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HEROES OF HOME MISSIONS: WHAT THEY TEACH US.—Jer. 1: 7-19.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

Rev. Horace Sanderson went to Cripple Creek when it was only a mining camp. He had to sleep with eleven others, the one small window being closed! He had to make his first stove and spent much of his time sawing wood for it. "Whosoever Will," he painted over the entrance of his tent. "Don't apologize for the truth, partner," said a miner; "give it to us straight." He did. Within ten years that tent became a church whose property was worth \$15,000, a church supporting a foreign missionary of its own.

Nathan Bishop gave with great liberality to the cause of home missions. He said once to a friend: "If the Lord will only give me an intimation of when I am to be called away, I will try to manage matters so as to die poor." When he was blamed for giving so many thousand dollars to benefit the Southern Negroes, his sufficient answer was, "I expect to stand side by side with those men on the Day of Judgment."

That great pioneer missionary to California, James H. Warren, was exhorted at his ordination, "though rivers of gold ran at his feet, never to stoop and drink of the poisoned stream, but rather to die a poor man, if by so doing he might point others to the true riches." He and his self-denying associates did remain poor men in that mad rush for wealth, and established on their poverty the great, strong churches of the Pacific coast.

The first missionary to Alaska was a woman, Mrs. A. R. McFarland. For months she was alone in that wild country among those wild men, a dance-hall her only school and church, with no books, and compelled to build her teaching on what could be committed to memory, such as the multiplication table and the Ten Commandments!

It was the voice of a Catholic, and a soldier, General P. E. Connor, that summoned the missionaries to Utah, where, as he truly said, "the Mormons have greater need of missionary labor than any other people on the face of the earth." Rev. Norman McLeod was the first to go, but his heroic Sunday school superintendent was murdered and the violence of Mormon hatred drove McLeod away. Soon, however, our missionaries returned, and the true Light is shining ever more brightly in that dark home of superstition,

Benjamin Franklin once expressed to Whitefield the desire to end his life gloriously by establishing with the evangelist in the wilderness "a large, strong body of religious and industrious people," thus "greatly to facilitate the introduction of pure religion among the heathen." What the great philosopher only longed to do, humble men and women by the thousand have actually done. They have been heroes in all the ways of heroism—heroes of the pocketbook and the school book, heroes of patience and of suffering, heroes of undaunted bravery, heroes of self-sacrifice and humility. Those now at work are as grand as the heroes of the past, and they rightfully require from us our whole-hearted support. For they are saving and making our nation.

THE 1905 SESSION.

The locating of the next session of the League was left to the Executive. There is to be a session of the Executive at an early date, and if those societies that are desirous of entertaining the League next session will kindly communicate the fact to me as soon as possible, the Executive will make the choice. Any information concerning the session time, number that usually attend, etc., I will be glad to give.

J. B. DAGGETT,
Cor. Secretary.

Fredericton Junction.

A NEW SOCIETY.

Bro. J. J. Bonnell writes that he recently visited Tracey's Mills and organized a society there. There are 40 active and 5 associate members. Following are the officers: E. L. West, Pres.; G. F. Briggs, Vice-Pres.; Miss Ruby Sinnott, Rec. Sec.; Miss Edith Wade, Treas.; Miss Glenna White, Cor. Sec.

The church has recently had a good revival, and this society is the result. We hope to hear of good work done by the new organization, and will be glad to have a future report from the officers.

COR. SEC.

A ROSE AND A PRAYER.

BY REV. FREDERICK W. LEWIS.

In one of the cities of the Middle West there is a Young Women's Christian Association secretary, a daughter of the manse, whose life is proving how much God can accomplish through us if we will put ourselves completely at His disposal. Here is a characteristic incident in her experience.

One morning, a few weeks ago, a business man telephoned that he wished her to do something for a young woman in his office. He had every reason to believe she would undergo a terrible temptation that afternoon. She would lunch at the Young Women's Christian Association rooms, and he was very anxious that some influence should be brought to bear upon her at once which would offset the evil forces so soon to be arrayed against her.

The girl was known to the secretary as an individual very difficult to approach. What could she say to her? What should she do? The situation was desperate, and called for immediate action; yet she could think of no way to help her. Then she took a few moments out of her busy morning to lay it all before the Master.

Noon came, and, as usual, she stationed herself at the door of the lunch-room to greet the girls as they came in. Presently the young woman she was looking for appeared, and the secretary

studied her as she sat at the table. The signs of trouble were evident in both her face and her manner, and the heart of the Christian worker ached for her. But even yet no way of reaching the girl suggested itself.

At last the girl finished and came to the door. They spoke pleasantly to each other, and she was about to pass out, when the secretary, seized with a sudden inspiration, asked her to take a beautiful rose which was upon the desk and wear it that afternoon. Quickly and gracefully the secretary pinned it on, and then followed the girl with a smile as she went off.

That was all, but listen to the sequel. The next day at noon the girl came up to the desk, her face beaming with happiness and light, and said: "Do you know that rose you gave me yesterday? Well, it helped me to meet one of the worst temptations I ever had, and I won the victory. And, O, I can't thank you enough for that little flower."

It appeared only a casual kindness to the tempted young woman, only a little thing so far as the secretary was concerned. She did not know that rose was consecrated and that its sweetness was the fragrance of God's Spirit.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

TAKING OFFENCE.

"I saw your friend Miss White at a reception yesterday," one well-dressed girl said to another; "but she did not seem to remember me, so I did not speak."

"Indeed?" replied the other; "that is just what she said of you."

So two persons with mutual likings and interests were guilty of marked rudeness to each other, and to their common friend.

"Did you notice how Mary Case put her parasol before her face as she passed, so she could not see me on the porch?" complained a girl to her brother, oblivious of the fact that the afternoon sun was pouring directly into her friend's near-sighted eyes.

"The minister has not called here this summer. Of course he need not if he does not choose to. I can go to some other church."

Thus innocent remarks are built into contrary meanings; absent-minded friends are harshly judged; hurt feelings and aching secrets and disguised jealousies are fondled and fostered until the poor, self-tortured soul thinks it is mightily abused, and prides itself on its own tragic susceptibility.

All for want of a little common sense—a little of that high quality of imagination which enables a person to put herself in the place of another.—Lucy Elliot Keeler.

THE TRUE SPIRIT.

The true missionary puts himself into God's hands and then he goes forward fearlessly. A brilliant young Oxford student gave himself to the Wesleyan Missionary Society for African service. His tutor remonstrated with him: "You are going out to die in a year or two—it is madness." The young man (who did die after being in the field a year) answered: "I think it is with African missionaries as with the building of a great bridge. You know how many stones have to be buried in the earth, all unseen, to be a foundation for the bridge. If Christ wants me to be one of the unseen stones lying in an African grave, I am content; certain as I am that the final result will

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