

in disregard of the opinions then prevalent among persons of the social rank of her family, and against the wishes of friends, devoted herself to missionary work. She went to the Lovedale Institution in South Africa, and conducted the girls' department with great success. Desiring to be a physician, she returned home, and passed the preliminary examinations. Scottish universities were then closed against lady physicians, but in London she received her degree, and went to Brussels, and passed "*avec grande distinction*." She immediately offered herself to the Livingstonia Mission, and did medical and educational work on the shores of Lake Nyassa. Her health giving out, she returned to Lovedale and engaged in private medical practice, but her work so increased she removed to a wider field in Cape Town.

—The *Cape Town News* of Sept. 14, reporting the ceremonial of conferring degrees by the University, the Vice-Chancellor presiding, said: "Dr. Jane E. Waterston, Doctor of Medicine in the University of Brussels, allow me to say that your long services to the cause of education, especially in the education of native girls at Lovedale, in connection with my department, and your services as medical officer of the Free Church Mission at Lake Nyassa, have fully entitled you to any privilege this University can bestow." While Miss Waterston is devoted to her practice, yet she has never lost her interest in the missionary work.

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China.—The readers of the REVIEW will be interested in knowing of the General Missionary Conference which is to be held in Shanghai, China, in May, 1890. The sessions of the conference commence on the 7th of May, and continue for ten successive days. All friends of missions should bear this meeting of the Christian workers in this large empire in mind, and make it a subject of special prayer, that the Spirit of the Lord may

rest upon the assembly and guide and bless all their deliberations.

There has been no previous time in the history of missions in China when such a conference could be held so opportunely. There is a wide and general preparedness for conference on great and important interests connected with the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom among this people. There is a large amount of experience in the methods and plans and purposes of mission work which should be presented for consideration and tabulated and utilized. The preparation of papers in which the review of the work already done will be presented, and the survey of the work yet to be performed will be sketched, is committed to a large number of capable hands, and will be efficiently done.

The programme of subjects, as will be seen from the following summary of them, covers the whole field of Christian work in all its departments and ramifications. The first day will be occupied with the sermon and the organization of the conference. The second day will be given to the *Bible work* as connected with the perfecting the translations of the Scriptures, and their sale and circulation. On the third day will be considered the qualifications and preparations of missionaries and the methods and means of reaching the people. The fourth day will be given to the consideration of women's work in its several methods of schools, visitation from house to house, and the training of Bible women. On the fifth day the conference will consider the plans and results of medical missionary work, and of institutions for the blind, deaf and dumb, and of refuges for the opium victims. On the sixth, the method of instructing inquirers; fellowship and methods of discipline of members; cultivating piety and aggressive work on the part of native Christians; self-support of churches and voluntary efforts for the salvation of their fellow men. The seventh day will be given