

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers Class of the Woodstock Sunday School met at the home of one of their members, Mrs. Robert Harding, on Thursday evening, January 22nd. The first part of the evening was spent very pleasantly in social conversation after which the annual business meeting of the class took place. This was opened by song, recitation of scripture and prayer. The Treasurer, Mrs. Charlotte A. King, then read her report, which was most encouraging. The election of officers came next when the following were chosen for the coming year:

Teacher—Mrs. W. B. Wiggins.

President—Mrs. Robert Harding.

Vice-President—Mrs. Ansley Rogers.

Secretary—Miss Faye Shaw.

Treasurer—Miss Hilda Cummings.

The various committee, viz.: Membership, Social, Devotional and Missionary, were appointed by the President.

This class has increased in numbers and interest during the past months and commences the New Year with a greater earnestness of purpose to do better work for the Master.

At the annual Sunday School entertainment the members of the class presented their teacher, Mrs. W. B. Wiggins, with a beautiful toilet set of French ivory, seven pieces, in a leather satin-lined case.

I CAN DO ALL THROUGH HIM.

The surest road to success is to believe that you are going to succeed. Nothing so puts fire into a man's heart, nothing so surely equips him for the work he is about to take up as faith that he is going to win.

Take any man you know of who has done anything to make the world bigger or better, and you will find that, back of everything he has done, indeed, the main-spring of all his efforts, has been the constant belief that nothing can prevent him from carrying out his plans. On the other hand, you may go to any of the great public institutions where are gathered up the waifs of the down-and-outs of humanity and question them as to the cause of their defeat in life, and they will tell you, "It was when I gave up beaten that I was beaten."

Are you still pressing on toward the best in life? Press on still. You are sure to reach the goal you have set for yourself. Not that you will not know days when the stress of temptation will try you to the utmost. That is the lot of us all. Times will come when every possible discouragement will come face to face with you. These things will not count as long as the will to conquer holds out.

Whence comes this assurance of success in our right undertakings? Sometimes we think and say, "It is my own strength." Ah! if we but knew it, God gives the power to win. Paul was right when he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." He had tried everything else, only to fail. His own strength was like a wisp of grass hitched to a cart-load of sin. "Through Christ" he at last started for victory, and he never failed.

This power to win, in whatever field of right endeavor, is God-given. It inheres in the very character of God, and He passes it on to you and me. Think how long He has

been hammering away to make this old world what it is; and He is working still. Think how patient He has been with mankind, and He is patient still. And this same spirit of holding on He has placed in the heart of every one of His creatures.

Before now, have you not watched a caterpillar as it tried to climb the side of some steep wall, and wondered the while you watched? It falls; it tries again; it never stops as long as life and strength hold out. "Poor senseless thing!" do we say? No, that is not right. That humble creature of God has something in it that leads it to try and forever to try, and in that it has a lesson for us all.

Is your courage good? Do you still hope bravely? Victory is coming! It is sure to come, for God keeps track of all we do, and He will see us through!—Edgar L. Vincent, Binghamton, New York.

WOODSTOCK PRAYING BAND.

The Praying Band of the Woodstock Church met Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th, and re-organized for work. The following officers were duly elected:

President—Chas. Mutch.

Vice-President—C. N. Scott.

Secy.-Treasurer—Howard London.

There was an addition of six young men as members. Their first meeting was at the home of Brother and Sister E. M. Campbell, on Tuesday, Jan. 27th. They expect to hold meetings at different points and make a real "Forward Movement."

COMPENSATIONS BY THE WAY.

Mrs. D. C. Eby.

'Tis only the toiling soul that knows
The sweetness of rest and calm;
'Tis not till after the battle's fought,
That the victor carries a palm.

'Tis the road that leads by the valley-
way,
That opens up visions new;
'Tis the toilsome climb that leads on up,
To a wide and glorious view.

Then hush, dear heart, for thy Father
knows
That which thou knowest not.
As He sends the shadow, the rose, the
thorn,
Into thy daily lot.

Hidden away in the darkness drear,
Under the seeming strife,
There's many a precious treasure rare,
Not found in a care-free life!

'Tis the touch of the cross or our daily
lives:
The things that oppose and pain;
That hurt for the moment, but after-
ward—
Yield a sweet and a healthful gain!

"No man can be a holy man who does not settle quite a number of interesting questions that are related to the coming of Christ. Hence we must distinguish between the coming of Christ and many other questions that are more or less related to it."

FRIENDSHIP

The power of friendship is almost omnipotent, whether for good or evil. We never can know what we owe to our friends who are helpful and worthy, what they are to us, what they are doing in the building of our character, and what enrichment of life they are giving to us. Every friend whom we take into our fellowship, whether for a shorter or a longer stay, builds something into the walls of the temple we are rearing. A pure, gentle friendship becomes in its influence like a holy presence, in which we cannot do anything unworthy. It works in us, transforming us, inspiring in us all noblest aspirations. No one is a safe friend with whom we may not pray. Let God choose your friends, and then every one of them will help you toward beauty, God and glory.—Dr. J. M. Miller.

DON'T BE SHALLOW IN PREACHING.

There is such a thing and it is very common to let down the gospel to the level of the carnal mind and when that is done it ceases to be the gospel. We hear some say they must educate the people up to where they can understand the truth. This is belittling the gospel to suit men. John Wesley says in his journal that he preached to an audience "many of whom were gay, genteel people. So I spoke in the first elements of the gospel, but I was still out of their depths. Oh, how hard it is to be shallow enough for a polite audience!" There is much truth in this for the fundamental doctrine of the Bible is, to turn away from sin, and this is thought out of reach and impracticable and too high by many.—Christian Witness.

GROWTH IN HOLINESS.

We must never forget that here is growth in holiness. Holiness is the most favorable state for growth. The hindrances to growth that exist in the soul are absent and the soul grows as never before. We do not grow into holiness. We obtain it by faith.

But like all states of grace in this life it can be retained only by growing in it. Here is the fatal mistake that some have made. They have not sought to increase in holiness but have accepted the experience as the ultimate state of grace in this life. There are two works of grace in salvation—regeneration and entire sanctification—but growth continues all our lives and we doubt not it will continue in eternity. After we have crossed the river Jordan we need to break camp often and not settle down.

One of the best helps to growth is to expect and seek frequent fresh anointings of the Holy Spirit. One of the greatest snares that is set for the feet of pilgrims is to somehow settle down and think that our great experience will take us through without further effort on our part.—Christian Witness.

"There is no ice-bound love. It is a child of the tropical land, and dwells where the sun is prodigal of his beams, and the air is full of bloom and the enticements of love. Poetry and music are the language of love. Love is a passion, or it is nothing.