

is going to be interesting unless some one plans to make it so. The programme should have its birth in an atmosphere of prayer, then, having sought divine guidance, select a subject plan for real study and improvement." After giving many helpful, novel suggestions for programme-makers, Mrs. Knox concluded by saying: "The characteristics of a good programme may be summed up as follows:—It is bright and entertaining, with never a suspicion of being prosy. It combines interest and instruction, entertainment and profit. It is not too long. It is varied by song and poem and story. There are both original and selected articles, without an undue preponderance of either. Above all, it should be spiritually stimulating, and lead one to love the dear Lord so fervently, that lips and heart and hands will be cheerfully consecrated to His service."

Following this paper, Miss Daly sang a song of trust. The rich, sympathetic voice of the young singer carried her hearers into a rest-land, where, for the time, dull, corroding care fell from our shoulders as an old garment, and the ills of life were forgotten as we were carried away upon the wings of inspiring thought into the world of true art.

Mrs. Phillips then read a paper on "Enlisting the Sympathies of the Young in Mission Work." We dare not take space to quote largely from this very excellent paper, with its heart-searching questions, but here are just a few thoughts:—"What efforts are we personally, individually, or even collectively putting forth to bring the youth of our city into direct contact with this growing vital question? Are we doing all we can, or might we do more? Do we talk about our monthly subjects at home, in the Sunday School, in our junior or senior societies? Do we ask them to join in our Sabbath hour of prayer? Do we realize that their present and future interest in perishing humanity is, and will be, just what we help to make it?"

"Oh! the many lost opportunities that are staring us in the face this afternoon. God has opened these doors of opportunity, and is still opening them, and we, as frequently, have taken upon ourselves the terrible responsibility of closing them. There is not one of us but must plead guilty. We have not been *living* with all our might."

"In the face of the fact that so many are yet without a knowledge of the name of Jesus, shall we not renew our consecration this afternoon, and do all in our power to enlist these youthful recruits for the whole war? Raise high the banners and march on to victory, while the *tramp, tramp, tramp*, of the mighty throng shall make the very gates of heaven ring with the joyful news as we unitedly sing, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"

Mrs. (Dr.) Stevenson, president of the Young Women's Christian Association, followed with an address, which will be remembered because of the persuasive message it brought, pleading with us all to enter the life beautiful of perfect trust.

After the offering was received, Mrs. Ross spoke a few appropriate, closing words. The ladies then adjourned to the parlors for a social hour.

As our thoughts linger for a moment over this delightful afternoon, we cannot refrain from saying: "The Lord truly did make His face to shine upon us, and He was gracious unto us."

FLORA MAY SAWYER.

### In Memoriam.

THORNDAL.—Our auxiliary has again been visited by the grim messenger Death, who has taken from our midst a devoted member of our society, in the person of Mrs. Waugh. Although she could not be present with us at all our monthly meetings, we had her sympathies and prayers. She was ever ready to help on a good cause, and her generosity and faithfulness will long be remembered by those who knew her best. God doeth all things well. Our loss is her eternal gain.

S. MCKENZIE, *Cor. Sec.*

MEDICAL Missionaries have been the instruments, wholly or in part, of opening up Siam, Korea, Jeypore, Cashmere and portions of Burmah and China.

### Keep Sweet.

DO burdens press sorely? Just ask Him for grace;  
He'll give it, and help thee "keep sweet."  
Let sunshine and gladness illumine thy face,  
'Twill help someone else to "keep sweet."  
Do troubles oppress thee? Let God be thy stay,  
'Tis easy to sigh, but 'tis better to pray;  
Thy sunshine will come in His own blessed way;  
So trustingly try to "keep sweet." —*Selected.*

### Encouragements.

AN American exchange says: "In this country 2,500 women are practising medicine, 275 preaching the Gospel, more than 6,000 managing post-offices, and over 3,000,000 earning independent incomes. Since 1880 the patent office has granted over 2,500 patents to women, and in New York city 27,000 women support their husbands."

Writing about the opening up of nearly all the United States universities to women, the *Chicago Signal* remarks: "With a young woman distancing the senior wrangler at Oxford, Eng., another taking the prize in oratory at Cornell, New York, and three carrying off prizes in the Lutheran University at Gettysburg, Pa., with almost every college door open and the professions now free to women, it becomes all wise men and educational leaders not only frankly to accept the situation, but to glory in the discovery that in all lines of life 'it is not good for man to be alone.'"

Those of our own Woman's Missionary Society who signed the World's Petition, will be interested in reading the following: Rev. Dr. Lunn, a well-known Wesleyan minister in England, has recently been formally presented to the Queen at court as a necessary preparatory step to accompanying Lady Henry Somerset and Miss Willard to the courts of Europe to present the great petition of the World's W.C.T.U. against the traffic in opium and liquor and the State regulation of vice. The petition has now 2,000,000 signatures, many of whom are Canadians.

Methodism makes substantial progress in Rome, and the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church keeps step in the march. The corner-stone of the new M. E. Publishing House was laid May 9 by Bishop Newman. The new M. E. Church is built over a monastery, which in turn was built over a heathen temple. An institution for girls, the property of the W.F.M.S., was dedicated on May 10 also by Dr. Newman. In his inaugural, Dr. Newman said: "To day is the age of women. For four thousand years she was considered only as an 'annex,' but Christ recognized her dignity and importance. The greatest defence of woman in all history is made by Jesus. . . . Many modern evils will last until woman has her just place in public life."

### Notes From Workers.

#### LONDON QUEEN'S AVENUE AUXILIARY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOUGH somewhat late in forwarding to you the annual report of our Auxiliary, the delay was not occasioned by any lack of interest or because of lack of good news to communicate.

While nothing special has occurred to mark our monthly meetings, we are glad to report a growing interest in this noble mission work. We rejoice also to notice a stronger conviction on the part of the members that "Giving as the Lord hath prospered" is the proper method for all God's children to adopt in the work of advancing His cause. Thus our finances have largely been made up by individual contributions, and the amount raised represents more self-denial and more given as thank-offerings.

A visit from Bishop Ninde, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, in the early spring, at our monthly meeting was greatly enjoyed; and our Easter meeting also was one that called forth general thanksgiving, and every heart was made to rejoice and feel glad.

Our Treasurer (Mrs. Owrey), who for so long has filled the position to the satisfaction and delight of the society, earnestly desiring relief from official duty