

before his translation; carried on by him with certain, horrible death before him.

Is this for fame?

These men may in after years be greatly praised; but in the present we find the whole story in two short paragraphs in the daily paper, while as many columns are devoted to an account of the victories achieved by some favorite trotting horse.

No, it is not for wealth, nor for fame, nor for any selfish motive, that the disciples of Christ lay aside all thought of personal comfort, convenience and safety to proclaim the Gospel to the heathen. Neither is it from a mere sense of duty which must be performed, however reluctantly. It is because the love of Christ constrains to Christ-like lives, and the soul overflowing with His love yearns over the unsaved and burns to bring them to Christ. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Moreover, without this love it were useless to attempt the work. No man will accept the message of Christ's love from an ambassador in whose bearing no love is.

Let us ask ourselves here, if this be not the secret of so much failure to win souls even here in our own land, in our own neighborhood?

But, says one, it is easy to love Christ, the pure, the noble, and the perfect; and comparatively easy to love those whose characters are Christ-like; but it cannot be possible that we are expected to love the heathen—the Indian, the negro, the Chinaman? They are unpleasant; they are ignorant, impudent, thievish, untruthful, vile; they do not wish to learn; they are ungrateful to those who seek to do them good; they have no qualities that win our love, therefore, it is impossible to love them.

A conclusive argument, surely!

And for which one of our very many, noble qualities was it, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son"? He came not to call the righteous, but sinners; then shall we, forsooth, try to improve upon His plan?

"We love because He first loved us;" if we love the Redeemer, we are compelled by the very nature of the case to love also the redeemed; and there is no denying that the Indian and the Chinaman, in all their unattractiveness, are part of that great, sinful world that "God so loved;" and I hold it a necessary conclusion that as we fail to love all whom He loves, just in that proportion are we not perfect in His love; and just in so far as we entered upon His work from any lesser motive or reason than His love welling up in our hearts, filling us with eagerness for His service, just in that proportion will our efforts result in failure. And if the love have a place in the heart, it will find expression in deed according to our ability and opportunity.

There was once a poor woman whose love found expression only in pouring ointment upon the head of the Master, and washing His feet with her tears. She was rewarded by the commendation of her Saviour, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much."

A certain poor widow cast into the treasury only two mites, but the Lord said she had given more than all they who had given of their abundance. Her love was so much greater than her means, that she had given her all.

We, too, may have but little to give; little time, little strength, few dollars, and, perhaps, fewer talents; but let us see to it that the mite we may give be not a mite of love nor a mite of interest in God's cause, for of these we may have in abundance, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

We cannot all go to the foreign missions, nor would it be well to desert home fields that others might be tilled. But whether it be our province to teach or to be taught, to lead or to follow, to bear the burden and the heat of the day or merely to "lend a helping hand," to be a missionary or to be one of a missionary society, if love be the motive power of the whole there cannot fail to be perfect harmony and glorious results. Why, then, does not the work move forward more rapidly to a full harvest? Can it be that we are in any degree responsible? Let us ask ourselves thoughtfully, can we say, you and I, "The love of Christ constraineth us?"

Indian Work.

COQUALEETZA INSTITUTE.

Letter from Miss S. BOWES, newly-appointed Matron of Chinese Girls' Home, dated CHILLIWACK, B.C., August 6th, 1895.

THE thought now presents itself which I desire to crystallize into action, that of writing a letter to give you an idea of this beautiful missionary Home, and its general routine of duty, as observed from a visitor's standpoint.

In the first place, the building has the modern facilities for systematizing and expediting work, both very essential in the successful carrying out of each day's programme.

Imagine, if you can, about eighty girls and boys, all ready for prayers, followed by a wholesome breakfast, at seven o'clock.

Rev. E. Robson is Chaplain, sometimes he asks the assistance of one of the staff. After breakfast, the boys and girls are assigned their work for the morning. (School vacation now, as Miss Smith, the popular teacher, is on furlough.)

I have never seen, before coming here, girls and boys so well trained and disciplined to accomplish the work as it presents itself. Each department's exercises and duties are carried forward with activity, promptness and regularity, consequently no confusion or haphazard work. It is impossible for a visitor to assist Miss Al on (except as a scribe), for she is everywhere from the attic to the basement, flitting with eagle eyes, like a bird on wing, and yet cool, calm and self-possessed. I think she is the right person in the right place.

