitted to attend, as she was taken suddenly ill that same evening, and after lingering some days, succumbed at last to heart failure on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 2nd, leaving her husband, Bro. Daniel Swayze, with five young children, to mourn her untimely departure.

The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. S. R. Knechtel, of the Evangelical church, and the people who were crowded in every part of the house, listened attentively to his able and logical discourse.

Mrs. Wm. Angle.

Dec. 10th, 1894.

Auxiliary Programme for Jan., 1895.

SUBJECT—"China." Singing—"The World for Christ." New Hymn and Tune Book No. 712. Scripture Readings—Matt. xxviii, 18, 19, 20; Mark xvi, 15, 16; Acts xvii, 22 to 28.

Prayer. Singing—"There's Much We Can Do." Hymn and Tune Book No. 734. Reading Minutes. Report of Committees. Readings on the subject. Special prayers for blessings on China, not forgetting our little boy Wang.

Collection. Singing—"Workers at Home." Hymn and Tune Book No. 750.

Prayer. Dixology.

Sisters, let us pray that the result of this cruel war between China and Japan may bring order out of confusion, so that ignorance and superstition may flee away as the mists before the morning sun. When we think of the many instances of direct answers to prayer as related to us by Bro. Meigs when he was here, how one vantage ground after another was obtained that the missionaries might get a start in that benighted land; it savoured almost of the miraculous. It was to them, and should be to us, a proof that God was blessing their efforts in obeying that part of the commission, "Go." Go where? Into all the world. China is included in that. Might it not help us to see our duty more clearly if we think about the work, not as Chinese or Americans, but as being done in God's world, inhabited by a people as described by Paul when he stood on Mars' Hill addressing those cultured and haughty Greeks, that the unknown God whom they ignorantly worshipped had made of one blood all nations. We, too, must fully realize this before we can honestly say this is our motto, "Christ for the world and the world for Christ."

Let our ideas of missions lengthen and broaden until they reach from our nearest neighbor to the remotest part of the habitable globe. Let us feel that we ought to have some such a spirit as is told of Mrs. Morris, the light-house keeper's mother, who had to go to live at the sand-bar on the sea coast to take charge of her son's motherless child. Visitors were admitted twice a week to go up and view the lamp, no one being allowed to touch it; and her son, suffering from pains in his limbs, the old lady would go up those thirty-two steps many times a day, and often as she came down found others waiting to ascend. The thought came to her one day while reading her Bible and mourning over the fact that she was debarred from church privileges and the power to work for the spread of the kingdom, as she had done in days gone by, that she would put a box on the wall and ask the visitors to put the money they offered her into the box, as she, being in the Government service, up to this time had had to refuse their gifts. She told the young lady secretary of the Missionary Society to whom she gave the contents of the box that she never felt tired now climbing the stairs, for she was working for the Master. It could be said of her, "She hath done what she could." And oh, sisters, may it be said of us that we, too, have done what we could to bring about that glorious state of things when all nations shall bow in adoration of the one true God, and also confess that Jesus is the Christ to the glory of God the Father, and that we, by our words, thoughts and deeds, may hasten the time when the banner of primitive Christianity may be unfurled in every city, town and hamlet, not only in China, but in every part of God's world, so that it can be said they do know Him from the least unto the greatest.

E. L.

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Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: W. W. Collier, Chairman; J. J. Smallman, Mrs. R. H. Cameron.

St. Thomas.

The St. Thomas Union of C. E. held their last union meeting in the Church of Christ. Every seat was filled and chairs had been placed in the aisles. Interesting papers were read on "Good Citizenship," by Mr. Bryan and Miss Kerr. Mr. Upton gave a practical paper on "How may we preach Christ," and Mr. Millard spoke on the "Benefits of union meetings." The Executive of the Union decided to recommend that each society in the union set apart one meeting in December for the further consideration of good citizenship. It is also the intention of the union to agitate for the early closing of all business places on Saturday night.

"Christian Endeavor societies would be better preserved as schools for spiritual culture and training in personal service to Christ."—J. Z. TYLER.

This has the right ring. To fall short of this is to lose sight of the primary object of the Endeavor movement. While it is right and proper that both old and young should be taught their duty in systematic giving, or might we not more properly say distributing, still, to fill in the gap between the Sunday-school and the church in doing evangelistic work in building up characters should be the first great object of each society.

Bro. Cowherd's budget is always interesting and inspiring, and while the society at International Bridge has a most competent corresponding secretary, they must be a live organization. Their last move in preparing one of their number as a missionary for work in Africa is commendable.

Shall we not have a report from every society in Ontario. We are all interested in each other's struggles and triumphs. Let us share our joys and sorrows with others.

We have a suggestion to make for Endeavor day, February 2, 1895, but will leave it for the next issue.

W. W. C.

C. E. Prayer-Meeting Notes.

GEO. FOWLSR.

Jan. 6.—The week of prayer. What shall it mean to us?—II Chron. vi. 18-21, 29-33; vii. 1-3.

