

now, after so short a time, there are more than 2000 in the churches, of whom 1550 have been gathered by the United Presbyterians. The toilers now number 17.

--A convert in the Shansi mission expressed it well when he was asked how the Lord had changed his heart. He said: "I cannot tell how it was done, but I know that my heart is exceedingly not the same."

--The first insane asylum ever erected in the Chinese Empire is now being projected by Dr. E. P. Thwing, who, with his wife and daughter, has gone to China at his own expense, to complete the arrangements at Canton.

--Are Chinese converts sincere and in earnest? It looks so. For Miss Grace Wyckoff, of Pang-chuang, gives an account of a hot Sunday afternoon in July last when she was greatly surprised to see 4 women come into the yard from a village 10 miles away. Three of them were over sixty years of age, and their faces were red with heat, and they were very weary. They came simply for a Christian service. At the same meeting 16 other women were present from villages at least 6 miles distant, and a goodly number from nearer points.

--With such teaching as this from the "divine" classics of Confucius, we can understand why Chinese women are in a condition so abject. The authority is Dr. Faber, an eminent scholar, and the statement appeared in the *Chinese Missionary Recorder*. Quoth the ancient sage: "Women are as different from men as earth is from heaven. Dualism, not only in bodily form, but in the very essence of nature, is indicated and proclaimed by the Chinese moralists of all times, and the male belongs to 'yang,' the female to 'yin.' Death and all other evils have their origin in the 'yin,' or female principle; life and prosperity come from its subjection to the 'yang,' or male principle, and it is therefore regarded as a law of nature that women should be kept under the control of men, and not allowed any

will of their own. Women, indeed, are human beings, but they are of a lower state than men, and never can attain to full equality with them. The aim of female education, therefore, is perfect submission, not cultivation and development of mind. In the other world the condition of affairs is exactly the same, for the same laws govern there as here."

Japan.--The Universalists report encouraging progress in their mission in Japan. Three men and 1 woman are at work, together with 2 Japanese converts just ordained. In the Tokio theological school 6 students are found.

--A year ago Dr. Gordon received into one of the mission churches of Japan a woman who had kept a house of prostitution. Immediately on her conversion she set free all the girls she had bought, and since has been useful in leading other notorious sinners to the Saviour.

India.--The evils and follies of fashion are not all confined to civilized lands. It is in the heathen village of Scuite, Burmah, that the women wear from 30 to 40 pounds of brass wire about neck and limbs for ornament; and so attached to them are they, it is counted a sign of sound conversion when a Karen woman is willing to dispense with the load of metal.

--The *Asiatic Quarterly Review* is not much in sympathy with missionaries. It is all the more remarkable that the editor should speak of them as "an unrivalled disintegrating force," "true alchemists, possessors of the philosopher's stone." He asks: "Is this *magnum opus*, on which the teaching of several hundred sects converges, a small matter? Is it naught to take the base metal, the outward civilization, the pomp and riches from the heathen, and to convert this dross for his benefit into blessing everlasting?"

--A fine old Sikh said lately to a missionary: "Sahib, these neighbors of ours, since they became *Isais* (Christians), have given up lying and thieving, and seem to be altogether changed."