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SONS OF TOIL.

BY THE REV. F. W. ORDE WARD, M. A.

Sons of Toil, before ye labour,
Kneel in worship to the God
Who is nearest all, and Neighbour,
When alone the path is trod ;
Seek for service, that anointing
Which will give you secret health,
Though the wage be disappointing,
And but poverty your wealth ;
For with His dear early blessing
Poverty will lose its pain,
And no work be overpresing,
Or the soil of duty stain.

Sons of Toil, go forth now ; leaning
On the Mercy that is Might,
With new majesty and meaning
In the task however slight ;
Nothing now is common, brothers,
With the consecrating mark
Of that Presence, when another's
Is the burden or the dark ;
Nothing is unclean or little
Now the Master makes it grand ;
And the reed, that was so brittle,
Is a bulwark in His Hand.

Sons of Toil, arise, awaken
Out of sloth to labour's hour ;
By each buffet shaped and shaken
To a Christlike part and power.
One is with you, who will never
Leave you lonely or in shame ;
Till the weak and dim endeavour
Leaps to glory, in His Name.
He will let no footstep stumble,
Nor a brow be sadly bent,
Whose pure pity makes the humble
Rise with Him to crowned content.

Sons of Toil, your Lord has striven
Likewise in the noontide heat,
Daily mocked and daily driven,
With no rest and no retreat.
He who paints the harvest yellow
Yet despises not your aid,
And will be a true Yokefellow
When the flesh is most afraid.
If some weight would fret the shoulder,
He is quicker than your call ;
For He makes the feeblest bolder,
And is Servant of us all.

—Home Words.

MISS LOUY THOMAS.

It was in answer to Mr. Sadleir's request for a lady who should be able to teach and train the women and girls of Araucania, that the C.C.M.A. sent out their first missionary to S. America, Miss Louy Thomas, an undergraduate of the University of Toronto, and an experienced High School teacher. While most of the men in Araucania can be reached by Spanish, the ordinary language of Chili, work among the women is impossible without a knowledge of Mapuche, a much more difficult language. Happily Miss Thomas is not



Miss Louy Thomas, C.C.M.A. Missionary.

kept from doing anything among the people while waiting to learn Mapuche. A continually increasing number of youths are coming to the school established for them, the assistant missionary usually in charge has been obliged to go to England for a time on family matters, and Miss Thomas' experience with the High School boys of Ontario is being turned to good account in Chili.

On behalf of themselves and their work among the Araucanians, our missionaries ask for earnest, continued prayer.

God fails not to sow blessings in the long furrows.

THE BETHEL YACHT OF GALILEE.

"And he spake to his disciples that a small ship should wait on him," Mark iii. 9.

"Yacht" is from the Dutch, and means a passenger boat. It is supposed that it was kept for the Master's special use.

The Lord spent three parts of His public ministry here both in time and works.

Sea of Galilee —

"It is not that the wild gazelle
Comes down to drink thy tide,
But that 'twas He who saves from hell
Oft wandered by thy side."

I. THE MASTER.

1. A man ; real, uncommon, compassionate, patient, delighted to call Himself the Son of man.

2. God, mysterious, wonderful. He put forth the power, exercised the authority of God. Calmed the raging sea, rolled back the winds behind the mountain tops and these were but emblems of His power to pardon.

II. THE CREW.

The chosen twelve. I fancy Peter at the helm of his best little ship, never such a master, such a crew, such a ship ! Bound not by articles, but by love ; work not for themselves, but for Him. In trouble He was nigh. Blessed followers of a blessed Master.

III. HER VOYAGES.

Not for traffic, barter, pleasure, plunder, or war. She went fishing, not for fish but for men ! voyages of blessing, unmixed, we are not told how many, but where sick folk were clustered, thither her course was shaped, and as she touched the strand, how would her happy crew bound up the beach to tell of His arrival.

LESSONS.

1. This Master still lives mighty to save.

2. Disciples are still found, and alas ! exhibit the same dull characteristics.

3. Voyages not yet ended, she goes to bless the world.

Will ye also be His disciples ?

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