

Woman's Work.

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Taking up my old friend again—Norman Macleod—I opened to this: "Each day, like each person, has a history that no other ever had or ever will have." That startled me a little at first, but I have concluded that it is quite true. While in most lives there is much of routine that looks like sameness, and we do largely the same kind of work to-day that we did yesterday, and will do to-morrow, yet there are motives, thoughts and feelings, there are words and actions of to-day that distinctly separate it from every other day of our lives that has gone before, or will come after. It has a record all its own in the books that shall be opened when the Lord comes.

And more than this, the blessings of to-day are not those of yesterday, because our need is not just the same to-day. Some physical weakness, some perplexing difficulty, or care, or temptation may be in our pathway to-day that was not there yesterday, and the loving Father meets the peculiar needs of each of His children each day of our lives, with the same tender care and oversight as if we alone were the objects of His regard. How else can we understand the Master's words, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered."

"New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove."

The loving kindness of the Lord is new every morning, and His faithfulness is renewed every night. O that we may recognize and realize this truth more and more as the days go by.

But if all this is true of each day, it is more solemnly true of each passing year. The record of another year has passed into God's keeping, beyond all power or reach of recall, but we would not recall it if we could. If we have left undone the things that we ought to have done, and have done the things that we ought not—as we have—let us to-night accept the gracious invitation to come to the throne of grace, where we have an advocate with the Father, and confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. That is one of the exceeding, great, and precious, and comforting promises of the Holy Book. And if our desire has been, and still is to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth, to be made more meet for the Master's use, O let our hearts "go up to the gate of heaven and bow before the throne" in deep and glad thanksgiving to God for so great a blessing, and for the gift of another year whose dawn we are permitted to see. We know not what it may bring us, whether joy or sorrow, life or death—we do not need to know.

"Enough that blessings undescribed
Have marked my erring track,
That whereso'er my feet have swerved
His chastening turned me back.

"That more and more a providence
Of love is understood,
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good."

O that all would taste and see that the Lord is gracious, that they would prove for themselves the fulness and sweetness, the riches of His faithfulness and love.

Paul said, "I know Him whom I have believed."

Paul was not one of Christ's followers while He was here on earth, so he does not mean that he knew Him in that way; and yet he means just what he

says—that he *knew* Him, he was acquainted with Him, as friend knows the heart of friend. He knew Him just as we may know Him—as the dearest, truest, personal friend we ever had, or ever can have. Beloved, we ought to be better acquainted with Jesus, our Elder Brother, than we were a year ago. *Are we?* "Whom not having seen, we love, on whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory." That is not written concerning the future life, it means just now, every day; and notwithstanding the cares, and friction, and worries that come daily into most lives, in a moment the heart turns from it all to Him—and then comes the "joy unspeakable" in the assurance that He is beside us, and that "He knows." "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

S. M. BROWN.

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

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C. E. Notes.

GRO. FOWLER, GUELPH

JAN. 7.—Beginning. (A special prayer service.) John i. 1-17.

The year of ninety-three is passed. It is gone forever. We look back and see that we met with some degree of success in our Christian life, and that there were many failures. The year of ninety-four with its history unrecorded is before us. What does it contain for us? Are we determined, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," to begin well, continue faithful and end the year, if life is spared us, in the service of our Lord and Master?

At this season of the year we make many resolutions concerning our future, and then go forth not endeavoring to carry them out. The cause of such failure generally is that we resolve in our own strength, instead of consecrating ourselves to the service of God. Go forward trusting in His strength.

Nothing could be more appropriate than to begin the year with prayer. If we would be mighty in prayer we must live close to our Saviour and obey His commands. We must come to God in faith, knowing that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. All of the great saints of the Bible and of Christian history have been mighty in prayer. With this thought in view, study the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, the apostles, and host of men since their day, and you will find they all, without an exception, were characterized by their belief in a personal God, who has revealed Himself as one who hears and answers prayer.

Let us begin the year by a consecration of ourself to God. Have we been instrumental in leading any one to Christ last year? Let us begin by endeavoring to lead some to Christ this year. Make it a year of personal effort. Remember the calls from foreign fields and home places. Let our motto be "For Christ and the Church." Let us sing from the heart, "The World for Christ."

JAN. 14.—Missionary Topic—Japan.

Instead of taking the regular topic, we will take a missionary lesson. It is well early in the year to turn our attention to the great needs of the foreign field. As Endeavorers, let us determine to gain all information possible concerning foreign missionary work, that we may be the better pre-

pared to interest the minds and enlist the sympathies of others in sending the Gospel to all lands. It is appalling to think that at least one thousand millions have never heard of Christ. Probably about 200,000 human beings die daily who have never been told the story of Jesus and the Cross. A tremendous responsibility is resting somewhere. I wonder how much of the burden is upon us?

