

## Woman's Work.

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Once more we remind the auxiliaries that we wish to hear from them all, and publish notes and news from them often.

It is not surprising that some sisters, and some auxiliaries even, should be sorry to have O. C. W. B. M. displaced by Woman's Missionary Society. People become attached to a name. There is not space to give the pros and cons here now, but it may be mentioned that after the point had been discussed at the Annual Meeting the vote was unanimous in favor of the change.

With reference to this matter of the name, it may be stated for the information of those sisters who were not at the Convention, that, in addition to the proposal to retain the *old* name, "Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions," the following propositions were made for a *new* name: (1) "The Christian Woman's Board of Missions of Canada;" (2) "The Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Disciples of Christ in Canada;" (3) "The Ontario Christian Woman's Missionary Society;" (4) "The Woman's Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ in Canada." As stated above, number four was unanimously adopted. So far as the writer's private opinion is concerned, she would prefer to have "Ontario" in place of "Canada" in number four, and so amended would consider it the most suitable of the names proposed.

A. M.

### Auxiliary Programme for October, 1895.

Topic: "Individual responsibility."  
1. Hymn—"Praise the Saviour, all ye nations."

2. Scripture Reading—Ezek. xxxiii. 1-11; 1 Cor. ix. 16.

3. Prayer.

4. Reading of minutes, reports and other business.

5. Hymn—"Sound, sound the truth abroad."

6. Discussion of topic, with reading of original papers or appropriate selections.

7. Prayer.

8. Roll call and collection, the responses in Scripture texts.

9. Benediction.

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

We often say, "It is our privilege to work for the Lord." And it is a grand privilege one that we should be very prompt to avail ourselves of, and to enjoy. But, sisters, it is more than a privilege; 'tis a duty. We are, in a measure, responsible for the salvation of our fellows. We have a work assigned us, for which, if we do not perform, God will call us to account. "If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked of his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand."

It is a very solemn thought. Just think of it; responsible for the eternal ruin of a fellow man, when a word from us might have saved him. We think of the need of the Gospel among the heathen; will their blood be required at our hands? We cannot all go to foreign lands, indeed many of us have not the talents for that work, still we cannot shirk our responsibilities; we must warn them, or their blood will be required at our hands. We can earnestly pray for those who are engaged in the work. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We can also give of our means. If God has blessed us with abundance, let us give liberally. "To whosoever much is given of him shall be much required." If we have been giving but little of this world's goods, we can still give liberally. Remember "the widow's mite." God will just expect each of us to do according to our ability. We are not responsible for impossibilities.

'Tis true we cannot all go to foreign fields, and we feel that we can discharge our duty by praying, encouraging and giving, but when I come nearer home, I think more than this is required of us.

Some sister will say, "I have not a talent for speaking; this responsibility will have to be discharged by my living a Christian life." And, sisters, that is a very beautiful way to show Christ to the world; but I feel sure that every sister in our Mission bands can speak for Jesus. Many of us may not be able to speak in public, perhaps not even in our sisters' meetings; but who among us cannot speak a word in our homes, and, as we go in and out among our neighbors, we can talk on other subjects, why not on the most important?

We sometimes hear it said, "It is so Pharisaical to be talking religion;" and we are so timid and afraid of what "they say" that we let many opportunities pass by—opportunities that can never be recalled—and we are responsible. We should warn those around us. Tell them of a Saviour's love in coming to die for us, and of the awful consequences if we reject him.

Let us strive earnestly and prayerfully to do our duty, so that we can say, like Paul, "I am pure from the blood of all men, for I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

K. D. T.

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