

W. C. E. U.
MONTREAL.

The Rectory
Chicoutimi Canton
S. J.
Aug 15th.

Dear Dr. Dawson

Will you kindly glance
over the enclosed circular
I am not going to trouble
you about it at present
but some day when you
are more at leisure I
should like to have a
little talk about it with
reference to some of the
public schools. but at present

Some future time. The letter is pretty well written.

I only send you this circular
because I am anxious they
should in an unofficial way
come before some of the lady
members of the Scientific
Association & I did not
like to do so without letting
you its President see it first.
We shall commence in
September to send out
monthly letters to the schools
which are for the most part
written in the old country
by able Christian women
United blessing prayer for
God's Spirit in girl's schools

is the basis of the Association
& the development of all the
intellectual powers for the
Master's Service God's hand
is in the movement very
evidently. We have but
just begun. & our members
are few - but Mr. Day, Mr.
Baldwin in Montreal have
joined our ranks with others
& we look for blessing.

I believe a similar movement
will be commenced in the
States in Ottawa also. There is
a Subsidiary Branch -

I will not trouble you

with more on the subject at present. I have felt so much for you with so much on your mind and have asked the Lord to bear the burden for you & bring great glory to himself from this meeting.

I have never had the pleasure of being introduced to you but each time I meet you I think I shall speak -

May God most richly bless your noble work in His great Cause and give you many signs of refreshing from His own presence in your arduous labors. Yours in His Service

P.S. The Monthly Letter is the only paper we use at present - I will send a report at

Some future time she attended the literary society

Christian Women's Education Union.

(In connection with Christian Women's Union,)

OR,

LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL, OF THE YOUNG WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

OBJECTS.

To draw attention to the difficulty that exists in procuring for girls intellectual cultivation of the highest order, combined with religious teaching, and to the absence of Colleges where they can be trained under Christian influence.

To discuss in every way the best method of combining religious training with educational progress, and to promote the formation of plans for bringing about this result.

To bring into communication and co-operation all persons interested in this matter; to hold meetings, organize correspondence and publications for the circulation of information in connection with it.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

That the Members be interested, directly or indirectly, in Christian education among girls of the upper classes.

Member's payment, 50% per annum.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Please propose my name as a Member of the Christian Women's Education Union.

(Please state whether Mrs. or Miss.)

DOCTRINAL BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Divine inspiration of Scripture.

The doctrine of the Trinity; including the Atonement, and perfect work of Christ.

Justification by Faith.

The work of the Holy Spirit, in converting and sanctifying.

PRESIDENT.

Miss E. J. WHATELY.

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Miss CAROLINE G. CAVENDISH,

3, Otway Terrace, South Lambeth Road, & Addlestone, Weybridge.

The operations of the Society are now carried on in four distinct Branches:—

1.—THE SCHOOLS' BRANCH.

The aim of this Branch is to manifest sympathy with those who have the important and responsible work of training young ladies in our Boarding Schools, and to help and encourage such without in any way interfering with them.

This it endeavours to do—

Firstly.—By inviting Principals of Schools to receive monthly letters written by Members of the Association. These are addressed to the girls, and, when accepted, become the property of the School. They deal with subjects connected with their religious, mental, and physical welfare.

Secondly.—In places where there is a Local Secretary, heads of Schools are invited to a drawing-room meeting, at which the objects of the Union are explained and discussed, and out of which many plans arise for the welfare of the pupils. One of these is—

Thirdly.—A Principals' Prayer Union for those who feel this a help and privilege. Another is—

Fourthly.—A bringing together of several Schools for a Bible reading or Address.

Nearly 200 Schools are now in one way or another attached to the Union, and we feel satisfied from the response we have met with, that if the work were more generally known, this would result in the adhesion of a very great number of Schools.

To this end, the help of ladies as Local Secretaries in localities where there are many Schools is greatly needed and earnestly requested.

Principals of Schools desiring to receive letters or further information, are requested to communicate with their Local Secretary, or, in places where there are none, with

MISS CAVENDISH,

3, Otway Terrace, South Lambeth.

LOCAL SECRETARIES AND REFEREES.

Blackheath—Mrs. MAXWELL, 1, Lee Road, Lee.

Hampstead—Miss MAYOR, 8, Gayton Crescent.

Finchley—Mrs. ROBERTS, Essex House, Ballards Lane.

West London—Miss GILBY, 29, Lansdowne Road, Notting Hill.

Miss M. HENDERSON, 20, Gloucester Crescent,
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Highbury—Mrs. CASSON, 77, Highbury Hill.

