

The Grey Review.

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EDITORIAL NOTE AND COMMENT.

"If Cornwall does its duty Mr. Laurier will receive his first black eye."—Mail and Empire of Saturday last. Cornwall did its duty and the other fellow has the discolored optic.

The London election trial disclosed some curious methods. Liberal voters were enticed into the Conservative club rooms, and while there plied with drink, and refused permission to get out till their power and privilege of voting was gone, being slugged and maltreated by their detainers as well.

At a meeting in Moose Creek, in the county of Cornwall and Stormont last week, Mr. Laurier addressed a large meeting of 1500 electors, speaking chiefly and convincingly on the School question. Mr. Bennett, Patron M. P. for the County spoke at the meeting and called upon his fellow patrons to cast their votes for the Liberal candidate. They must have done so to have part of the honor of the grand majority of 576.

At a meeting of the tariff Commissioners in Montreal, J. Leckie Wilson on behalf of the Patrons of Industry advocated the reduction of the duty on many articles affecting the farming industry, among other things he referred to a matter of injustice of which Dr. Landerkin, in the House and out of it, has spoken up: this is the rebate given to Distillers on corn imported for distilling purposes, while farmers who import it for feeding purposes get no rebate, moreover, with the distillery refuse the distiller feeds cattle and thus the farmer is twice injured. The farmer will, it is hoped, receive more consideration than he has been used to.

MY PART IN THE WORK.

A paper given by Mrs. John Cameron at the meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, held in Durham on Dec. 8th, 1896.

The subject of the few remarks which I have to address to you this afternoon was suggested to me and I have endeavored to gather together some thoughts bearing on the importance of "My Place or Part in the Work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and the necessity laid upon me of performing the duties which My Place demands me. Now, of course, the pronoun *my* is used here not in any individual sense, but as representative of every Christian woman, who certainly has a place to fill, whether she will accept it or not, and it is incumbent upon every one to find out what are the duties of her individual place. The importance of My Place will be seen when we look at the motto of our Society: "The World for Christ." Is it not a stupendous work? And call it for many and earnest workers. Christ when He left this earth gave the evangelizing of the world into the hands of His disciples. He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Now we know from Scripture that many women were included among the disciples of Jesus and some of them ladies of high rank in Society who followed Him and ministered to Him of their substance, therefore, the command was given to women as well as men and that they took their Part in the work of spreading the gospel, in the early days of Christianity we know from St. Paul's allusions to the women which labored with him in the gospel. But the work was frustrated by the Evil One and we are filled with amazement and sadness when we contemplate the centuries that have passed since the command was given and think of the millions of souls who have lived and died without hearing the good news of salvation. And as we do not say that the Missionary activity of the present day has been largely augmented by the disenfranchisement of women in this last half of the nineteenth century so that she has been enabled to take her part fully as a co-worker in the evangelizing of the world, and that we may be satisfied that this is in accordance with the mind and will of God we have only to look at the phenomenal success of the W. F. M. S. which has been accomplished not in our own strength but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Another reason why My Place is an important one is that the work to be done affects the eternal destiny of immortal souls and to be lukewarm in it arouses God's displeasure. Hear what He says in Isaiah: "Rise up ye women that are at ease, hear my voice ye careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. Many days and many years shall ye be troubled ye careless women. Tremble, ye women that are at ease, be troubled ye careless ones." And again in Amos the denunciation is uttered: "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion and indulge themselves in luxurious living and all kinds of enjoyments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph," which means for us, the indifference we show towards our needy and benighted heathen kindred, and we are found, Oh! men wherever they are found, Oh! men my sisters what a wonderful day we live in. How full of opportunities it is and necessity is laid upon me to improve the opportunities as God shall give me ability to do so, the chief thing is to have our hearts alone with love to Christ and our fellow beings, or as the late Mrs. General Booth termed it "to be red hot Saints." My Place demands of me to do all that I possibly can to advance the Missionary cause, but perhaps I am so circumstanced that I cannot attend the Auxiliary meetings, then I can be a scattered helper

