

Woman's Work.

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He Careth.

"If I could only surely know, That all these things that tire me so, Were noticed by the Lord I The pang that cuts me like a knife, The lesser pains of daily life, The noise, the weariness, the strife, What peace it would afford.

I wonder if He really shares, In all my little human cares, This mighty King of kings; If He who guides each blazing star Through realms of boundless space afar, Without confusion, sound or jar, Stoops to these petty things.

It seems to me, if sure of this— Blent with each ill would come some bliss— That I might covet pain I And deem whatever brought to me The loving thought of Deity, And sense of Christ's strong sympathy, No loss but richest gain.

Dear Lord, my heart hath not a doubt, But Thou must compass me about With sympathy divine. The love for me once crucified, Is no, a love to leave my side, But waiteth ever to divide Each smallest care of mine."

The writer of these lines must be one who has thoroughly learned this: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." The "petty things" that annoy us every day may be the way God takes to exterminate sin in us. It is harder to bear with bothersome little annoyances than real troubles sometimes; patience is one of the things we must learn to add.

All who read the Missionary Tidings for July, would be pleased to hear of the return of Sister Mary Graybill, after nine years' work in India. Her account of escape from shipwreck and the courage of Suleiman is thrilling.

In the August number of the Tidings appears an account of our own June Convention; our new foreign work is spoken of at some length. How are the Auxiliaries progressing in this branch of work?

Bro. H. Brown has quite a long paper on "The Vine and the Branches" in the Sept. 1st number of THE EVANGELIST, which is well worth re-reading. A close study of those words of our Lord are well repaid. Andrew Murray, of Cape Town, has written a series of thirty-one daily readings on this beautiful parable or figure which are most helpful; "Abide in Me" is the title. That and the sequel, "Like Christ," have done much good. These two books would be acquisitions to any one's library, especially if there are young people in the family. There are so many instructive books to be had for so little money that it is almost hard to make a selection; do not forget that THE EVANGELIST Co. has in stock an excellent choice, or can procure for you what you want if it is not in. We owe our support to our own first. J. R. A.

WILLS.—Whereas, death has again been in our midst and removed our dear sister, Eliza Ann Wills, Resolved—That in her demise our Auxiliary has sustained a grievous loss, she having been a faithful member from the time of its organization. That we tender our heartfelt sym-

pathy to the bereaved family who sorrow not as those who have no hope, but may, with us, rest assured of her final and complete happiness.

She trusted in Jesus whose love for His own, Will present her unblemished before the "White Throne."

Signed on behalf of Wainfleet Auxiliary, O.C.W.B.M.

Mrs. H. B. ZAVITZ, C. M. THOMPSON, Sept. 9, 1891. Mrs. W. ANGLK.

Be near to bless me when I wake, E'er through the world my way I take.

There is no time of all the day more sweet for a little talk with Jesus than our first waking moments. Before "the cares that infest the day" begin to fill our thoughts, a few moments of loving communion with Him are a wonderful strength and shield. I know well that with busy women (and men too, perhaps) the first thoughts are apt to be of the work of the day—so much to be done that we begin to think of this first, and that next, and often rise with a hurried feeling. I know this, because I have been there so often. That saying of Martin Luther's: that he had so much to do that he never could get through with it without spending three hours a day in prayer—used to be almost unintelligible to me. I thank God that it is not so much so now. The first conscious moments of the morning spent with Jesus help wonderfully with the work of day. Try it, dear sisters.

Jesus only, when the morning beams upon the path I tread.

I know by experience, that if we are in the habit of letting the work and cares of the day come first, it will cost an effort, a persevering effort, to overcome it. I found it a great help to have the Book within my reach, and a verso or two selected the night before, or, one of the many beautiful little books published with a Scripture text selected for each morning. Allow the Master to draw near and speak with us, as He did with the two disciples by the way. Put to the proof the promise "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you," we will find it wonderfully true. It is so sweet to realize in our experience the truth of David's words: "When I awake I am still with Thee."

Come and taste the love of Jesus, At His feet thy burdens lay.

At this busy season many of us are like Martha—alarmed and troubled about many things; others have burdens of ill-health or physical weakness to bear in addition to the daily round of labor. Our loving Elder Brother will bear so much of even those for us that they will be no longer burdens—if we will only let Him; tell them to Jesus alone.

You have no other, such a friend or brother, Tell it to Jesus alone.

S. M. Brown.

A daily reading of the Bible and a personal application of its precepts cannot be dispensed with by those who desire the presence of Christ and the life which He gives to His people. Nor can the command, "Pray without ceasing," be neglected without endangering the soul. Perpetual watchfulness is enjoined on all the disciples of the Master, for the perils that surround them necessitate constant vigilance. They "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." They are in the enemies' country, and must omit no precaution against the wiles of the adversary. They must have the wisdom to detect and foil him even when he comes as an angel of light.—Colographic Review.

Children's Work.

Mission Band Programme.

Opening Exercises.—Song; Prayer by the Leader; Read Luke ii. 8-20; Song; Roll Call and Collection.

The story which has already been read may be then told in language so simple that the youngest child may understand.

Emphasize the truths that the Babe of Bethlehem was the Son of God, the First Missionary who left His home and His Father.

Commenced His life at the beginning so that He might know all that even little children have to suffer.

All repeat:—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Song. Repeat the Lord's Prayer in concert.

It has been suggested that a programme for use in our children's bands would be helpful. I have thought of it before, but was under the impression that a number of the bands subscribed for the Builders at Work and used the programmes given there. The fact that it comes so irregularly will be a drawback; and so many of our bands hold two meetings each month that an occasional programme in our own column will perhaps be helpful.

Will some of our Mission Band leaders kindly prepare a programme and send it in? It will be thankfully received and anything else which will add to the interest of our work.

Some weeks ago I forwarded circular letters and constitution cards to several churches where the children's work had not been commenced. I would like respectfully to draw attention to the importance of educating the children into intelligent helpers in the mission cause, and shall be glad to hear from them on this subject.

"Who loved me?" My soul the order of these words approve Christ first, no last, nothing between but love.

Lord, keep me always down, Thyself above, Trusting in Thee, not struggling restlessly, So shall I daily gain the victory.

I—yet not—but Christ "who loved me." ANON.

Going on a Journey.

"Good-by," said a little girl, as she dropped something into a post-office box that I happened to be standing near while waiting for an electric car. "Whom are you bidding good-by to?" I asked, for there was no one in sight but myself, and I felt sure that she was not speaking to me.

"Why, to my paper," she answered, "it is going on a long journey. I always say good-by; don't you?"

"Well, not to newspapers."

Then she told me that she sent her copy of Harper's Young People every week to a little cousin who lived very far from New York, somewhere in Japan.

"Do you know what good-by means?" I asked.

She thought a moment, and then answered, "Why, you say good-by because someone is going away, and you hope they will have a good time, don't you?"

"Well, I suppose you do, for a very clever man once told me that it was the same as the old English saying, or salutation, 'God be with you.'"

"I am very glad to know that," she answered; and then, as the car came in sight and I stopped forward to signal it, she saug out cheerily, "Good-by," and disappeared.

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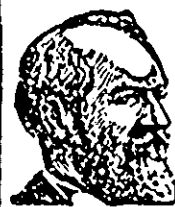
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