

"'You shouldn't do it.'

"'I should.'

"'You shan't!'

"'I will!'" And with that they seized and pounded each other, like two silly wicked boys, as they were."

The children laughed; but their mother said, "You see in what trifles quarrels often begin. Were you any wiser than these two boys in your half-angry talk about an imaginary pony? If I had not been here, who knows but you might have been silly and wicked as they were?"—*Children's Friend*.

Is your God a great God or a little God?" mockingly asked an infidel of an old Christian woman. There was a pause and then solemnly up-raising her hand, she replied, "My God is so great that heaven and earth cannot contain Him, and He is so small that he can dwell in this poor heart."

THE whole population of the New Hebrides (Thelanesia) were nude cannibals when the English missionaries began their work among them thirty-seven years ago. Now, by the teaching of the British missionaries and the civilizing power of the Gospel, about nine thousand are professed Christians, and about 20,000 are so civilized as to wear less or more clothing, and give up their grosser heathen practices, and to enjoy the same blessings. Every island in the group now pleads for the British missionary to teach them the better way. The whole population of the New Hebrides fear and hate the French, and are very decidedly opposed to the French annexation for fear of oppression, war, and destruction following, as on New Caledonia, Tahiti, Madagascar, and indeed wherever the French settle among such races. The British and British Colonial Presbyterian churches have now over £170,000 expended in their churches, schools, stations, missions, vessels, boats, and work on the New Hebrides.

"THE Government of India," says the Central Presbyterian, "has recently given the following official testimony to the value of missionary effort: The winning of converts is but a small portion of the beneficiary results which have sprung from missionaries' labors. No statistics can give a fair view of all that they have done. The moral tone of their preaching is recognized by hundreds who do not follow them as converts. The lessons which they inculcate have given to the people new ideas, not only on purely religious questions, but on the nature of evil, the obligations of law, and the motives by which human conduct should be regulated. Insensibly a higher standard of moral conduct is becoming familiar to the people. The government of India cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions made by the 600 missionaries, whose blameless example and self-denying labors, are infusing new vigor into the life of the great populations placed under English rule."

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PAPER ON THE WORKINGS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IN ITS EVERY DAY ASPECT.

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HE avowed objects of this association are to awaken missionary zeal among the Churchwomen, to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to raise money for missionary purposes, etc., and the great question of how we shall carry out these aims, and fitly perform the duties undertaken by us, must be approached reverently and humbly, with earnest heartfelt prayer that words "may be fitted in our lips."

On practically considering the work of auxiliaries, we may well pause for a moment to ask ourselves what does this word mean, and do we realize that we rank as helpers, co-workers, associated with all who are engaged in the glorious mission field,—not merely members of a missionary society, but fellow soldiers fighting the good fight side by side with those, our great leaders, armed too as they are with "the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God." A sense of the anxious responsibility linked with this high privilege may incline us to falter, but we may take courage. We are bidden only to do what we can, not what we cannot, and in this two essentials are required, earnestness of purpose, and singleness of heart. With these any woman may so labor as to earn the name we have chosen; but let no hesitating doubts or fears, or pitiful thought of self mar the free will offering; go on step by step, and prayer being the key to unlock the doors of difficulties, the way will surely be opened, and line upon line, here a little, there a little, the work will be done, aye, and well done.

The sum of such missionary effort as lies within the immediate scope and limit of the Woman's Auxiliary may be characterized in brief, as—working and giving—one being the fit and needful complement of the other, sometimes touching, sometimes diverging, but having their common root in love, which is at once the fulfilling of the law, and the natural outcome of that Gospel which it is our happy privilege to aid in having preached to every creature, and it is scarcely too much to say that no Christian woman being appealed to can truly declare her inability to give help in one way or the other. The working may be in one of the many forms suggested by circumstances or surroundings, the giving may be of little or much as God has blessed her. It is obviously impossible within the compass of a short paper to do more than speak