and I would here put in an earnest plea for the extension of this class of workers they are most valuable helpers and perhaps the majority of our sisters must of necessity belong to them, but there may be some who cannot even comply with the three rules which constitute those a scattered helper, viz. to take the Letter Leaflet, to help the Society with their means and to pray for it. There are many loving and earnest hearts who can only comply with the last of these three rules, but let them be comforted when they remember that that one is the most important and effective of them all, if offered in faith. Prayer is the lever that moves the world and prayer is one of the chief duties in My Place, not simply petitions, but intense earnest pleadings which will show that our hearts are deeply anxious and long for that which we ask.

My Place or Part in the work requires that if I belong to an Auxiliary I shall show my interest in it by faithfully attending at the meetings unless a duty of paramount importance demands me to spend precious hours away from our meetings, that often objections are raised against missionary women, that in taking up this work they must of necessity neglect their household duties, and from hearing this and similar objections many other women are deterred from joining the ranks. But let us look at this a little more closely. I think if we do we shall find that the missionary women are in no way behind their other sisters in the attention which they give to their right-ful duties as wives and mothers. Is it not a fact that a great many women spend a considerable portion of their time in making and returning calls and attending five o'clock teas. Now, I do not wish to say anything against these functions but only this, that if these are considered sufficiently important to spend precious hours in doing, how much more important is God's call upon our time. But I would not like to be misunderstood in this connection.

I do not think it would be right, of any church worker to prosecute that work at the expense of another's suffering in consequence, as for instance, I have been told of a lady who, to do the work she thought the Lord had called her to, left her helpless little child at home under incompetent care and the poor little lamb who had been praying to God to send mamma home was driven to think that there was no God because his prayers were not answered.

I hope this story is not a true one for it is too painful to contemplate. We know, however, that there have been some instances in which the Master has called a mother to lay her heart's dearest affections on the altar of self-sacrifice and to leave her dear ones in His truly led to their hands, for example, Mrs. Elizabeth Fry and many missionary wives who have to be separated from their children.

There is one other point which I would bring to your attention briefly, which is, that Christ demands the sacrifice of our own ease and it seems to me that a great many Christians do not recognize that, for they will put themselves to a great deal of trouble and self-sacrifice for the earthly friends whom they love, and try to be as frequently as possible in their company, which is not right, of course, but they never deny themselves or put themselves to any trouble or inconvenience for the cause of Christ. Surely such Christians must be deceiving themselves for it is plainly laid down in Christ's teaching that we must not love any one or anything better than Him. May His spirit enable us to consecrate our selves wholly to His service then shall we take gladly our Place and Part in the work.

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AN EXPLANATION.

We gladly give place to the following letter, which gives a fine example of generous and professional sensibility on the part of Dr. Patterson.

Durham, Dec. 18th '96.

To Editor of Review, Durham Ont.

DEAR SIR, In the Review of this week, under the heading "Pricey, etc." I notice the following paragraph:

"Mrs. Joseph McDonald has been on the sick list for the last two weeks and is 'poorly improving' under the treatment of Dr. Patterson of Durham."

That is not entirely correct, as she is a patient of Dr. J. G. Hutton's of Priceville. I have seen her in consultation with Dr. Hutton, and found she was in the hands of an able physician, who was doing all that could be done for her. By inserting the above in your next issue you will "give honor where honor is due" and greatly oblige.

Yours Truly,

C. J. PATTERSON.

G. T. R. TIME TABLE.

	Leave	Arrive
Durham	7:20	7:55
Varsity	7:25	7:58
Holden	7:30	7:57
Mt. Forest	7:35	7:59

HE WASN'T IN IT.

They built a fine church at his very door:

He wasn't in it.

They brought him a scheme for relieving the poor:

He wasn't in it.

Let them work for themselves as he had done:

They wouldn't ask help of any one, if they hadn't wasted each golden minute:

He wasn't in it.

A carriage swept down the street one day:

He was in it.

The funeral trappings made a display:

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