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VOL. VII., No. 6.] "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and Kings to the brightness of thy rising."—Is. Lx. 3. [Pg. 1, 1885]

A Word to Christ's Little Ones.

Thy life Christ's love may prove,
Thy smile may be
The message of His love who smiles on thee.
A dreary Christian's face
Deceives the world;
Thou locest half the grace, thy banner furled!
Led by His Spirit sweet
Faithful to be,
In word and converse meet, in charity.
Let none despise thy youth;
Scatter thine seed,
Spread forth the joyous truth; it is God's need.
God's strength our weakness is;
Examples we,
Not in our meekness less than purity.
Struggling to do great deeds,
Halt, lest thou miss
Christ, the great Labourer, whose work was this.
Let Him His end through thee
Work if He will;
Or be thou all content in standing still.
Learn that thou useless art
Out of His hand;
But while He uses thee, a magic wand.

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Women's Home Mission Society.

GOD has so abundantly blessed and crowned with success the efforts of the Baptist women of Ontario and Quebec in regard to their foreign mission work, that the hearts of many of the sisters have been stirred within them to attempt equally great things for Home Missions. Full reports of the organization of the Society, schemes of work, constitution, for circles, etc., have been published in the *Canadian Baptist*.

We hail with gladness the formation of this sister society and wish it God speed; trusting that its members will not rest content with merely collecting from women for the Women's Society, but that, with all the energy God has given them, they will endeavor to rouse their brethren to the pressing duty of the churches to contribute as churches more freely to the important and indispensable work of preaching the Gospel at Home.

Christ Among His Disciples.

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(From *Woman's Work in the Great Harvest Field*.)

[The lesson drawn by "A. L. O. E.," with special application to Missionary Superintendents, gives such probable counsel to all Christian workers who have subordinate helpers engaged with them, that we commend it earnestly to their perusal.—Ed.]

There is, perhaps, no spiritual exercise more sweet and profitable to the soul than that of contemplating the

character of our Blessed Saviour with a view to purifying our own by His spotless example. In the mirror of contemplation we catch a beam of the Sun of Righteousness, to turn the reflected ray upon our own dimly-lighted hearts. I do not remember having ever seen our Master's relations to His immediate followers thus brought to bear on those of missionaries with regard to their native helpers, who are sometimes to them in the position of disciples. So much of our usefulness and harmony in the Mission may depend on our relations to our Bible-women, that thoughts which I hope may be profitable to myself may possibly help my sisters also.

There are seven colours, we may say, in the ray which we will now try to direct on ourselves. They happen naturally to fall into something of alphabetical order. We see in the relations of our Lord towards His disciples, Appreciation, Consideration, Faithful Reproof, Gentleness, Humility, Intercession, and Love. These all blend to form perfection in our example.

APPRECIATION.—The want of this quality in a missionary is likely to damp the zeal and weaken the efforts of her helpers. The native character is sensitive to praise or blame, and there is in it a strong desire to please. The missionary may kindle a warm glow in the heart by a cordial smile or word of hearty commendation. The Lord did not grudge this to His weak disciples. "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations." We cannot think that the Master's hearty "Well done!" was reserved only for the Day of Judgment. Can we not imagine the kindling look of pleasure with which "Blessed art thou, Simon," was uttered, and the thrill of joy and love which was caused by the look and the word? Let our Bible-women feel that we notice every little improvement, every effort to win souls to Christ. I was struck by a missionary's remark regarding his pious Bishop (of Lahore), "He is so appreciative."

CONSIDERATION.—This is not always shown to subordinate workers, but it was a feature in the character of our Lord. "Come into a desert place and rest awhile." He said to His weary disciples. He remembered that they were tired, nor would He let them suffer from hunger. Christ gently broke to His followers the terrible tidings of His own approaching sufferings; when sleep overcame those whom He had commanded to watch, the gentle reproof was immediately followed by an excuse for the weakness of the flesh which encumbered the willing spirit. How tenderly did Christ speak to Peter of the martyrdom by which He should glorify God—the cords mentioned, but not the terrible cross. He who had compassion on the multitude had consideration for those whose office was to feed them; if the people had the loaves, the disciples' baskets were not empty.

FAITHFULNESS IN REPROOF.—To many persons the giving of reproof is one of the most distasteful of duties. To probe a wound is a task most repulsive. There is a temptation to gentle natures to "peace, peace, when there