

work, but if God clearly showed me that I was called to other duties I should have to go. Indeed, I left the work for three months to attend to my mother, for my foremost duty was at home, and for three months I ministered to her needs until God took her home to Himself; then I went back with a clear conscience to the Deaconess work. Had I been a Sister of Charity I could not have done this.

"Our work is economical. We live together, and every evening, after the toils of the day, we meet together for conversation and prayer. In this way we learn to counsel one another for our daily duties.

"Our garb is economical. We always wear dark blue. We have no need to worry ourselves

pastor, to visit the sick and the needy, to look after the young converts and the strangers. The pastor of the church is the sole director and guide of the work of the deaconess. We have one deaconess at the Metropolitan and another at Elm Street. Then we have two deaconesses who work amongst the children at the Fred Victor Mission. We teach these little ones to be home-makers; by means of toys we show them how to set table, sweep rooms, wash dishes, make beds, etc., etc.

"We need more consecrated women as workers. We need a training school, where our members can get the training they require. For our Bible work we use Victoria College at present, but there are things that cannot be taught at the



MISS DAWDY

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The first Methodist Deaconesses set apart in Canada

about the fashions. Of course, it did at first seem a little odd to be dressed differently from other people, but that soon wore away. Then our garb is a protection. I am never taken for a peddler or a book agent and greeted uncivilly at the door. When in Chicago, I often had to enter saloons in my work—and low-down saloons at that, not gilded palaces—and the rough men would stop their swearing and lay aside their cards while I was there. As we go about the city with our garb and our Bible, no one molests us, for they know what we are.

"Our aim is that there should be a deaconess in connection with every church as an assistant

College. Then we need a Methodist Hospital. A Deaconess Hospital, once established, would be self-sustaining, for there are many wealthy Methodists who would use such a place.

"Dear friends, the great success of the future must come through love. It alone breaks down the barrier of mine and thine amongst the poor. My work has taught me that all men are not born equal; that some are cursed by heredity and environment, and do not have the chances that others possess. We want to give such a helpful lift to a truer life and a nobler manhood. We never give anyone money lest it should be wrongfully used."