Stoke Newington—

Bath—

Brighton—

Clifton—Miss P. BERNARD, 5, Kensington Place.

Miss S. HEYWOOD, 12, Caledonia Place.

Cheltenham—

Gloucester—Mrs. ANDREW JACKSON, Hucclecote Vicarage.

Liverpool—Miss M. CALDER, 49, Canning Street.

Weston-super-Mare—Mrs. CURRIE, King's Cliffe.

York—Miss MARY KIRBY, 17, Bootham.

Certain Scattered Schools—Mrs. SANDFORD, Edlaston Rectory,
Ashbourne.

Members of the Schools' Branch pay 1s. per annum, for postage of letters, &c. Foreign Members, 2s. 6d.

2.—THE STUDENTS' BRANCH.

This Branch assists girls who have left School in carrying on their studies at home. It has made rapid progress during the last few months, and now numbers over 300 Members.

These are arranged in about 30 classes, each presided over by a lady who directs the studies by correspondence.

The Secretary of this Branch is Miss PETRIE, Hanover Lodge, Kensington Park, to whom all communications should be addressed.

3.—THE GRADUATE BRANCH.

Its Members are for the most part certificated students of Girton, and are at present chiefly though not exclusively occupied in active service as Assistant Mistresses in Schools. The other Members are Medical Officers.

Several of them assist the work of the Union by conducting the classes attached to the Students' Branch.

This Branch is also making efforts towards the establishment of a College that shall have all the literary advantages of existing ones, whilst it is conducted on distinctively Christian principles.

Secretary of this Branch—

Miss CONSTANCE MAYNARD, Oakfield, Hawkhurst, Kent.

Last, not least, is—

4.—THE BIBLE STUDENTS' BRANCH.

This is intended for a limited number of ladies, and is conducted in the same manner as the Students' Branch—for *critical Bible study chiefly*.

The object is to assist those who are themselves engaged in one way or another in teaching the Scriptures to others.

Secretary—Mrs. C. H. WALLER,

16, South Hill Park Gardens, Hampstead Heath.

Another interesting Branch is about to be started for girls at School, called "The Christian Schoolgirls' Prayer Union," by which girls in different Schools may become linked in their special needs with one another at the throne of grace.

Secretary—Miss K. H. N. SMITH,

1, Athol Terrace, Ashton, Preston.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BRANCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S EDUCATION UNION.

The Scotch Branch—President, Mrs. GORDON, Park Hill, Aberdeen.

Continental Branch—Secretary, Miss MAYOR,

38, Via degli Artisti, Rome.

Canadian Branch—Secretary, Miss RENAND,

698 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal.

Indian Branch—Secretary,

69 McGill College Avenue

Persons desiring to become connected with any *special Branch* of the Union, are requested to communicate with the Secretary of that Branch.

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Christian Women's Education Union,

(CANADA BRANCH).

Sept. NINE, 1882.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:

Will you let me talk with you for a little while about "Open Doors." I have chosen this subject because I think there is something attractive in it. A door opened before you suggests friendliness and welcome, and it awakens hope and expectation, and it stirs pleasantly your curiosity and your sense of mystery. You do not quite know what you will see when you enter, and you are very anxious to find out. You have read of the Church of Philadelphia to which our Lord wrote, "Behold I have set before thee an open door," (Rev. 3: 8) and no doubt you think that church greatly honoured and highly privileged. Yet, these words are so true of each one of you, dear girls, that you may take them, as if they were spoken directly to you. Only you have not *one* but many open doors before you. Every opportunity, every invitation to enter a path of knowledge, enjoyment, influence, usefulness, is an open door. It would be well if each of you would pause, and try to reckon up the doors before her. I cannot do it, because if I tried, this short letter would turn into a book, and also because quite the same doors are not open before any two of us. But, I will name a few as instances; many of you are now eagerly entering the door that leads into the "Palace of Music," so others a foreign language, French or German, is a door by which you are finding and will yet find it well worth your while to enter. And some of you see the gates of the grand and beautiful gardens of Art, Literature and Poetry, opening wide before you, and know you may

go in and gather fruits and flowers, and spend all the leisure hours of your life exploring them. Some doors you like to enter by, others do not look attractive, and if left to yourselves you would never pass through them, though by and by you will be very thankful you have been induced to do it and will find the toil and trouble you once thought so irksome, fully rewarded.

Now, who has opened these doors before you? Our parents and teachers, you will say, and say rightly enough. But who gave them the power to do it? Who saw fit to make you happy, privileged, well taught English girls, instead of, for example, young Hindoo ladies shut up in the stifling atmosphere of a Zenana, and knowing no interest, or pleasure, beyond counting up and admiring her jewels. Be sure dear young friends that no door is opened before you, without the Hand that set the open door before the Church of Philadelphia. "I even I, the Saviour, the Lord of Life and Death, have set before thee an open door."