It is very interesting to watch the laundry work the first three days of the week, under the faithful supervision of Mrs. Hansel. On Monday morning she takes from nine to twelve boys into the basement, where all the soiled clothes had been classified on Saturday. Each stationary tub will admit of two washers. The water, both hot and cold, runs into each tub. The boys' clothes are washed first. In the afternoon the same number of girls, if available, are employed to do the girls' washing, and that of the Home. At the same time younger girls will sprinkle and fold the dry clothes ready for ironing. On Tuesday the girls do the teachers' washing, while some iron and mangle. By Wednesday evening, in fine weather, the laundry work for the week is completed. While all the above-named is going on, Mrs. Hansel takes advantage of the fire to make soap, both hard and soft, thus teaching the juveniles economy, as well as save the missionary funds.

The sewing department is also very interesting, under the watchful and controlling eye of Miss Burpee. At 6.30 a.m. she takes a number of girls into a fine, large, airy room, to do certain lines of work. After breakfast from fifteen to twenty, of all sizes and ages, are seated, ready to darn, patch, sew on buttons, make button-holes, aprons, blouses, dresses, hemming, fancy work, etc. The darning and hemming would do credit to the most fastidious grandma.

And now comes the kitchen department, the most popular of all, with the digestive apparatus of both old and young. I am greatly interested in the success of Mrs. Clara Clarke, who has charge of this department, because I was the agent in securing her for the Institute. She has a force of boys in the morning to help prepare breakfast and dinner, clear tables, wash dishes, scour knives, milk cows, make bread, etc. Imagine, if you can, two boys making from fifty to sixty loaves at one time, and that three times a week. Every meal is comfortably and wholesomely prepared, and served in both dining-rooms sharp on time. Good, fresh milk is in abundance.

From all I can learn, Miss Smith, the absent teacher, is very capable and successful in her department.

Mr. Pearson is all activity on the farm. The hay crop, fruits and vegetables do him much credit.

I must not forget to name Mr. Preston, who is faithfully at work in his shoe shop. I ask no better proof of his untiring "pegging away" than the well-shod feet of seventy or eighty boys and girls.

Last mentioned, but not least, are Mr. and Mrs. Robson, who are looked up to with love and esteem by all in the Institute. Their judgment is consulted and counsel sought in all the governing and management of this great household. No principal could possibly throw his whole being more into the entire success of the Institute than Mr. Robson in the "Coqualeetza." His encouragement, as a religious teacher is marked. It is cause of much gratitude to God to hear the bright and intelligent testimonials from these Indian boys and girls, a great many of whom are on the side of Christ and His cause; and the little ones are following on. It is beautiful to observe the harmony and unity existing between the Principal and all the members of the staff. It is one concerted aim, effort and interest to secure the highest well-being for time and eternity of all committed to their charge. I do not wish to close this letter without emphasizing in favor of the presence of one under the Institute wing, although not responsible to the Board, in ever manifesting the deepest interest in all the workers and their work. I refer to Mrs. Robson, wife of the Principal, whose maternal countenance is as sunshine, scattering smiles on all who cross her pathway. On her appearance in the hall the little ones surround her, like so many busy bees, seeking to extract honey from a sweet flower. She is indeed beloved, and her kindly influence is felt for good throughout the entire Home.

In no way can missionary funds be better expended than in the gathering in of the children of all races for training for Christ and good citizenship. Secure the children for Christ and His kingdom, and very soon the nation will uplift the banner and cross, and crown our Jesus Lord of all.

District Doings.

PICTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE Women's Missionary Societies of Picton District held their Annual Convention at Bloomfield, on May 22nd. The two sessions were interesting and profitable, the Auxiliaries being well represented, and presenting a programme which drew out plans for work that cannot fail to be felt in the future.

The morning session opened at ten o'clock, by singing, "The Gospel Bells are ringing," and prayer by Mrs. (Rev.) Campbell, of Picton.

Mrs. Phoebe Yarwood, President of Bloomfield Auxiliary, presided morning and afternoon, and very ably assisted the District Organizer, Mrs. H. L. Platt, of Picton. Miss Maud Lambly, the elected Secretary, having resigned, her place was supplied by Mrs. L. Monaghan, at the request of District Organizer.

The roll-call was generally responded to, and reports from sixteen Auxiliaries and two Bands taken. Cherry Valley led the Bay of Quinte Branch in the work of crusade day, reporting fourteen new members. After singing, "The Morning Light is Breaking," the subject, "How to increase our membership," was introduced, and a lively conversation ensued.

