

LORD LAWRENCE says:—"Christianity, wherever it has gone, and nowhere more so than in India, has promoted the dignity of woman, the sanctity of marriage, and the brotherhood of man. Where it has not actually converted, it has checked and controlled; where it has not renewed, it has refined; and where it has not sanctified, it has softened and subdued."

I HAVE read somewhere the legend of one who, day-dreaming in his chair, beheld a vision, which stood before him and beckoned him to follow her to fortune. He waited sluggishly, heeded not her call nor her beckoning, until at last she grew dim and disappeared. Just as the vision faded he sprang to his feet and cried out, "Tell me who thou art!" and received the answer, "I am Opportunity; once neglected, I never return."

WHO are the most liberal people in the United States? Without stopping to think much about it, we answer at a venture: the Japanese Methodists of San Francisco. They gave over \$400 for missions, and now have contributed \$1,000 toward fitting up the building we have rented in which to hold services. Well done! When we get enough of these Orientals converted to God to make an army we will find it a conquering host.

THERE is a girls' school carried on in Bombay by a native Christian woman. This lady, with her husband, recently visited the court of the Guikwar of Baroda, and met a hearty reception in the Prince's zenana. His Highness had several interviews with the Christians himself, and was delighted with their conversation. Before they left the State his Highness gave Mrs. Kanaren four thousand rupees, or about two thousand dollars, for her school.

"I WONDER if the people in America know what a sad hindrance to our work the drinking habits of Christian nations are. The fact that drinking is common in Christian countries is well known in all heathen lands; for are not their hands filled with books in which reference is constantly made to the commonness of drunkenness? The Hindus are afraid of English customs, fearing their sons will learn them and become drunkards—*Letter from Miss Leitch, of Ceylon, in Life and Light.*

IN 1861 the first modern Woman's Missionary Society was organized, and was undenominational in character. It was to the Woman's Union Missionary Society in New York. This was followed in 1868 by the organization of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Congregational Church. From that time to 1880, nineteen woman's missionary societies were organized, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Disciples, Dutch Reformed, United Brethren, Methodist Protestant, Lutheran, and our own denominations.

Missionary Readings.

EASTWARD, HO!

O LAND of the sunrise, and uttermost isles,
Where morning in Asia earliest smiles;
The eldest of countries, the greatest, the last;
Enchanted, enchained as the slave of the past;

Where idols, dumb idols, are worshipped alone
In temples of error, and Christ is unknown;
I mourn for thy millions, all, all but ignored,
Still living and dying afar from the Lord.

O children of light in the isles of the West,
With the knowledge of Jesus, distinguished and
blessed,
To whom the dear record of life has been given
To bear it to all that are found beneath heaven.

Up, up with the sail! To the eastward away!
No languor, no lingering, no selfish delay;
Haste, haste to the rescue, swift traverse the seas;
Give, give ye the words of salvation to these!

They wait for the message, neglected they wait—
Shall it come? But for millions, alas! 'tis too late;
They droop, they despair, they descend to the grave,
They perish, though Jesus is mighty to save.

They perish—they perish! their blood at thy hands
O preacher, O Christian, the Saviour demands;
For yet at His coming, for soon at His seat
The neglecter of souls the neglected shall meet.

But their children are yonder! Hark! hear you
their cry?

Come over and help us, come soon or we die!

'Tis you they are calling—'tis you and 'tis me;

Let us go to them, brother—their brothers are we!

O land of the Bible and sweet Sabbath bell,
O land of our fathers, we bid thee farewell;
To follow the Saviour, and publish His word
To the heathen who never of Jesus have heard.

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A CHOICE PASTORAL.

THE following extract from a Bishop's pastoral letter, in Northern Italy, is interesting as showing the motives likely to influence the masses to cling to the Papacy:—

"Nor, O beloved, does the impious work of these disturbers stop here. It aims at substituting their own absurd and infamous system for the holy and glorious doctrine of Jesus Christ; it aims at uprooting from our beautiful land the Catholic faith, and planting there instead the lurid religion of the Protestants. And so away with the confessional, away with the saints, away with the Madonna, away with relics, away with crucifix, away with the Host, away with Jesus in the Sacrament; no more mass, no more communion, no more suffrages for our poor departed, no more benedictions, no more festivals, no more ceremonies, no confirmation, no viaticum, no