There are other doors too. If those around us, (our friends, school-fellows, brothers and sisters,) love us, care for what we say, if we have any influence over them, and can help them to do what is right; this also is an open door, and one for which to be very thankful. Still better there are doors of Privileges, "Means of Grace," Churches, Ordinances, Bible Classes, teaching of many kinds. Best of all,—for the doors of Privilege are little good, unless they lead us to this one, and we cannot enter the doors of usefulness to much purpose, until after we have found it,—is the Door of Life—the door into the Kingdom of Heaven. You know where that door is, dear young friends, you have been told how to enter in. But do not think of it as a closed door, at which you may stand and knock, perhaps, in vain. It is open wide before you by the hand of Christ Himself, that Hand pierced for you. It is well to have the door of a friend's house opened to us, but what we like best is for the friend to open it himself, and to lead us in. Which of us can doubt her welcome? But some one will say, I have heard all this before, but I do not think I understand it; I fear I have never passed through that door, and I do not *know* how. May not this be, because there is *another* door which has not yet been opened? Read Rev. iii. : 20, and you will see what that door is. Here the picture is changed; here the kind, loving,

mighty Hand that has opened the other doors, knocked at a closed door and not once or twice, the Saviour says "I stand and knock" as one who is kept long waiting, yet does not go away.—

"Behold a stranger at the door
He gently knocks, has knocked before—
He waited long, is waiting still,
You use no other Friend so ill."

It is at the door of your heart Christ is knocking, it is there He wants to enter, He wants you to let Him save you, He wants you to trust Him, to believe in His love for you, to give yourself up to Him. This is opening the door, and letting Him in. Perhaps some one says with a sigh, Oh! I would like to do it, but I cannot. Then ask Him—Himself to open the door of your heart. I once heard an anecdote of a poor woman who lived alone, and was missed for some days from her accustomed haunts, a kind friend thinking she must be ill, went to the little room, where she lodged, bringing with her some nourishing food and other comforts—she knocked at the door,—no answer,—again and again she knocked, and at last a voice, very low, and feeble, was heard to say "I am too weak to open the door, open it for yourself, and come in." At least you can say, like this poor sick woman, "Lord open the door of my heart, for Thyself and come in" or as St. Augustine prayed long ago, "Lord take my heart, for I cannot give it thee, keep it for I cannot keep it for thee." But some of you, there are many I hope, who already know the joy of receiving Christ into your hearts.—Then see what He promised. "I will come in to Him and will sup with him and he with me"(see also John xiv : 21-23.) you do not know what all this means! I cannot tell you, for I do not know myself: It will take all Eternity to find out how happy Christ will make those who love Him and with whom He dwells; if you have admitted Christ into your hearts, you may, nay, you ought to see Him standing at every door opened before you, inviting you to come in; how diligently, how thankfully, how hopefully this thought would make you use every opportunity given you—you would try to grow wise, thoughtful, well informed, accomplished, because you would see in every gain of power or of knowledge Christ's gifts to you, and a gift which you could use in his service. In the days of American slavery, a clever intelligent servant was sometimes heard to say with pride. "I'm worth more than a thousand dollars to Master." It was

not right or just for a man thus to belong to his fellow man, but it is both right and just and infinitely happy for us to belong to Christ, who has bought us with His blood. St. Paul calls himself the slave or bond-servant of Christ. See Rom. i. : 1. [Revised version ; marg.] Shall we not use and rejoice in everything that helps to make us profitable servants to Him. ? and shall we not use every opportunity He gives us to help and serve others for His sake ? Let us seek to have Him with us not only in doing ; but in enjoying everything that is beautiful, pleasant or good that comes to us in His gift, to be taken from His hand. We are children as well as servants happy children to enjoy His love, and to rest in His care, while we are doing His work. I know a beautiful evening Hymn of Prayer in three verses which puts this very simply ; here it is—

“ Lord a happy child of Thine
 Patient in the love of Thee ;
 In the light of life Divine
 Lives and wakes at liberty.

Leaning on thy tender care
 Thou hast led my soul aright
 Fervent was my morning prayer
 Thankful is my soul to night.

Tender Shepherd, Guardian true,
 All my life is Thine to keep,
 At Thy feet my work I do,
 In Thy arms I fall asleep.”

That you dear young friends may early come to say this from the very depths of your hearts, is the earnest wish and prayer of

Your sincere friend,

D. ALCOCK.