

Woman's Work.

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Programme for October Meeting of Auxiliaries.

Topic—"Woman's Responsibility for the Spread of the Gospel."

Hymn—No. 1: "Awake, my tongue, thy tribute bring."

Brief prayer for God's blessing on the meeting.

Repeat, in concert, the 23rd Psalm.

Hymn—No. 580

Scripture Lesson—Matthew xxviii. 1-10.

Scripture references and comments—Mark xvi. 9-11, John xx. 11-18.

A few moments' silent prayer, concluded audibly by President.

Business.

Roll call, each member responding with a missionary item.

Hymn—No. 574.

Benediction.

"Woman's Responsibility for the Spread of the Gospel."

This subject is so broad and comprehensive that it affords a wide scope for "comments," and I trust the sisters will take the trouble to prepare some papers on this important topic.

Woman is quick of perception, and, can we venture to say, has led as far back as the Garden of Eden. Can we conceive of a reason why the Saviour, after His resurrection, made Himself known first to a woman? (see lesson). He must have known of all her weaknesses, yet placed a good deal of confidence in her ability. If the Saviour in His infinite wisdom intrusted woman with this wonderful message when it was so new, should not we of the nineteenth century, who have seen and felt the power of the gospel, be ever ready to tell what we call "the old, old story," to those who know it not? If we are faithful in this responsibility, our reward is sure. The Saviour says that He has gone to prepare a place for us, that where He is, there we may be also.

With that "blessed hope" before us, Let no harp remain unstrung; Let the mighty advent chorus Onward roll in every tongue: Christ is coming! "Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!" Mrs. E. McCLURG.

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

The fifth annual convention of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Union will be held in St. Paul's street Methodist Church, St. Catharines, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1893. The Endeavor Herald says, "St. Catharines, '93, promises to be the largest, most enthusiastic, most practical, most spiritual, most inspiring convention ever gathered together in Ontario."

C. E. Notes.

Sept. 24.—Testimony meeting. How Christ has helped me.—1 Peter iii. 15, 16; Ps. xciv. 17-19. We testify for the purpose of proving or establishing some fact. The witness in the court gives his testimony to establish either the guilt or innocence of the prisoner. As Christians we affirm to the world the reality of Christianity and the transforming power of the Gospel.

We are taught by both precept and example to testify for Christ. Paul related to his hearers many times the wonders of that glorious event which

so concerned himself and which occurred on his way to Damascus. In 2 Tim. i. 12, he says: "I know in whom I have believed." Peter, in writing his first epistle, said to the disciples of Christ: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

1. Our testimony should spring forth from the heart, like the bursting of the clear, sparkling water from the ground. Christ must dwell in our hearts by faith. What is our treasure? Is it Christ, the "Pearl of greatest price"? If so, there is where our heart is also. There is too much of this listless, mechanical, parrot testifying. Let us be awake, alive, active, interested.

2. Our daily walk should harmonize with our prayer meeting talk. We must live for Christ; if not, our testimony, no matter how eloquent it may be, will reduce harm instead of good. Right here is the serious objection to testimony meetings. Some are carried away with the excitement of the moment and are led to make statements that are far from being in harmony with their daily lives.

"Are you doers of the Word, O, my brothers?"

Are you keepers of the sayings of the Lord?

All in vain are your professions, O, my brothers,

If you be not doers of the Word."

3. Our testimony must be based upon knowledge. It must be in harmony with the teachings of the Word of God. We are commanded to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as well as in grace.—2 Pet. iii. 18. We must be able to say with Paul: "I know in whom I have believed," and then we will be able to give an intelligent answer to every one that asketh us of the hope that is within us.

Oct. 1.—I am ready.—Rom. i. 9-17.

The reason of so many ignominious failures in every line of work is that people are not ready. Opportunity knocks at the door, and while they are making preparation it is gone. What would you think of the soldier who, when the command came to charge, was not ready to obey instantly.

