The Woman's Missionary Society.

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MAKE WAY FOR THE CHILDREN.

The Church of Christ is learning the value of the children. No work is more profitable than that done in behalf of children. The teaching by Christian parents, and that in Sunday schools and Mission Bands is sure to bear abundant fruit. The children thus taught of Christ and trained to serve Him will soon lead in Christian activities, and do things vastly greater than have been done.

Writing in the *Christian Evangelist*, Rev. F. D. Power tells of the far-reaching blessings resulting from the influence of a faithful teacher's words on one little girl. We reproduce it for the encouragement of those who are toiling faithfully in training the children:

One day a teacher in New York city told her pupils of the heathen, and a little girl eight years of age, resolved to be a missionary when she grew up, and tell the heathen about Jesus. She never forgot her resolve. Until she was thirty years of age duty detained her at home, but when free to leave she went as a missionary to Ceylon. She became the head of a boarding school at Oodooville, and remained in Ceylon for forty-three years without once going home for a rest or change. When friends asked: "Are you not going to America for a vacation?" she would reply: "No, I have no time to do so. I am too busy." She taught the chilren, and even some of the grandchildren of her first pupils. More than a thousand girls studied under her. She was greatly loved and poetically called by the people, "the mother of a thousand daughters." During the years she taught in the school, more than six hundred girls went out from it as Christians. Most of these came from heathen homes, but no girl, having taken the whole course, ever graduated as a heathen.

This was Eliza Agnew. We are awakening such spirits when we tell our little ones the thrilling story of missions. If no more were accomplished the development of the grace of Christian benevolence, the creation of a generation of givers would pay us a thousand fold.

"Make way for the rising generation. Give the boys and girls a chance. They love to have a hand in all good things. . . . They are willing givers, generous givers, hilarious givers, and that is the class God loves. Give place to the children. Make the children happy in contributing for the happiness of unhappy, downtrodden, heathen childhood. Give the little people a chance. A pioneer in California said that for the first year or two of his residence in Sierra Nevada county, there was not a single child in all the reach of a hundred miles. But a fourth of July occasion came and the miners were gathered together and were celebrating the fourth with oration and poem and a boisterous brass band. And while the brass band was playing an infant's voice was heard crying, and all the miners were startled, and the swarthy men began to think of their homes on the eastern coast, and of their wives and children far away, and their hearts were thrilled with homesickness as they heard the baby cry. But the music went on, and the child cried louder and louder to drown the infantile interruption, when an old miner, the tears rolling down his face, got up and shook his fist and said, "Stop that noisy band and *give the baby a chance!*"

So we say, give the children a chance. Make way for the children.

CONNELL, C. CO., SOCIETY.

At the last meeting of the Connell Auxiliary a resolution was passed to have the annual report of the society printed in the W. M. department of the INTELLIGENCER:

Dear Sisters,— Again we are at the close of a year in the history of our society, and we meet today to review the work of the past year and to consider plans for the future. Though there has been considerable sickness in our homes, and we have spent anxious moments watching beside our loved ones, and one home has been made sad and lonely by a visitation of the death angel, yet, amid it all, we have much to be thankful for, and we do indeed feel grateful to our heavenly Father for the many times he has blessed us, and that so many of us are spared to meet here today.

While we are glad to meet so many of our sisters, our hearts are saddened as we miss the familiar face of one of ous beloved members, Sister McCormac. Today it is our sad duty to record her death, and as we think of her and her life, these words of the poet seem a fitting tribute to her memory:

"Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as a summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of evening,
When it floats among the trees."

With her the battle is over, and she is at rest with him whom she believed and trusted, and who has said, "If I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself." Though we miss our sister very much, we do not mourn, as we feel she has entered into the joy of her Lord; but to her husband and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and trust that they may be led by the pleadings of the divine Voice to follow the Christian example of a devoted wife and mother, whose prayers many times ascended to the throne of grace in their behalf, and that when called to exchange time for eternity they may meet in one unbroken family in that land where there is no more sin or sorrow, and be with him who gave his life to save, not only us, but a lost and perishing world.

It is, because of this unspeakable gift, our duty to do what we can to aid in sending the gospel to those who are in heathen darkness. Christ came into the world to seek and save those who were lost, and his command to his followers is, to carry the gospel to every creature. When we consider the great need of the heathen, the true nature of our religion should be to co-operate loyally, pray earnestly, and contribute liberally according as God has prospered us. He does not require great things of us, only just the best we can do is accepted of him. Can we afford to offer less than our best to him who withheld not his best from us, even his beloved Son?

Looking over the past year we are conscious of incompleteness and disappointment in some directions. As a Mission Auxiliary, and a part of the church, we feel that we might have done more for the Master's cause had we been more earnest and devoted, but wherein we have failed we will hope for forgiveness, being assured that for the good done we will be commended. The fact that the benefit arising from our feeble efforts may be felt while endless ages roll should give us renewed courage for the future. We very much appreciate a letter received from our faithful District Secretary (Dr. Secord), and trust that her words of encouragement and counsel may inspire each of us to be more earnest both in the Foreign and Home work. Our meetings are well attended, continue interesting, and we believe helpful. Our president has a well arranged programme for each meeting. Though we cannot report any increase in our membership, we hope to in our finances, as we have done each succeeding year since we organized.

We are told to lift up our eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. Dear sisters, may we, remembering the command, "Rise up, ye women that are at ease," strive to do our duty in sowing the seed and cultivating the field, which Jesus says is the world, and thus show our love for him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

ADA F. PERRY.
Secretary.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Fifth District will be held at Narrows, Q. Co., July 4th, at 2.30 p. m. The secretaries of the aid societies will please collect the contributions and forward to me at an early date.

SADIE J. CARPENTER,
Sec. District Society.

Carpenter, Q. Co., June 12, 1903.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Society of the Second District will be held in connection with the District Meeting to be held at Knoxford, C. Co., June 26-28. Secretaries of local societies are requested to send reports to the District Secretary in time for her to make up her report for the District Meeting.

(MRS.) E. C. SECORD,
Sec.-Treas. 2nd District Society.

Farmerstown, C. Co.

—The year Book of the Congregationalists of the United States for 1902, just out, says there are 5,821 churches, a gain of sixty-eight over the previous year. Of these 1,001 are vacant, and 222 supplied by ministers of other bodies. Of the 6,015 ministers, 2,047 are without pastoral charge. The total membership is 652,349, a gain of 6,855 during the year. The total gifts to the general enterprises of the body amounted to $2,130,373.

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