The afternoon meeting opened by singing, "Take My Life and Let It Be," and prayer by Mrs. (Rev.) Butler, Demorestville. Mrs. Campbell, in leading consecration service, read a few verses from Colossians iii., and applied them to missionary work. A blessed testimony meeting followed, and closed by singing a verse of "Shall We Gather at the River."

Very pleasing words of welcome were read by Mrs. M. Dorland, Bloomfield, and graciously responded to by Miss Ella Lauder, Ameliasburgh. Miss Yarwood's solo seemed a fitting prelude to the earnest address by Mrs. J. N. McDonald, Wellington, which showed in a vivid manner how missionary literature is preparing the way of the Lord.

The following papers were all excellent, and calculated to advance the interests of missions and woman, as they glistened with scriptural gems: "The Relation of Literature to Missionary Work," by Miss Fraser, Picton; "Is Our Auxiliary Work Done at the Expense of Our Church Work?" by Mrs. E. Baker, Demorestville; "Prayer and Missions," by Mrs. Marsh, South Bay; "Are We Realizing

Our Highest Possibilities in the Work?" by Mrs. Huff, Mt. Pleasant; "How Can We Help Sister Auxiliaries?" by Mrs. T. Blakeley, Cherry Valley; "Tarrying by the Stuff," by Miss Murney, Picton.

Mrs. Platt, in charge of question drawer, gave a few minutes' talk to workers, and advised following "suggested programme" of "monthly letters" when practicable. The reports from Auxiliaries proved them to be helpful.

There seemed much of the transforming power of God reflected in, and permeating the thoughts advanced throughout the sessions that rested like a benediction on the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

L. MONAGHAN, *Sec.*

COBOURG DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE first Convention of the W.M.S. of the Cobourg District was held in the King Street Methodist Church, Cobourg, on Tuesday, September 3rd, 1895. The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. M. E. Wilson, District Organizer. The roll-call was responded to by about twenty delegates. The Organizer reported one new Auxiliary, making now five Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands on the District. Encouraging reports from the Auxiliaries were read. The following memorials were voted to be sent to the Branch Meeting: 1. That the names of Mission Band Presidents and Secretaries be printed in the Report. 2. That the financial year of the W.M.S. close with the financial year of the Conference. 3. Requesting the formation of a Superannuation Fund for the benefit of disabled or worn-out lady missionaries. Miss Stevenson gave an appropriate reading, which was followed by an excellent address on Mission Band work by Miss Brooking, and an interesting paper by Mrs. Buck. The Question Drawer, conducted by Mrs. J. Kendry, of Peterboro', brought out some useful information. The memorial service of our deceased sister, Mrs. Wilson, of Port Hope, was conducted by Mrs. W. J. Jolliffe. This was followed by the testimony meeting, led by Mrs. Crossen. After adjournment, tea was served in the school-room by the local auxiliaries.

The public meeting in the evening was presided over by Rev. S. T. Bartlett. A hearty welcome was extended to the delegates on behalf of the Cobourg Auxiliaries by Mrs. Bartlett, responded to by Miss McCutcheon. Greetings also were read from the Presbyterian W.M.S. The addresses of the evening, given by Mrs. Kendry and Mr. F. Stevenson, were listened to with much interest and profit. The singing of the evening included solos and duets, and added much to the interest of the meeting.

E. J. BARTLETT, *Sec.*

In Memoriam.

DUNNVILLE.—A few weeks ago an aged member of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Eliza Walkley, in her 93rd year, passed away to the "Land of Rest." For years the meetings of this Auxiliary were held at her home, otherwise she would have been unable to attend, as she had been for a long time largely confined to her home on account of a broken leg, which had never healed. A widow and much alone, she enjoyed the prayer-meeting and missionary meeting, though she used often to say that she did not depend on meetings for support, but had many precious seasons alone with God, reading her Bible. In giving testimony she expressed a firm faith in God, and we confidently believe her soul has gone where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things have passed away."

LAURA C. COOKE, *Cor. Sec.*

BROCKVILLE (Wall Street).—At the August meeting of our Auxiliary our hearts were saddened by the recollection that one of our members, Mrs. Anna Blair, had recently been called "to come up higher." But while we mourn for the first time a loss to our membership by death, we rejoice in the knowledge that her long life of 80 years was spent