I have prepared a few notes on the following topic: How can we, as a C. E. Society, assist in special services?

1. By prayer, the study of the Scriptures, and consistent living, revive the Endeavor Society.

2. Know when the meeting is to begin, and set apart a special time for prayer for its success.

3. Talk among yourselves and with others about the coming services.

4. Attend the regular prayer meeting and pray for it there.

5. Be unusually active in all lines of church work.

6. Appoint a special Visiting Committee to act with the regular one.

7. When the meeting to which we have been looking forward begins, be present to do just what the pastor or evangelist requests.

8. Be present to assist in the singing. It would be well to practice a number of good invitation hymns.

9. Welcome every stranger and visitor.

10. If necessary print and distribute invitations.

11. Above all, endeavor in God's strength to live the Christ life.

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It is a great privilege to win souls. Be earnest, salvation's the prize; Be patient, the cross you may bear; Be holy, be gentle, be wise, Be constant, be faithful in prayer. Jan. 13.—Soul hunger and soul food.—Ps. 84, 1-12.

Man never exerts himself to gain possession of that which he does not desire. This desire is the mainspring of action. "God has made man a creature of desires, and constituted the material world in which he lives with qualities and powers available for the gratification of those desires." The lack of desire in man to labor and provide for himself makes him a worthless vagabond tramp.

The quality of man's desire determines his character.

Man is so created that he hungers. God has provided food to satisfy his wants; but this outward physical man of bone and muscle is but a small part of the real man. While food appeases his hunger, and the sparkling water from the fountain quenches his thirst, they do not satisfy the wants of the soul. God has supplied our physical necessities, and He will meet all longings of the human soul. Man does not reach out after God in vain. He does not need to seek Him in darkness.

The things of this world not meeting man's higher nature, for man does not live by bread alone, he looks beyond this mundane sphere for something to still the tempest that rages within. God in Christ Jesus answers to every call, responds to every appeal, satisfies every longing, speaks peace to the troubled breast, soothes the aching heart, and floods the whole soul with the sunshine of love divine.

Man has been slow in learning that the world cannot produce food for the soul. He has searched continents and explored seas in the vain hope of finding the elixir of life. He has drained many a cup to its dregs only to find it poison. He has with trembling, expectant hands unfolded many a beautiful bud that promised life for death, light for darkness, peace for unrest, and joy for sorrow, only to find and feel the sting of the deadly asp.

Soul hunger is satisfied only by soul food, and he who seeks shall find. We must seek God through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. We have not far to go, nor long to seek. We need not tremble because of dangers that threaten us, nor fear for foes that may lurk along our pathway. Open the Word of God and study it. "Let him that is athirst come." "Who-soever will let him come." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

We must desire Christ if we would find Him precious to our souls. Isaiah says, "Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters."

Christ has laid it down as an eternal principle that they who "hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled."

David, when banished from the city, longed for the temple service where he could meet and worship his God.

Do we love to meet with God's people in prayer and worship? Do we take delight in reading His word and meditating upon the great truths of God?

"A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."—Ps. 84, 10.

Jan. 20.—A Christian's problems and perplexities.—I Kings iv. 29-34; Luke xl. 3, ii. 46-47.

Many problems, in all ages, have presented themselves for solution. These questions that have thrown themselves before man for his contemplation have occupied the minds of the wisest and challenged the mightiest intellects of



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Many of the weightiest problems, those that related to the highest interests of humanity, and that riveted the attention of the giant intellects of a former day, have been solved, not by man's wisdom or power, but by infinite knowledge.

The first sentence of revelation dispels the mists of ignorance and solves one of the greatest of the great problems that perplexed mankind. The darkness that enshrouded many of these questions, that confused and distracted man, has been dispersed by the light of Omniscience.

Solomon, the affluent and powerful king of Israel, was only able to flood with light the subjects he handled by the gift of wisdom divine.

Jesus when but twelve years of age puzzled the wise teachers of Jerusalem with his questions, and astonished them with his knowledge. That same Jesus, "the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth," has illuminated with heavenly wisdom the darkest problems that ever were presented to man for solution. Death itself has been robbed of its terrors, and the grave has been made to radiate with hope. Mystery has given place to clearness, and man, relieved of great burdens, is able to lift up his head and catch glimpses of that Heavenly Canaan towards which God's children are journeying.

As disciples of Christ, what problems have we that perplex us? Nothing that in any way is essential to salvation is hard to understand or difficult of solution. The Bible, "when placed in the light of a common sense and scientific exegesis, yields no equivocal answer to the question, What must I do to be saved?" The word of God is equally clear concerning the question which comes to every Christian, What must I do to be saved?

Many things that trouble some of God's people, as the nature and the form of angels, Adam's fall, original sin, Cain's wife, and other subjects of like import, may well be tabled for consideration in heaven.

We must not let little troubles and petty annoyances worry us. Endeavor to drink deeper draughts from God's fountain.

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.