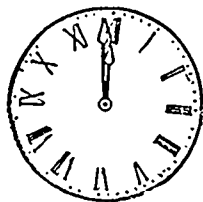


Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.

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Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession."—Ps. li. 8.

The Fourth Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada, will be held at the Synod Hall, Montreal, on Sept. 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th. The Triennial service will be held in the Cathedral, Thursday, Sept. 15th at 9 a.m. Holy Communion. Sermon by the Lord Bishop of Algoma. Thankoffering in aid of Hospital, Japan.

Per order,

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A MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.

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As we mount, with the bird, to take as comprehensive a view of this world as may be possible to us, we are struck with the relative proportions of light and darkness. *Two-thirds* of the inhabitants in darkness (some of it so thick and dense as to be truly appalling), *one-third* in comparative light.

I say comparative, for in the very brightest part we see deep spots of the darkest hue, the light that is in them is darkness, and how great is that darkness! While over many, strange blinding mists of superstition arise, that cloud the glorious light of Truth that once was given.

There is comparative darkness also, for while half the world's inhabitants are in deep darkness of gross and debasing idolatries, nearly quarter of the remainder are Mohammedans, who, while owning the one true God, deny the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ who came "A Light to lighten the Gentiles."

These cannot be classed with the Jews, God's own though rebellious people, 7,000,000 in different parts of the world, upon whom "darkness in part has fallen, *until* the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

With these, the most interesting of all peoples "*the Lord's own kin*," as the Archbishop

touchingly calls them in his Encyclical Letter of last year, we may well begin our Missionary Outlook.

Come with me in thought to Palestine, "who are these who fly as doves to their windows?" *three times* as many as returned to their own country after the Babylonish captivity? Surely Christians should speak to these returning Jews who long so earnestly for Messiah, of the Prince of the House of David, their Lord and ours. They listen now, as they never allowed themselves to listen before, to the teachings of the Gospel. There is *something* being done. Thirty-two clergy under Bishop Blythe are resident in Palestine, but there are only five churches built as yet and one in Jerusalem in course of erection.

Yet, the Archbishop tells us, it seems that English-speaking people can do more than any others in winning them.

In the Year Book, only just come to hand, we read, at the beginning of the century there were not fifty Christian Israelites in Gt. Britain; *now* there are *over 3,000*, of whom over 100 are ordained clergymen. The London Jews Society which has 157 clerical, lay, and medical missionaries throughout the world, needs strengthening at every station and new openings ought at once to be filled by thoroughly competent missionaries.

Women have not been backward in this first of missionary duties. There are women's missions at Jaffa, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron. Miss Huston, an English lady, has given up her whole fortune and life's work to the maintenance of a hospital at Jaffa, which was founded by Miss Mangan and herself. May we women of the Auxiliary make a firm resolve that henceforth in working for missions we will never forget that our Lord's own command says, "Beginning at Jerusalem."

MOHAMMEDANISM.

Mohammedanism next meets our eye, the Unitarianism of the East. It is called by its own professors "Islam," which means "surrender" of self to God, which surrender is constantly expressed by every true Moslem in words and signs.

The spirit of intolerance and persecution to the death is the feature in Islam which makes missionary work difficult. The false prophet gave his followers this commission, "slay the infidels wherever you find them." Hence their eagerness to massacre wherever they find power and opportunity. Instance the Armenians. For one born a Moslem to forsake his religion is a capital crime.

"I knew, when I became a Christian, that I was putting a knife to my throat," said the convert, Merza Ibrahim, just before he died at the hands of ruffians who took turns in choking him. Nevertheless at each release when asked