

four hours once a fortnight, eating apart from others, forbidden even to see others happy. We must have no society and no one must show us a kindness. Blows and curses are our portion, and death our only relief."

As her voice ceased she, too, waved her followers back, and instantly my platform was surrounded by little girls, the oldest under six. Such drawn, pitiful, wan faces I hope never to see again. They lifted pleading hands and raised beseeching eyes to mine as they begged: "O Christian lady, pray your God for us. We are widows already, and this woe is ours for life. Look at the petted children of your land; think of the curly heads and laughing eyes that you love in your homes. Look at our tired feet and bruised arms, and remember how tenderly you hold the tiny hands and guide the dainty feet of your darlings. We beg you to spare one thought, utter one little prayer for us, for we number eighty thousand under six years old." Eighty thousand pairs of eyes looking wistfully into mine for a minute, but suddenly a voice said, "It is useless; her Saviour said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me,' but she is 'not interested.'" The faint hope died out of their faces and they all vanished.

Noting the tears on my face the fair one at my side asked, "Need I do more to interest you in missions?"

"You!" I stammered; "who are you?"

"I am Conscience," she replied, "and I stand here to tell you that your vision of tonight is no disordered dream. I have brought truth to your door; shall it knock in vain? I gave you an elevated position, for you are above the sisters whom you have seen, but the platform that raises you is the Rock, Christ Jesus. Will you be content to stand there alone, or have you at last interest to spare for the nations low in the dust at the feet of Allah and Brahma? Will you help them up, or will you choose to hear your Redeemer say to you, 'Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me?'"

For answer I fell to my knees and conscience left me, satisfied to have brought me to my God, knowing that she could trust my waking with Him. To a pitiful Saviour I confessed all my pride and indifference and He forgave me; then I slept sweetly and refreshingly. The next morning I hastened to the house of my friend, the collector, took back my heartless words of the night before, and gave her double what she had asked. That morning was the beginning of a new life to me, for I promised my Saviour that henceforth His cause should be mine, and that I would give to the women of other lands as freely as I had received from Him; and I pray God to keep me from ever being again so fast asleep as I was on that night when asked to contribute to foreign missions.—*Miss Emma J. Cummings in The Gospel in All Lands.*

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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Board of Management is to be held in Quebec on the 11th and 12th of October. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Matthew's Church at 9.30 on Thursday morning, at which an address will be given on missionary work. After the service, the Board will assemble in St. Matthew's parish room for the business meetings. The Quebec W.A. will hold a reception in the Church Hall on Thursday evening, when they hope to have the pleasure of meeting and knowing the members of the Board and other visitors. The Domestic and Foreign Mission Board hold their meeting in Quebec the day before that of the W.A., namely, the 10th October. The earnest prayers of all the members of the W.A. are asked for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and for the Board of Management, before and during the meetings. A welcome addition to the W.A. Board is the diocesan president and members from the Algoma Diocesan Branch just lately formed. Hitherto Algoma has had only parochial branches, working nobly, but not gathered under one head like the other dioceses, and so had only one representative on the Board. Now she will have four, like the other diocesan branches—the president, and three diocesan officers elected at the annual meeting of the Algoma Branch to serve as members of the Provincial Board of Management.

The subjects for this month are Selkirk and All Islands. Selkirk was set apart from Mackenzie River diocese in 1891. It lies between that diocese and the United States Territory of Alaska, and directly north of the diocese of Columbia. Its name, the Bishop thinks, is from "Selig Kirche," or "Holy Church." The very mention of the name of this northerly diocese brings to our minds at once those of Bishop and Mrs. Bompas, and the noble self-sacrificing work they have done, and are doing still, as the following will show:—

"A temperature of 59° below zero is not favorable to letter-writing; nevertheless I must take advantage of a benevolent miner going to Juneau to send news. We are all well, in spite of the cold, which is truly intense. It is really a great business to keep everything going this weather. All eatables have to be thawed be-