

"To the boy or girl, under twelve years, who will send as above the highest number, I will send a copy of Brother Potter's interesting temperance-work, entitled 'From Wealth to Poverty' (new)."

Now, boys and girls, begin; and when you send the names and addresses of the new subscribers, together with the money, to the Mission Rooms, kindly mention that you are competing for the prize, and give your age and address in full.

Woman's Work.

"For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die."—ROM. 8 : 13.

"Consecrate yourselves therefore to-day to the Lord."

—EXODUS 32 : 29.

THE return of the New Year with its usual accompaniments of good wishes, new resolves, and bright hopes, will probably be the occasion of moving many hearts to a greater interest in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

We trust every such desire will be cherished and nursed into active life. What an impulse might be given to the missionary work if only the inspiration "to do" might touch the heart of every woman in Canadian Methodism.

How many are content with the idleness and aimlessness imposed by an affluence which makes no demand on activity of brain or body, and how pitiable in such, is the evident waste of God's best gifts.

Women whose chief interest circles in "society duties" in a continuous round of calls, theatres, parties, etc., hardly realise the degrading effects of such a life upon themselves or their offspring.

The worldly life does not beautify or broaden character. On the contrary, it is almost sure to beget a narrowness and selfishness, fatal to all true development.

THE subject of consecration will be much dealt with during the coming New Year season. The faithful pulpit will proclaim the earnest exhortation, the religious press will second the appeal, and the quickened conscience will be sure to emphasize and press the solemn matter. What shall we do? Intelligently recognize that God gives *all* things to be used for Him. Brain, body, health, sickness, riches, social position and influence,—yes, and political influence,—luxurious homes, press, platform, home life, opportunities of travel, reading, music, art, all are from God; and all, from the Christian standpoint, are intended to minister for good to the world, and glory to God. The essential meaning of the term consecration is, "set apart to the service of God."

So, when all these gifts of God are consecrated to Him, we shall not find the brain degenerating on the trashy novel, or the obscene theatre, health ruined by liquors and tobacco, or else social position sanctioning the violation of all the laws of the decalogue, political influence sold to the highest bidder, or luxurious homes the nurseries of gilded sins. When we contemplate the position of women in relation to the sins of society, and her immense responsibility as mother entailing the effects of example upon her offspring, we stand appalled.

What the world most needs at the present day, is the thorough awakening of woman to action. Each woman in her own home, resolved that in her house nothing shall be done which is not in harmony with the purest type of Christian living, no compromising with unhallowed pleasures; but every effort honestly made to bring society up to that standard where only the noblest instincts of men and women are fed and fostered.

ITEMS.

THE ladies of the Methodist congregations in St. John met yesterday in the Centenary Church parlor and formed "The Ladies' Saskatchewan and Home Mission Society." Mrs. Hea occupied the chair at the meeting. Rev. Messrs. Daniel, Lawson, Wilson, and Williams, Miss Palmer, Mrs. McCallum, Miss C. A. Palmer, and others, took part in the discussion. Mr. Evans submitted a report showing that previous to last year forty ministers in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference were receiving salaries not larger than \$450. The effort already made had augmented this by \$61. The purpose of the society to be formed was to aid in supplementing the salaries of preachers on poor circuits, until their salaries should reach \$750.

A SUGGESTION.—Could not a scheme of exercises suitable to Young Ladies' Circles be prepared, taking up the various fields of labor of our own Church. Accompany each with a skeleton map which could be enlarged and colored by the young ladies. Give the date of founding, the name of missionary, success, etc., etc. Intersperse with appropriate part songs or hymns set to music (music type could be available we presume). We are using "Japan" set to one of the songs in the Whitby College book. Give a new exercise every month. When our own fields are exhausted, turn to those of other churches. A. G. McMECHAN.

POINTE-DE-BUTE.—On Sep. 15th, a number of ladies from Sackville in connection with several from Pointe-de-Bute, organized a W. M. S., or rather an Auxiliary of that Society in Pointe-de-Bute. Among those most