

# CHURCH and HOME

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There is a power lying latent in our Churches, that were it properly applied would transform the world. We cannot complain of lack of societies, but in some respects these are a danger to the real work of the Church. Entertainment and amusement are necessary to a healthy existence, and it may be part of the Church's duty to help in this direction, but it is to be feared that in many of our societies the social element is predominant and tends to obscure higher and holier aims.

The Church can only accomplish her mission when the individual conscience is roused to a sense of obligation and duty. Were each member of Christ's Church impressed with the conviction that there is a niche in the way of service that he can and must fill, and that can be filled by no other, the gain would be great indeed. Some times we feel called to a certain duty, but we refrain, urging the excuse that others are better fitted than we. The men who have done most for the cause of right and truth are they who have listened to the voice with-

in and turned a deaf ear to every solicitation to do otherwise. It may seem but a small thing whether you obey or stifle your convictions, but who can tell what you may accomplish did you but yield yourself to obedience. It is through you and such as you that the mass of mankind can be won. We need not search for opportunities, nor rush hither and thither to declare that we are born of God. Take your stand manfully, and where it is most calculated to be felt, in the midst of duty, and if need be in the face of opposition. Live in the spirit of Him who has said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

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## Woodstock Mission Band.

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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We have been requested to give a brief report of the Mission Band from its formation. It was organized in June 1890, by Mrs. Ross, wife of our former pastor. Our membership is not as large as when we organized, for as we all know new things take well. But all those who begin an undertaking with ardour do not hold out to the end. Some get discouraged and fall by