

society, and contained all its machinery. Besides her personal intercourse with missionaries, she maintained an extensive correspondence with them while in the field, and frequently sent them books and periodicals, such as would cheer them in their toils or enable them better to fulfil their calling. So active and assiduous was she in these various forms of aiding the missionary enterprise, that it is not easy even for those acquainted with all its details to mention or conceive anything that she left undone. She habitually did more than any one beforehand would have deemed possible. And this, too, through summer's heat and winter's cold, and often in periods of great physical debility.

Yet with all this intense devotion there was no one-sidedness; least of all, was there any neglect of home or domestic duties. No hint of Mrs. Jellaby could be seen in her well-ordered household, where cheerfulness always reigned, and love was the mainspring of every word and act. I remember her telling me once, that when she was married she and her husband entered into an arrangement, according to which he was never to disturb her with any mention of his business troubles, and she was not to disturb him by recounting any housekeeping worries. She was the mother of nine children, not one of whom was ever forgotten or neglected for an hour. Their home was always made bright and attractive. She habitually dispensed a cordial and generous hospitality, of which very many besides the writer retain a lively recollection. Her delight seemed to be in doing good, and not a few can recall little kindnesses, the omission of which would have excited no attention, but which it was a real pleasure for her to render and others to receive. This was particularly the case in regard to ministers of the Gospel, all of whom she highly esteemed in love for their work's sake.

At a meeting recently held in this city with the view of procuring playgrounds for the children of tenement houses, a lady of repute made a speech in which she said: "She was of the opinion that the hundreds of thousands of dollars sent out of this country for foreign mission work might be better spent in educating physically, mentally and morally the children who dwell in the slums of New York, and who are going to be men and women of the coming generation."<sup>\*</sup>

The good lady only expressed a common misapprehension in suggesting the thought that the funds given for Foreign Missions are just so much subtracted from what would otherwise be given to philanthropic work at home. Intelligent observation shows just the contrary. One species of work reacts favorably upon another. Friends of the foreign work are usually as much interested in the domestic. Certainly this was the case with Mrs. Doremus, as the merest mention of her course will show. For very many years she did the marketing

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