Paul was a model "soldier of the cross." Never did the command to charge the enemy find him with his armor or any part of it off. He carried the scars of many a well fought battle, and when from Asia and Macedonia he looked away over the blue waters of the Mediterranean to Rome, the great metropolis of the world, and knowing that persecution, scourging, imprisonment, ridicule and probably death awaited him, he could say, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you also that are in Rome."

We must be ready to obey Christ. He is our Commander. He has all authority. When Christ appeared to Paul on his way to Damascus, Paul was ready to obey. When opportunities presented themselves for winning souls, Paul was ready to become all things to all men. We must obey. What are Christ's orders? Search the Scriptures. Are we ready to obey? If so, we are consecrated to Him. Christ commands us.

1. To self denial. Are we ready to take up the cross and follow Jesus? Are we willing to forego some pleasure, that some brother or sister be strengthened. What means the small pittance sent to convert the great heathen nations? You know it is because the Christian world has not learned the first lesson of self-denial. We need to live so close to Jesus that we can feel the pulse-beats of his loving heart, and

then our own hearts will overflow with love for the salvation of the world; and we will be able to say, "Lord, I am ready, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

2. To preach the gospel, which is God's power unto salvation. Are you ready to do this? Every Christian is a preacher. What the world needs at the present is not so much eloquent sermons as practical Christianity. Paul was ready to go to Rome. Are we ready to go to the great unconverted nations and tell of Jesus? If we are unable to go, are we ready to do what we can to send those who are able and prepared to go? When the time comes for our mid-week prayer-meetings and our Sunday services, are we ready to go? And when we assemble are we ready to do our part?

We ought always to be ready to live for Christ, and then when we are called to leave this world we will be able to say with Paul, "I am now ready to be offered." Let us fight a good fight and keep the faith, for without this we will not be ready when the last summons comes.

Geo. Fowler, Ph. B.

Children's Work.

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Well! children, I promised to let you know how our Sunday school and Mission band rallying days fared, and as the last mission band guest has just left, I will keep my promise now, or it will be too late. As I do not keep Mr. Munro waiting very often for my "copy," he will forgive me this time, I hope. We devoted the whole of last Sunday, Sept. 1st, to our Sunday-school. A motto, with the words, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," made of mountain ash berries on white cotton, was placed back of the platform, and various bouquets were all we could do by way of decorating, but it all looked very well. We had a good full Sunday-school session in the afternoon, with plenty of singing. A good address from the Superintendent, and the lesson for the day given very briefly by the leader of the young men's Bible-class. In the evening we had a children's service; the subject of the address being the story of David killing Goliath. As this is a story of which children never get tired, there were not many sleepy ones in the church, and I think we all enjoyed it. Then on the following Friday the mission band met at my house, not only to open up our work for this year, but also to say farewell to the lady who was President of the band till this year, who is leaving Ontario for California. We had a very nice time, and now we intend to be very busy, and see what we can do to raise some money for our foreign mission work.

I hear that Dr. Macklin is in Ontario, so that perhaps we may obtain some news respecting the welfare of Wang Wau Hai, before I send the next twenty dollars for his support. I think we should all feel more interested in him if we were kept better posted.

Do you realize that three months of this missionary year has gone by already, and that we have only nine more in which to earn and save \$200, we want this year? I wish I could say something which would sweep away all the selfishness and indolence and indifference which dwells in the heart of any child in our mission bands, and wake you all up to the great need there is of our work. Do you not remember that when Jesus went back up to His home and His Father, that an angel appeared to His disciples and told them that He would come back some time? Now, that is 1860 years ago since that prom-

ise was made, and we must be that much nearer its fulfilment; and when we remember that it is only those who are ready that He will take with Him, it should make us very much in earnest in helping some one else to get ready, besides being sure that we are all ready ourselves.

J. E. L.

The Devil's Kindling Wood.

