

IF I CAN LIVE.

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If I can live
To make some pale face brighter and to give
A second luster to some tear dimmed eye,
Or e'en impart
One throb of comfort to an aching heart,
Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by;

If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen, or defend
The right against a single envious strain,
My life, though bare
Perhaps of much that seemeth dear and fair
To us on earth, will not have been in vain.

The purest joy,
Most near to Heaven, far from earth's alloy,
Is bidding clouds give way to sun and shine,
And 'twill be well
If on that day of days the angels tell
Of me, "She did her best for one of thine."

Field Study For August--September.

Review of the Field Study of the Year.

1. Name the mission fields of the W. M. S.; first, those in Canada; second, those abroad.
2. Who was the first missionary of the W. M. S. to work abroad? Where did she begin work and when?
3. Tell what you can of the beginning and growth of our work in Tokyo.
4. Name our mission stations in Japan, and tell how the work in Kanazawa differs from that in the other cities.
5. When we began work in China what city was chosen?
6. Tell what you can of the Province of Sz-Chuen.
7. Describe briefly the journey to Chentu.
8. Tell something about the condition of women and children in China, and describe our work in Chentu.
9. What means are we using to Christianize the Indians in our own Dominion?
10. Tell something about Coqualeetze Institute; our work in Port Simpson and our lately acquired Home in Kitamaat.
11. Among what other peoples do we work in British Columbia?
12. What is the object of the French Institute?
13. What other work is being carried on by the W. M. S. in Montreal?
14. Why are you interested in the work of the W. M. S.?

[This review has been already used by one Band and found helpful, and we are sure that it will prove so to all the rest.]

QUESTION DRAWER.

Echoes From Last Branch Meeting N. B. & P. E. 1.

How would you select your delegate?
First, pray that God may guide you in your choice

and then guide the delegate.

Select one who will be likely to become enthused and bring back a good report.

How would you prepare for convention—that is, for District or Branch?

The last meeting in Auxiliary, Circle or Band before convention should be spent in preparing for it. Study the laws governing conventions. Give the delegate questions to ask. Let her understand what she can do to help, and what she can bring back.

What are the duties of the delegate while there?

She must first remember that she is the choice of the Auxiliary. She must take with her three ideas—"Going, Getting, Giving." She must be prompt at every session, devotional exercises too—note-book and pencil in hand, jotting down all the good things said and done. Papers and discussions are not digested unless the points are gathered up—the blackboard is most helpful. She must be wide awake to the demands of the hour; keep the mind open; get into the spirit of the occasion. Forgetfulness of self makes a good delegate.

What are her duties when she comes back?

She must discriminate between the Auxiliary and the public meeting. In the latter details are not necessary, but a general idea of the work done. Give the Auxiliary the contents of her note-book. What most touches the heart is good to take back. The delegate of one year should educate the delegate of the next.

What is the most helpful report to take home from a Branch meeting?

Such a report as will make every member of the Auxiliary feel that she has been there.

It was decided in this Branch that the best way to keep the interest of the children in Band work is to interest the mothers—who are supposed to be Auxiliary members. Take the Auxiliary to the Band and the Band to the Auxiliary, individually, by two and threes, or collectively, until they feel like mother and daughter.

The most successful Band spoken of was one that continually used the blackboard; maps also are great helps—use both eye and ear avenue.

[We make no apology for inserting these echoes again. We know that they cannot fail to be helpful at this season.]

Suggested Programme for August-September.

- Singing of a Hymn chosen by one of the members.
- Short prayer by Leader or President.
- Reciting of prepared Bible verses by members.
- Spirited singing of one verse of a hymn.
- Roll Call.
- Business--Reports, etc.
- Review of Field Studies for the year, divided in two, if necessary
- Solo or Recitation.
- Short reading.
- Chorus.
- Brief remarks by Visitor or Leader--Benediction or prayer.