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the State and educated Christian womanhood compelled to be dumb? Wherefore a betrayed woman relegated to oblivion, and her betrayer admitted to honor? Wherefore these and much more, customs, usages, sentiment, laws, all created, colored by, and framed in an age of dense, intellectual, and spiritual darkness, the slow development from the reign of barbarism and savagery, the age of physical force? Must these things be? we ask; must they go on forever?

In looking over the varied phases which life presents, we can but think of the Great Author of life, the Great God in whom we have faith, whose teachings we try to spread, whose word is the source of life, light and power to every son of man, the triumph of whose Gospel means the salvation of the individual, the welfare of nations, and the progress of the world toward that consummation when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters covers the sea."

To this result every good deed done, every faithful word spoken, every truth declared, every prayer offered, contributes, and blessed indeed are they whose hearts beat in sympathy with all the great forward movements of this wondrous age.

ITEMS.

Auxiliaries are kindly urged to send in condensed reports on *one* side of the *paper only*, but not later than the 18th of the month.

We sometimes receive manuscripts in closed envelopes upon which extra postage has to be paid. If you are in doubt how best to send, inquire of the postmaster.

Parties subscribing for the OUTLOOK are requested to send lists and money to Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto.

NOTICE.

The Annual meeting of the General Board will be held in the St. James' Church, St. Catherine Street, Montreal, beginning Tuesday, October 22nd at 10 a.m., closing on 25th. Let all W. M. S. members prayerfully remember this important gathering, that the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit may be felt in all the deliberations and decisions.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION.—At a very pleasant social gathering at the residence of Mrs. (Rev.) John Pickering, of Gore Street Church, Hamilton, the W. M. S. Auxiliary presented Mrs. (Rev.) Hiltz, of Hamilton, with a certificate of Life Membership in the Society.

"And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers; and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."—Isa. xxx. 20, 21.

THIS has been designated the "woman's century" and certainly in so far as it may mean the general awakening of women to a sense of their importance in the Divine plan of uplifting and blessing mankind, the designation may be termed a fitting one. Woman to-day, standing on the arena of life's great possibilities is in a questioning attitude. Wherefore the triumph of wrong over right? Wherefore the rise and swell of evil influence? Wherefore the oppressions, the strifes? Wherefore the constant increasing battle to establish righteousness? Wherefore the compromises, the indifference, the apathy of Christians on points of vital importance to the welfare of men? Wherefore tolerated sins in the high places of the earth? Wherefor licensed vices by nominally Christian Governments? Wherefore great government school systems to educate youth, and yet greater government liquor license systems to destroy both youth and age? Wherefore great Missionary Societies to send the Gospel to the heathen, and great Christian (?) governments sending millions of gallons of rum to embrate and enslave them? Wherefore the Sabbath recognized by governments as the Lord's day of rest for toiling man and beast, and yet the *air* filled with shrieks and whistles of locomotives and trains rushing from one end of the country to the other? Wherefore vice in gilded coach and gaudy mansions going unpunished, and vice in poverty and ignorance going to gaol every day? Wherefore lewdness in broadcloth welcomed to "society" and manly industry in fustian ignored and despised? Wherefore ignorant, besotted manhood, with a voice in