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"The figures are sufficient to show that the treasury is strong enough to meet any further loss arising by reason of the low Nile."

Referring to the use of American locomotiyes in Egypt Lord Cromer says:

"They have done well, but as they differ in many respects from our standard types the men required some time to learn their peculiarities, and may not have been able to get their best results. The action of the board in ordering locomotiyes and wagons from America has been criticised. It is simply due to the fact that the American firms, while not in a position to offer more favorable terms than others on our designs, almost invariably offer us engines or wagons built on standard designs of their own at lower prices and in less time. The English and other Europeans content themselves with tendering on our designs, not being, as a rule, in the habit of manufacturing to standard designs of their own. We prefer adhering to our standards, but in cases where time and cost are of great importance such an offer from America cannot be passed by."

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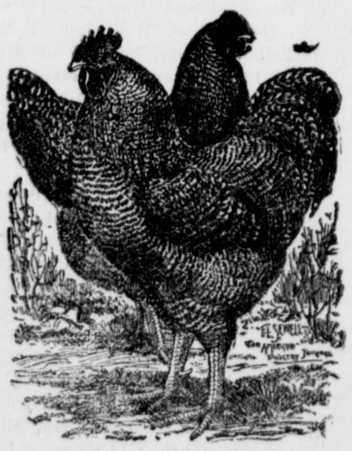

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THE BABIES' BRANCH.

Address Delivered by Mrs. A. L. Malster, President of the Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, at the Annual Meeting in Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, last week.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—This month marks the closing of the third year of the existence of the "babies' branch" in the Easton Diocese, and when sometime ago, our president, Mrs. Physick, wrote me—"I hope you will come to the May meeting prepared to say something of your work," I felt that it would be a great pleasure and delight to be with you again, and to tell you of the progress of this branch of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. For, progress we have made, although it has not *all* been smooth sailing in sunny waters. We have had our failures as well as our successes, but never have we been without our hopes, and while we have sometimes gathered only leaves, we have not been denied the rich ripe fruit.

I have written many letters which have elicited no response or at the most indifference—yet, there have been a most encouraging number of names added to our branch throughout the diocese, and in some parishes the membership is exceptionally large. The parish heads or secretaries are all earnest and faithful, writing me from time to time reports that are helpful and enthusiastic, for which I desire to thank them all most heartily.

We yet have a number of parishes which have no branches, and I should be so glad if, during this meeting we might engage the interest of representatives of those which have not. In your zeal for the advancement of the Woman's and the Junior's Auxilary *do not* overlook our work, even though it be the primary branch—the *small* department of auxiliary work.

"Nothing is lost; the tiniest seed,
By wild birds borne, or breezes blown,
Finds *something* suited to its need,
Wher'er 'tis sown and blown."

And surely the tiny seed has found "something suited" in our work. In the eight years it has increased from the one little member and organizer, to nearly if not quite 7000. Think of it, seven thousand children under the name of "Little Helpers" sending their pennies and their prayers to the furtherance of the work of the Master. Mothers *do you* not feel the need of enrolling the names of your little ones in this band? Some one has said "Give me the first seven years of a child's life, and I care not who has the rest."

I fear too many of us underrate the importance of the influences surrounding children while very young—we are apt to think and say, "after a while when they are older, this and the other will be necessary, they are too young yet," but my dear friends, one of our missionaries writes that a mother was brought into the church after many years estrangement, through the influence of a "Little Helper."

"Twas only a child, yet, that was all,
A little child, so tiny and small,
And yet, O Christ, through him I see
The way and life that leads to Thee,"

I am sure you all know the origin of the Babies' Branch, how in January 1891, it was started by Gaylord Part Mitchell, in Rochester, N. Y. And doubtless you are all familiar with its purpose and ideal.

To teach all baptized children from their baptism the following principles:

First: Meaning of church membership.

Every child by baptism becomes a member of the Missionary Society, and the Missionary Society is *The Church.*

Second: Systematic giving.

The first day of the week is the time to lay apart for the Lord, as the apostles did. By dropping a penny in the mite box every Sunday, this habit is formed in the child's life.

Third: Intercessory prayer.

The little helper must pray for the missionaries as well as give to their work. We may plant and water but it is God who giveth the increase.

Fourth: The missionary spirit.

This cannot be a parish Society. It is to teach something broader. The child is a member, *not* of a Parish but of the whole body of Christ. "The Holy Church Universal."

Fifth: Therefore the offering is to be divided between Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan work.

Sixth: The Communion of Saints.

Should God call the little ones to Paradise, they have *not* ceased to be members of "The Church," so neither need their work cease. Those that love them can still say their prayer for the missionaries, and keep their little boxes filled as a memorial of them.

The work in no wise conflicts with the Woman's or Junior Branches, and it is astonishing how the pennies count. The last returns given from statistics which did not include the dioceses of Ohio, Easton, Pittsburg, West Virginia and the missionary jurisdiction of Alaska, amounted in a total offering of $7,051 97. But the most important feature of it all is the educating of young minds, leading them naturally and gradually into a line of thought and habit which will influence the whole of their after life.

Certainly the work should find a response in every heart, and willing hands should be eager in its furtherence.

Phillips Brooks said: "He who keeps a child, keeps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures, in any other stage of their human life can possibly give again."

Is not that thought an incentive to effort? We all want to do what we can for the helping, the uplifting of the whole human race; if we can best do it in this wise, *why* withhold our hand when the opportunity presents itself?

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