

means to an end—the end is spiritual, the means elevating and attractive.

Once it was doubted whether educational work was true missionary work. To-day, we do not doubt it; but, to-day it is doubted by some very good people whether temperance work is missionary work, or whether the advancement of woman in all that makes her the most useful to her race, physically, socially, intellectually and spiritually, is missionary work. Is not this our aim for

HEATHEN WOMAN?

Surely not less for ourselves. So we find also that it is missionary work to teach the poor Indian how to make a comfortable living for the body as well as how

TO SAVE THE SOUL.

Possibly there may be some, who doubt whether for us the establishment of a paper would be missionary work. The many papers however of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and the States have settled that beyond dispute. Properly understood, a Woman's Missionary paper along the lines suggested is a "good missionary" in "perpetual motion," becomes

A CENTRE

around which the work and influence of the Society radiate, a bond by which the workers in every department are knit in sympathy to the common object, and to each other;

AN EXCHANGE

where thoughts are the currency, a teacher from the school of life with bright bits of rich and holy experience, a friend with words of cheer, encouragement or stimulus to the dispirited or idle.

IMPROPERLY UNDERSTOOD,

A missionary paper is a simple annotator of events, of official notices, and cold, perfunctory, "cut to order epistles." Like an advertisement, it seeks your patronage for your money; like an advertisement also, it has no power to attract your thought or win your love, and after its perusal your head has taken in a few facts, and your heart is untouched. There is no communion, no sympathy, and only a suggestion of a duty may compel you to support it. We thank God for those "Woman's Papers," of to-day, that are instinct with

WARMTH AND LIFE-GIVING PROPERTY,

at whose entry we cheerfully drop our prized book, or our sewing, that we may speedily come into communication with the latest, freshest thought movements of God's workers, to be cheered and uplifted and often helped over hard places. Oh, the glad, precious ministry of a live Christian paper.

Of all the ages of the world, this age is the one most interesting to woman. To-day, all round this great globe of ours the voice of woman is sounding, and the cry is one for help. Help for the dark-skinned sisters writhing under the oppressions of heathenism: help from the favored ones of Christendom, who lead the van of Christian effort. All this

GLORIOUS WOMAN'S WORK

touches, moves the great heart of Christian womanhood, as soon as it is understood. The burden of the Saviour's message to the women was, "Go, tell," proclaim, cause to be proclaimed, taught, read. *Reach the human understanding by all and every means.* To obey this command we Methodist women became an organized Society. To send out missionaries to a heathen land, we had to stir up the women at home. Stirring up the women at home has produced the usual

COMPENSATORY ADVANTAGES.

Helping to make others grow, has developed our own growth. From a scattered community of women in a church reaching from ocean to ocean, unacquainted with each others' names or faces, we have grown a sisterhood of warm, loving sympathy and common aim. A common hope

MAKETH US KIN.

To extend our influence into every home of Canadian Methodism, to bear upon our hearts the many, many women whose pleasures and advantages are few, to whom papers, periodicals or magazines are rare visitors; who have little opportunity of coming in touch with our aims and work, or with the general trend of Christian thought; whose lives are a dull routine of unbroken monotony, and whose hearts need the sustaining, inspiring influences which Christian work supplies—to reach these, as well as to encourage, instruct and develop our Band and Auxiliary interests, to refresh and help ourselves and our missionaries, to win and keep a live membership, to consolidate and strengthen our general work, a

PAPER IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY,

and without it we are not only at great disadvantage, but we are striving to gather the rich harvests of this day with the machinery of an age gone forever.

With a sense of deep responsibility I commit this matter to your consideration, dear sisters. It concerns our work, it concerns missionary work in its highest, truest, best sense. It is our province and privilege to discuss it, and in a kind and intelligent spirit. Discussion is the parent of progress and reform, and the right of private opinion lives enthroned in the realm of Protestantism. Only one man claims infallibility, only one Church to control private judgment. We do not belong to it.

Objections to a paper, as urged by some are, that we have space enough in the OUTLOOK if all reports and articles were condensed; that it would be ungrateful to leave the OUTLOOK; that our women have no time to read; that there is not patronage for two papers in the Church; that the OUTLOOK might go down. And these are all worth considering.

1. Doubtless we would have space enough if we condensed our reports and articles in telegram fashion, or better, the phonetic spelling, or better still, by cipher method; but unfortunately for this argument, intelligence, diction, courtesy, helpfulness, as well as information, are elements of writing, and even names have importance.

2. We do not stigmatize the child ungrateful who leaves home, after taking our best services, to set up for himself.

3. Our women can do what other women have done. They have, through the Society, displayed powers undreamed of years ago. They will not only find time to read our paper, but to write for it, and so still further develop themselves and bless their families and the Church.

4. Not only "two," but "many" papers enjoy the patronage of the Church, and well that it is so. But a "woman's paper," with women's hearts pulsating through all its contents, would appeal to young and old, as no other could or would.

5. The OUTLOOK does not need us, nor is it in the slightest danger. With its constituency, the great Church of the Dominion, with all the educated lay and ministerial talent at its command, it is destined, we trust, in the near future, to take on the dignity and importance of other great magazines of missions, and thus be more in harmony with the status of the Church, and the enterprise of this missionary age.

Now some one whispers, "But, would it pay? Could women manage the business part?" Ah! the detail—there