Do you want to know where a boy usually begins to be fast? With a cigarette. It is the lad's first step in bravado, resistance of sober morality, and a bold step in disobedience. Just now take the matter on the scientific side. Tobacco blights a boy's finest power—wit, muscle, conscience, will. Nations are legislating against it. Germany, with all her smoke, says: "No tobacco in the schools." It spoils their brains and makes them too small for soldiers. Knock at the door of the great military institution of France. "No tobacco," is the response. Try West Point and Annapolis. "Drop that cigarette," is the word. Indeed, smoking boys are not likely to get so far as that. Major Houston, of the Marine Corps, who is in charge of the Washington navy-yard barracks, says that one-fifth of all the boys examined are rejected for heart disease, of which ninety-nine cases in one hundred come from cigarettes. His first question is: "Do you smoke?" "No, sir," is the invariable reply. But the record is stamped on the very body of the lad, and out he goes. Apply for a position in a bank. If you use tobacco, beer, cards, the bank has no use for you.

Business life demands fine brains, steady nerve, firm conscience. Watch the boys. See one sixteen years in age, twelve in size, twenty in sin, and he smokes—probably chews and drinks. Babes of seven and eight years are at it. The vice increases. I could pile up statistics by the hour, testimony from the highest medical authority, of the misery preparing and already come. The use of cigarettes increases enormously, but only increases the use of stronger tobacco. In August, 1889, sixteen million more cigars were made in this country than in the year before, and the firm that made this statement credits the increase to the cigarette, and the fault to careless parents.

Tobacco is murdering many a lad. Where they do not fairly kill, cigarettes are the devil's kindling wood.—Rev. C. M. Southgate.

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The demand for preachers of the cross in the foreign field is very great. There is but one preacher sent out by Protestant societies to every 200,000 of the pagan world.

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In the United States there is one Christian worker for each forty-eight persons; while in the foreign field there is one worker to each 31,322. There is a mighty work to be done by Christian women. The severe restrictions of the Seraglio, the harem, and the zenana forbid a man to approach eastern wives and mothers even in the capacity of a physician; and there are perhaps four hundred million women who, if reached at all, must be reached by Christian women.

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At the close of the late war in this country the M. E. Church South numbered 400,000, to day they number 1,300,000. They give \$350,000 annually to foreign missions, \$175,000 to home missions, and \$80,000 to church extension.

When Robert Moffat went out as a missionary there were no fast-flying steamers. A great part of heathendom was an unknown region, into which few had gone and from which still fewer had ever returned.

There are three thousand physicians in the city of New York to attend a million and a half of people; while there is only one medical missionary in the heathen world for over three million souls.

In Siam, poor lunatics are buried alive; and in all China there is not one lunatic asylum.

There is untold suffering and bodily anguish in the heathen world. Many missionaries, or members of their families, have perished for lack of medical knowledge or aid in time of need.

According to revelation, it is the purpose of Christ that His church shall evangelize the whole world. Foreign missions do not belong to the order of free experiment, or reasonable expedient, or voluntary benevolence, or logical inference; but to the order of positive and imperative revelation.

We must not be in too great a hurry for the fruitage of our toil. The harvest will come in due time. God is content to work and labor for eleven months in the year, for one month of harvest time. We shall reap if we sow in faith.

Dr. Williams, after thirty-two years in China, thinks that half a century more of Christian missions will evangelize, and even Christianize, the empire. Mr. Burlingame testifies that intelligent men there put no faith in the popular religions, and Dr. Bartlett thinks that this "Gibraltar of pagandom may become its Waterloo."

The needs of our foreign society are constantly increasing. We cannot suspend the work already begun; we can not go backward, we can not consistently stand still, we must go forward.

The cry of the pagan world is to us the voice of God. We are implored by the lost to go, the Captain of our salvation commands us go. We must go. Let the churches keep a steady stream of money pouring into the treasury of the Lord. What we do must be done quickly.

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