

# WOMAN'S WORK

Conducted by Miss Carrie Lee Campbell

## PRAYER.

"Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord; I care not how,  
But stir my heart in passion for the world;  
Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray."

## TWELVE MISSIONARY NEEDS.

More missionary facts.  
More missionary faith.  
More missionary prayers.  
More missionary sermons.  
More missionary intelligence.  
More missionary conviction.  
More missionary consistency.  
More missionary self-sacrifice.  
More missionary consecration.  
More missionary giving that will make the angels glad.  
More missionary volunteers with Pauline faith and zeal.  
More missionary rejoicing over the wonderful conquests of the cross.—Bishop Joseph F. Berry, in *The Christian Advocate*.

## FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.

The Woman's Auxilliary has set aside Tuesday as Church Day, all other calls and affairs being slipped into other days. This Auxilliary is well on the way with its \$6,000 minimum budget.

This financial status only shows the temperature of their missionary zeal, in doing many things.

## DETAILS OF THE CIRCLE PLAN IN A CITY CHURCH.

The Women's Society of the North Avenue Presbyterian church of Atlanta, Ga., is organized on the Committee or Circle plan, which is successfully used by a number of churches in our Assembly. It sounds complicated, but in reality is very simple.

There are four hundred ladies and girls in this church. Every one is considered a member of the society by virtue of being a member of the church. There has never been a year when every woman of the church has taken an active part in the society. There has been illness, large families of young children, financial difficulties and often indifference that have kept members away. But every woman on the church roll has, at one time or another, taken an active interest in the society.

Every year the officers of the society are changed. The incoming officers are given the church roll and they go after every woman to get her actively interested. There are some cases where they fail, but no record of the failure is kept, and the following year the new officers try again. Thus, through constant visiting and invitation, the ladies become, sooner or later, interested in the work.

### Officers.

The society has nine general officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Secretaries of Foreign Missions, of Assembly's Home Mission, of Christian Education, of Young People's Work and of Local Home Missions.

### Circles.

The members are divided into fourteen circles, with a chairman and vice-chairman of each circle.

The society is controlled by an Executive Board, which consists of the nine general officers and the twenty-eight chairmen and vice-chairmen, making thirty-seven in all.

It is also important to see that all

the causes of the Church are remembered.

The circles may do anything they deem advisable at their meetings. Some do sewing, more patriotic work; some sew and earn their missionary money; some have purely social meetings, except for the brief missionary message from the visiting "cause" secretary.

### Warning.

There is one point to be carefully watched in this plan. It is the only danger point. Do not let the circle meetings supplant the regular monthly missionary meeting of the Auxilliary, where Prayer, Bible and Mission Study are the themes of the hour. There is danger in some quarters that the circle meetings may become merely social gatherings, and yet the members feel that they have "been to one missionary meeting this month and that is enough!"

It is well at the Auxilliary meeting to call the roll by circles, ascertaining how many of each circle are present. Some have an "Attendance Contest" for the year, the chairman of each circle handing to the Auxilliary secretary at every missionary meeting a record of the number of members present from her circle. The circle having the highest average attendance for the year is especially honored in some way. Circles should also take turns as hostesses at the Auxilliary meetings, and many also have in turn the responsibility of the program.

The plan is flexible, adaptable and will solve many problems for you if you will give it a fair trial.

For further information write to Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, Field Building, St. Louis, Mo.

## HOW SHE HELPED ANOTHER.

One pastor's wife found this page very helpful in her woman's work. She sent in a subscription asking that the Presbyterian of the South be sent to an important worker in the Auxilliary of her State.

## A HEART-TO-HEART WITH SECRETARIES OF LITERATURE.

By Mr. Herbert A. Love.

I am only a Presbyterian president, but if I held that most important position of all, Secretary of Literature, I would become so widely known as a walking encyclopaedia of information that every woman in my district would know just where to get any leaflet she needed. When that office is thrust upon me I will write the Superintendent of Woman's Work, the Executive Committees, the American Bible Society, the chairman of Synodical Home Missions, and of Presbyterian Home Missions, and any one else possible, for all the leaflets and information they can give away, and catalogues of their supplies for sale, from which I will order all additional helps the H. C. of L. will permit.

When the avalanche arrives I will take a holiday from meetings, etc., and arrange it in card index fashion, with pieces of cardboard between cut large enough to extend above the leaflets, on which to write the topic of that division. For instance, when Dr. Armstrong sends me a supply of Foreign Mission literature, I will separate it something like this—all the leaflets on medical missions together, all those on schools and colleges together, all those on manners and cus-

toms, all those distinctively about Africa, and about China.

