

interested in missionary work was Miss Ruth Trueman, who was unanimously elected President. At the monthly meeting held in October, she presided, and little did those present think, as they listened to her word of counsel and encouragement, that it was for the last time. Yet it was even so; ere another month had passed, she heard the Master's voice, calling "Sister, come up higher, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Gladly, trustingly she responded to that call; for her peace was made with God early in life, and all through the years she had walked as one who realized the nearness of the Saviour, and trusted Him in sorrow as well as when the clouds lifted. We mourn for ourselves, for we have each lost a personal friend and the leader in our cherished work; but for her we feel that we should only rejoice; she hath but "gone home," and is at rest; while the cause she so fondly loved and labored for will, we trust, be carried on by others. "All is of God," and "He who has begun the good work" will carry it on. Our Society in this place is quite small, but we hope it will increase during the winter, as there is abundant material for a large Auxiliary in our immediate vicinity. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

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PERTH.—An Auxiliary to the W. M. S. was organized here last June. Our cause here is very weak, we having only fourteen members; but we are looking forward to better things. We hold our monthly meetings regularly, and by so doing keep up our interest in missionary work. We have had one public meeting, which was well attended. A programme, consisting of music and readings bearing on missionary work, was given, and a collection amounting to six dollars was taken up. Last August the Society gave a peach festival as a means of increasing the funds, and from this source, and from membership fees, were enabled to forward twenty-nine dollars to the Branch Treasurer for last year. We are making use of the mite boxes, which are to be opened after Christmas, and have subscribed for the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.

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#### OUR WORK: ITS DIFFICULTIES AND HOW TO MEET THEM.

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WHAT we propose to do in this paper is simply to give a few practical hints in connection with our work as Auxiliaries, refer to some of the difficulties we find, and some suggestions as to how they may be met.

What is our work as an Auxiliary? will necessarily

be asked. Is it not to seek to get all interested in what we are doing, and to endeavor to raise all we can that we may have means to carry on our work effectively, and to extend that work as its needs may demand. But here our first difficulty meets us; how are we to succeed when so few comparatively show any interest in our work, but turn a cold shoulder towards it; they not only are not interested in it, but they do not desire to be. And why? Is it not often because they are ignorant of the work to be done, they don't know and they don't seek to know. If we could only reach them, we could let them see the great need of the work to be done, and see what we are trying to do, they might be led to join in with us. Perhaps one of the ways to accomplish this is to make our monthly meetings as interesting as possible, and to invite all our ladies to attend, to make it open to all. Different ways to make them interesting may suggest themselves; one way is to have a short programme. In addition to the letters from our missionaries read at each meeting, let one of the members, chosen each month, prepare a paper for the next meeting on some mission field in which she may feel specially interested, and let the exercises be interspersed with music. This may be varied by sometimes taking the life and work of some missionary, and two or three being appointed to find out all they can about him or her. In the study of the lives of the missionaries who have labored in the wilds of Canada, Father Case and those associated with him, we may learn a great deal of the missionary work that has been done among ourselves, which may account for our now sending missionaries to the heathen, instead of being left in circumstances of spiritual destitution as deplorable as that of the most benighted heathen nations. Such a study might be a source of inspiration to us, and a means of awakening an interest in others who are wholly indifferent.

Some may object to this and say that the time ought to be spent in prayer for God's blessing. I think, too, that this ought not to be neglected, nor be considered of secondary importance. But a half hour may be spent in short earnest prayer, a half hour given to the programme, and a half hour for business. Thus all may be interested and blest, and look forward to the day of meeting, knowing that a treat is in store for them; and afterwards speaking of it to others, may induce them to come, and thus a large attendance will be secured. Another effective means of increasing the attendance and membership is by visiting those who have not joined and asking them to join, explaining to them our work and prepared to answer their objections and questions, knowing that if they come once to our meeting they will be so interested that they would come again.

The next point that comes up is, who is going to do all this work? each one is saying, I am sure I cannot, I have no time for this visiting. One says, I can't write a paper; another says, I am so busy from morning till night that I have no time for such work, and being weary have no inclination. Such may seem to be the case, and yet not be just as it seems. Supposing that from one to three take part at a meeting, then even those Auxiliaries numbering the fewest would not call upon the same person more than three times in the