

## Woman's Work.

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Wandering this evening what I could get for the Woman's Column, I picked up the November *Missionary Review*, edited by Arthur T. Pierson. The book opened at an article with an odd title, "Foreign Missions from the Standpoint of Art," by W. B. Greene, Phil., Pa. There is not space for more than a few extracts:—

"The beautiful is a distinct quality, and one in which we all delight. Consequently it will be profitable and pleasing to consider that the Foreign Missionary work in addition to being useful and good is pre-eminently beautiful. 'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! . . . Foreign Missions are absolutely beautiful. They could not fail to be so, for they are the conception of Him 'in whom all things consist,' and who 'worketh all things according to the counsel of His own will.' . . . There is a beautiful appropriateness in the selection of men as the heralds of salvation. No one can appeal to man with so much power as his brother man. . . . Our Saviour, when He came to seek and to save them that are lost, was made in the likeness of men, and lived with men as a man. He was 'tempted in all points like as we are.' Hence He can be 'touched with the feeling of our infirmities.' . . . The great end of missions is the universal establishment of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Now in order to this, its subjects must be interested in it. The domain and power of the Kingdom of God never exceed the hold that it has on the hearts of its members. Their interest, however, will be proportioned to what they do for the Kingdom. . . . How significant is it, that there is no one so young, or so poor, or so ignorant that he cannot do something for missions, cannot feel that he has a part in the advancement of God's Kingdom, cannot pray for the growth of Jerusalem as for that in which he himself is personally concerned? Is this not beautifully appropriate?"

"This paper may not close without special reference to the highest form of beauty . . . viz., 'the beauty of holiness,' the beauty produced by conformity to the nature and will of God. This is the gem of absolute beauty, because it is the reflection of the harmony of Him, the characteristic of the relation between whose attributes is perfect proportion. . . . In proportion as we become holy does God not merely support and guide us, but act by us, think through us, and live in us! . . . Missions are the acme of 'the beauty of holiness.' . . . Do we recognize as we should the beauty of foreign missions? We believe them to be necessary, we know that Christ instituted them and charged His church to prosecute them. It is our duty. We wish to do so for our Saviour's sake. . . . No motive is so reliable as the sense of duty, and none is so high and noble as love for Christ. But would it not be helpful if we went to our work also with something of the artist's spirit? His appreciation of the beautiful throws a halo around all his toil. Life is to him a long, sweet song because he recognizes how much of beauty there is in it. This might be true of Christian service. In the strictest and highest sense is the missionary work toward which all really Christian service tends, beautiful. Shall we not, then, so cultivate our taste that we may perceive 'how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!'"

J. R. A.

It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the Seventeenth Annual National Missionary Convention, held in the Christian church in the city of Allegheny, Pa. I would like to say a word in reference to our journey. On leaving Buffalo we had the pleasure of many sisters on their way to the Convention, among whom were mother Graybiel and her daughter, "Mary," the returned Missionary from India. The first few hours of our journey after leaving Buffalo is very much like our own country between Toronto and Buffalo, until we reach the Allegheny river, when we run along beside it till we reach Pittsburg. The river is a winding, crooked stream with high rocky hills on either side, which makes the country rugged and picturesque. The valley of the Allegheny on which the railroad is built is like the river itself, full of curves. After arriving at the church we were assigned to our homes where we were most hospitably entertained. After the business part of the meeting on Saturday morning, the President, Sister O. A. Burgess, addressed the meeting. I have no doubt many of the readers of THE EVANGELIST will remember meeting her at Hillsburg in 1888, when she touched and won all our hearts. In the afternoon a loving, soul-inspiring praise service was led by Sister Darat, of Boston, Mass. The thread of thought impressed the influential power of the mother in particular, and in consecrated womanhood in general, after which the mothers of Mary Graybiel, E. T. Williams and Sister W. Bently were called to the platform. Mother Graybiel spoke from a heart full of gratitude, and inspired all who listened.

On Sunday morning we had a very thrilling discourse from Bro. Garrison, the editor of the *Christian Evangelist*, on "The Signs of the Times." The afternoon was profitably spent in listening to short addresses from all the missionaries present. Sister T. B. Knowles of St. Thomas, Ontario, led the praise meeting in the evening, it fully bore out its name, "praise meeting." Monday evening Sister Persis L. Christian, whose name we all know, gave us a beautiful address on "Human Needs." Sister Jessie H. Brown was not able to be present on account of her father's illness, but fortunately he recovered so that she came towards the close of the Convention, and gave us an address on the "Romance of Missions." I may not close this article without telling you the message of Father Clark, of Boston, to the Y. P. S. O. E., "tell them," said he, "to be true to all their obligations and all the rest will come in due time."

JENNIE MALCOLM.

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## Children's Work.

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### Programme for November.

*Opening Exercises*—Song; Prayer by the Leader; Read Luke ii. 40-52; Song.

The Leader should then tell the story simply to interest the very little ones. Emphasize the fact of the Saviour's eagerness to be about His Father's business. It was to save the lost, and every little child in the band can help in this business. Impress the thought of obedience to parents, because Jesus was obedient to His parents. Repeat in concert: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.—Ephesians vi. 1. Roll call and collection. Song. Repeat the Lord's prayer in concert.

DEAR SISTER LEDIARD,—Last Monday evening, Sept. 28, the Children's Mission Band, assisted by a few of the young people, gave a harvest home entertainment. The exercises consisted of music, readings and recitations. At the close I made a few remarks in reference to the children's work and their plans for the future. The church was tastefully and appropriately decorated. The programme seemed to give general satisfaction, and we were much encouraged by the collection, which was nine dollars and fifteen cents (\$9.15). I trust that we shall be able to accomplish more this year than last. The children seemed to have lost their interest in the meetings, and it was with the hope of arousing their enthusiasm anew in the work that we undertook this entertainment. I trust that our hopes may be realized.

I feel that only a part of the work is accomplished when the money is collected. Money is good in its place, and we could not get along without it; but we need to have the children at the meetings, and to instruct and educate in the great facts and principles of missionary enterprise. In this way only will they become liberal and intelligent supporters of all our missionary undertakings.

May the children's work in Ontario continue to prosper, and may we all be more faithful in our efforts to carry out the commands of our dear Master. I trust your work in Owen Sound is still pleasant and prosperous.

Your sister in Christ,  
MRS. J. A. BRENGSTUHL,  
Poplar Hill, Oct. 5, '91.

There were several reasons why the receipt of the above report caused me pleasure. One was that it is always pleasant to hear good news from Lobo, and to know that the children's work there is prospering. Another was to find expressions of opinion so fully in harmony with my own, which is always encouraging. And another reason was that I felt the need of just such a letter. I wonder if the sisters who have the care of our mission bands ever thought that I might sometimes feel a little discouraged? Not at the work itself, but at the seeming indifference of those in charge. I say seeming advisedly, because I know how easy it is, in the multitude of duties which fall to the lot of most of us, to let the days slip by without having the opportunity of sitting down to write. Five months of this year have gone, and this is the first report sent in. I am going to ask, as a favor to myself, that each band will send me a report at the end of November, which will be the end of the half-year. A few for the next paper will help me greatly.

J. E. L.

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