

teries, and other shameful devices borrowed from the Christian heathen that surround, and alas, are also within the Church of God. It was an inspiration of the Holy Ghost that led the American and Canadian Churches not to form new Missionary Societies, but to organize the old Society of the whole Church. Cannot we also break with the new worldly system of finance, which has so utterly failed, and go back to the old system, ordained by God himself, which has never failed?"

"How can we women do that?"

"How can you help doing it, if you only will? We have commenced a fresh era in the Church—the era of woman's work. Eve brought sin into the world, but of Mary was born the incarnate Son of God. There were many wise and glorious women among the Jews, but in Mary every woman is glorified. Through the dark ages, and now in the dark Church of Rome, she is worshipped. Men lost sight of the more tender side of the humanity of Jesus, and they tried to fill the vacuum by the worship of Mary. 'Male and female created He them;' the second Adam, perfect God and perfect man, displays the excellencies of the character of both: The banner over you women, I say again, is love. Yours is the tenderness, the purity, the yearning love and pity which was found in perfection in Jesus."

"This is not practical."

"Not practical! What can be more practical than the love of Jesus? What more practical than the sweet example of Mary, virgin, wife and mother, the fountain head of the river of love that is waiting to overflow the world? The Missionary Society,—this Church of our fathers,—like Elisha of old, comes to you, as he did to the fountain head of bitter waters. All Christendom is a wilderness; made barren by the bitter waters of covetousness,—it is under the curse of God! And you wise women of the Auxiliary, with the fire of love in your heart, must go out to the women, not to get hold of the 'mammon of unrighteousness,' but to purify the waters. You can touch their hearts by telling of the Indian missions, of the ignorance, disease and misery of the heathen women, how they are keeping the men from Christ, and yet are craving and longing for deliverance themselves.

"At this house you find poverty, want of means; they say they are as much in want as the heathen. You tell the woman that God loves her brother or husband too well to give them wealth without godliness. The first step to true happiness in this world is faith and obedience, 'Honor the Lord with your substance,' be it ever so small a proportion. You have touched her heart; she, at all events, will pray.

"At another house you find a woman sad-hearted because husband or son care for none of these things; they are of the earth earthy. You point to a means of grace, the lowest perhaps, 'Return unto me *ever so little* and I will return unto you.' (Malachi-iii.) The promised reward is spiritual as

well as temporal. She, at all events, will pray because she loves.

"Another may be far advanced in the spiritual life, the whole family communicants, but something wanting. How often it is thus! You tell of the windows of Heaven being opened to pour out a spiritual blessing on the obedient (Malachi iii), and point out the necessity of restoring the worship of God by 'alms and other devotions' at the Holy Communion. And in this way you women can get at the women, and the women will influence the men. I hold that your mission is to reform the system of finance, and that it is *one* great spiritual work closely connected with all the rest. Make it clear by your influence that money is wanted, but at the same time that it is wanted on the religious principle of worship and love." X

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COUNTRY PARISHES.

WHILST our city parishes are at work for various missions, and the Auxiliary is now established in Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London, and each as a centre is interesting parishes in their respective dioceses, letters often come to the Secretary saying, "our parish is too small and too poor to undertake more than direct work for ourselves, and people live too far apart to awaken any interest in anything beyond their own church service or the Sunday school." Could not an effort be made to interest one or two? Is not the idea of there being no interest often expressed when no possible effort has been made to awaken it. Usually country congregations are very loyal to their Church, and by far too often, the loyalty and devotion of women far exceeds that of the men of the congregation. Let some active and Christ-loving women in every congregation make an effort to rouse others in the Church to mission work. Let them hold two or three meetings for prayer, and procure, perhaps through their clergyman, some periodicals on mission work, when one of the women could read, whilst others, engaged either upon their own work or something in preparation for a mission box, would have their hands occupied. Having begun in this way, when strong enough they might unite with the Auxiliary work of their own diocese. By communicating with the Secretary, they would receive from her such help and suggestions as might be required. The following ladies are the corresponding secretaries of the different dioceses: Mrs. Macpherson, Esplanade, Quebec, Que.; Mrs. Houghton, 44 Lorne Avenue, Montreal; Miss A. B. Yielding, 370 State st., Ottawa, Ontario; Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, 271 Berkeley street, Toronto, Mrs. Tilly, Mem-