

your work for Christ did not amount to much ; everything looked black, all the world seemed awry, when a knock, a visitor of cheery face and voice enters.

She told you that others were having just such trials, but how God had blessed their efforts ; that this part of Christ's vineyard was prospering, and about someone else who was succeeding. While she was talking, the discouraged look left your face, energy returned, and by the time she was ready to leave, you were ready to carry on your work with a brave heart.

That is the way I feel as I read the pages of our *Visitor*, though I do not mean to say that I am always in a downcast mood when I read it ; far from that. But one's heart is gladdened to hear of God's work in other places. And another thing, I am glad that they do not change that little motto, "Be not weary in well doing." It appears at very opportune moments sometimes.

Within the last year, we Canadians have grown intensely patriotic, and it is nearly time we had. We were patriotic enough to send to South Africa 1,000 of our noblest boys, and then another 1,000, besides hundreds upon hundreds of dollars. We did our duty to our Queen and our country. We celebrated in no small way all the important victories, and now we are giving the boys a grand welcome home.

But what aroused our interest in that far-off land ? what kept it up ? Why did we not forget there was such a thing as war ? Was it not the newspapers ? They have played a far more important part than any of us can conceive of. They have told us all about the Boers, their state, and the dispute. They have also told us of our losses and success. To them we owe most of our interest. Such is the case in missions.

All those people who say they do not believe in missions, that we ought to spend our energies on the home church, and so forth, are ignorant people, so far as missionary intelligence is concerned. I do not care how well educated they are in other matters ; in this they are ignorant. Would not any man who did not read the war and the political news, consider himself behind the times and fit for the backwoods ? Then ought we not to consider ourselves out of date, if we do not read our mission news ? To change ignorant, indifferent Christians

into well-informed, interested workers, our two mission papers are well adapted to do. Get a person who does not believe in missions to read both of our magazines for six months, and I feel sure that by that time they will believe in Christ's great Commission.

Get the children of your homes to read the stories and by-and-by they will read the other articles, then before you know it, we will have a generation of ardent workers in our Bands and Circles. The stories are not an insignificant part by any means. I have learned to read and love our denominational and other papers by starting with the stories and gradually picking up the other parts. If they do not read, then tell the items in a bright manner. They are queer children that will not soon learn to like and understand anything told them. If possible, I always make it a point, on the Sunday before any of our four mission collections, to tell my class, in as full and interesting a manner as possible, about the mission field in question. Then I ask for at least ten cents each. As a result we give as a class more than any other, altho' we are girls and have to earn our money before we give. But where would I or any other teacher be if we did not have something from which to gain information ? In Band and Circle work they are indispensable. By a little thought the programmes, given month by month, can be used for each. Then there are so many beautiful selections and poems suitable for recitations. But could there be such a thing as taking the papers and not reading them ? We may put them away, forget all about them and some day find one in a large newspaper as we go to build the fire. They are so small they can easily get lost in our blanket sheets of newspapers. Then let us take, read, and sustain our dear little papers.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ?

This was the question that came up in our minds at our last Circle meeting in McPhail Memorial Church, Ottawa. After a Bible Reading on "Fruit Bearing," by our President, Mrs. Frith, followed by earnest prayer that we might each be a fruitful Christian, the reports from Perth Convention were received. Then Mrs. Frith said she was afraid some of our members did not fully understand about the work of the different Societies, or just where the money con-