After dividing them I will cut the cardboard strips wide enough just to fit the box or drawer when put in upright, and at the top I will write the words "medical missions," "schools and colleges," etc., placing each division of leaflets, with its index card, upright in the drawer, on the order of a card index. And as Dr. Armstrong sends me more literature or I gather it from other sources and clip it from the papers, it can be added in its proper division. By the time I have completed my file, I will have a good working knowledge of the literature myself and will be able to find the right information readily for others.

If I am Synodical Secretary of Literature, I will begin by writing my first quarterly letter to the Presbyterian secretaries. It having taken me possibly two months to complete my file, it will be about the last of December, and my letter will reach them about the time they are forming new resolutions to do their work well; and my letter will be one of introduction and cordial offers of fellowship and interchange of help. Of course my letter will (and every letter should), enclose an unseen prayer and a visible leaflet suited to the subject written of, and every letter deserves an answer, but if the answer does not come my second letter will go out just the same.

This December letter will advise about the Foreign Mission study classes, and the week when subscriptions to the Survey are taken, suggesting the books to be studied and methods, and that it would be well to send for sample copies of the Survey and a list of the present subscribers in each local society. Of course she will pass this information on down to the local secretaries.

It would be well to tell the Presbyterian Secretary how many study classes you would like to have as a goal for her Presbytery. There are several ways I would suggest to her of getting the subscriptions: First, that each local secretary be responsible for them; second, the list of church members might be divided between as many canvassers as will do the work; third, the Young People's organization might be asked to undertake the work, if it is a polite congregation who will not send them back thoroughly discouraged and disillusioned as to the real interest of their elders in the study of the work of the church.

Then in March would go a letter which would say, "Report, REPORT, REPORT," in every impressive manner that I could use; and asking for every idea the Presbyterian secretaries could gather from their local secretaries as to good methods and usable means of putting literature into the hands and hearts of the people and of how to make the office of Secretary of Literature indispensable to every department.

Just before people are leaving for the summer, I would write my third letter, about June, and in it would be a plea for them, and all their local secretaries, to attend the School of Missions at Montreat, giving them the dates, the probable cost, and tell them of the book store there, where they could get the latest helps.

This would be the time to suggest to them that during the vacation they begin to investigate the various Home Mission study books as they are published; and suggest that the absent members of local auxiliaries be remembered by the local secretaries of literature, by their sending the absentees the used leaflets after the

meetings to be read and passed on to their fellow-boarders (if they are not at Montreat).

Along about September, when people are settling down again, write your secretary recommending the Home Mission study book advised by our Church, reminding her of the dates of the Week of Prayer and the Day of Prayer for schools and colleges; and any other special work which needs the help of literature (and what does not need it?). Tell her just what literature is available for these causes and just where to get it; she may not know or have a file like yours.

At the Synodical Auxilliary meeting I would have a table so attractively arranged, and surrounded by posters and decorations, with a charming girl dressed to represent "Literature" in some way, a girl who will study her wares; in fact, a table so noticeable that it could not be overlooked. I would have every helpful new leaflet to be had, and a large supply of catalogues of supplies, and I would be there at every intermission to assist my assistant in giving information to any seeker.

At the opening session and at every other one possible I would ask for one minute to call attention to the suitable material for the phase of work then under discussion.

One poster would have on it my name and address in large letters, with the offer of help in securing any information along missionary lines at any time during the year. (But being the "strictest of the strict," I would not sell any literature in the Church, even to oblige those who will not order it for themselves, some men of old sold doves in the temple to oblige those who came from a distance, and were rebuked.)

The Secretary of Literature is the "Bureau of Information" and should make herself worth while; and "advertising pays." She is not advertising herself, but her office.

Quincy, Fla.

Oh, Secretaries of Literature! if you should all follow Mrs. Love's splendid suggestions, our auxiliaries all over our Southland would buzz and hum with zeal for the work, the only work, His work.

## THE SECOND MILE.

Matthew 5:41: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." What must I do is the language of the first mile; what may I do, of the second. The first is narrow; the second an infinite ideal. The first is the letter; the second is the spirit. The first is justice; the second, grace. There is no end to the second mile. The first mile of duty is a good beginning; the second mile of self-sacrifice is gilded all the way. Faith is the first mile; works, the second, for faith must walk on two feet. John the Baptist was the preparatory mile; Jesus, the eternal journey. The strait gate is the first mile; the highway of holiness, the everlasting second mile. The Golden Rule is the first mile; the rule of Christ—"Love one another as I have loved you"—the second mile. The Pharisee went the first mile, measured it and stopped. The publican and prodigal went all the way. When a man compels you to go with him a mile and you willingly consent to go the two miles, he will come back with you. You have won him, and for yourself have changed duty into beauty, drudgery into delight.—Rev. Edwin Whittier Caswell.