As Disciples of Christ in Ontario, we are interested in all the work of our missionaries that is being carried on in the different nations; but we have special interest in Japan. There is a subtle chain that binds our hearts more closely to that island nation. In that land is one working for the salvation of souls, who has gone from our midst; one, who, for the love of Christ, has sacrificed home and friends—our dear young sister, Miss Mary Rioch, of Hamilton.

The missionary problem will never be solved until almost every congregation has its preacher of the Gospel in the foreign field.

A BRIEF PROGRAMME ON JAPAN.

1. Draw a large map of Japan, locating the places where our missionaries are.

2. Essay on extent, population, industry, etc., of the country.

3. Essay on the false religions.

4. A brief history of the missionary struggle.

5. Work that has been and is being done by our missionaries.

6. The needs of Japan, and our relation to her.

Out of a population of 40,000,000, but 35,000 have been disciplined.

ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN:
G. T. Smith and wife, Hongo, Tokyo.
C. E. Garst and wife, Shonal.
Miss Calla Harrison, 160 Benten Cho, Ushigome-ku, Tokyo.

Miss Kate Johnson,
E. S. Stevens, Hongo, Tokyo.

Dr. Nina A. Stevens, Hongo, Tokyo.
Miss Lavinia Oldham, Hongo, Tokyo.

Miss Mary Rioch, Hongo, Tokyo.
Five native helpers.

Jesus, for men of man, the Son,
Yes, Thine the cry from Macedon;
Oh, by the kingdoms and the power,
And glory of Thine advent hour,
Make heart and will to hear their cry,
Help us to help them, lest we die."

Bowmanville Y. P. S. C. E.

I have been asked to furnish a statement of the help furnished the Bowmanville church by the Y. P. S. C. E. in connection with it.

The church has just finished a three weeks' meeting conducted by our new minister, Bro. R. A. Burriss, by whom the gospel was ably and faithfully proclaimed, who is showing himself to be an enthusiastic worker in all departments of church work. The result of the meetings were eighteen additions: sixteen by baptism and two by letter; nine of the first named were associate members of our society, who, no doubt, were largely influenced by the result of the good seed sown in our meetings, and by the faithful labors of our members in connection therewith.

The meetings, considering the unfavorable state of the weather and the great amount of sickness in the community, for our unusually healthy town, may be considered a great success.

Bro. Everman, from Kansas, was with us, and rendered efficient aid in leading the singing.

Our present membership is 58; 8 honorary, 42 active and 8 associate.

We have seven committees in our society: Look-out, Prayer-meeting, Missionary, Temperance, Music, Social and Flower, who give faithful work in their several departments.

The meetings of the society are held every Monday night; leaders are ap-

pointed by the Prayer-meeting committee every three months.

One meeting in each quarter is a missionary meeting, followed the next week by a temperance meeting.

At the missionary meeting some foreign country where our missionaries are working is taken up for a study, giving all that is known of them and their good work, with special prayers for future success; this is found interesting and profitable.

Nearly two years ago we wrote to Bro. Meigs, of China, and had him adopt a native child for us, to be educated and trained for a native worker; each member so disposed was asked to put by 2 cents per week for his support. This was done, and last year we sent \$22.80, our first contribution for that purpose. This year we are doing the same, and as our society has increased in members, we will probably send a larger sum. We have asked for the boy's photograph. If our hopes are realized and our prayers answered, he will become a useful instrument in spreading the knowledge of Christ among his benighted countrymen, and be a crown of rejoicing to this society in the day of the Lord.

We have also contributed \$10 to the general home mission fund, beside other special collections for missions. We are preparing for distribution this, the third year, a number of baskets containing food and clothing, to the deserving poor of the town, without respect to sect or party, with the hope of adding cheer to some desolate homes at this festive season.

We also make it a point to visit the sick and render such service as is in our power.

In all these, and other ways, we have felt it an unspeakable pleasure to follow the example of the Blessed Saviour, who ever went about doing good. We are pleased, also, to state that our first president, who was an enthusiastic worker, has entered this year one of our colleges to study for the ministry.

CLARA WINDATT, Sec.

Bowmanville, Dec. 14th, 1893.
P. S.—Our C. W. B. M. supports a boy, also our Mission Band, and their photographs are hung up in the school room.

C. W.

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And weave for your souls the fair garment Of honor, and beauty and truth; Which will with a glory enfold you, When faded the spell of your youth.

And now with the new book, endeavor To write its white pages with care; Each day is a leaflet, remember, To be written with watching and prayer.

And if, on a page you discover, At evening a blot or a scrawl, Kneel quickly and ask the dear Saviour, In mercy to cover it all.

So when the strange book shall be finished, And clasped by the angel of light, You may feel though the work be imperfect, You have tried to please God in the right.

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