

forefathers were somewhere on a par with our North American Indians of to-day. Can we not all understand how hard it must be for the Chinese to reconcile the two-fold action of England, the opium on one hand, the Missionaries on the other. But by God's mercy the good work, nevertheless, gains ground. In 1843, there were only six Missionaries to China, now it is almost impossible to number them. The great need in China is Women Missionaries to work among the women, women are so looked down on in China, a woman is nothing, she is scorned and ill-treated. The girl-babies are simply *killed*. A *convert* was once heard to say "I am going to strangle my little girl," and in answer to remonstrances and entreaties, replied, "I did not know it was wrong—oh no, I will not do it now." Her child's name was "nobody wants you,"—I only kept her because I had not any other." Of the barbarous custom of binding the feet, Mr. Phillips said that it is done because it is an old custom, an all-sufficient reason in China, it is supposed to have originated in the cruel behest of a lame empress, jealous of her more fortunate sisters. The Christian converts do not bind the feet, but it is difficult to undo them when it has once been done. Though a most untruthful people, the Chinese are strong believers in contracts, and as their children are betrothed under contracts which stipulate the size of the feet, it means to a convert who gives in on that point, ridicule, risk, and loss of money. An old woman of 75 unbound her feet for example's sake, despite the pain caused by losing the support of the bandages. Instruction is given to the women by means of "station-classes," to which they come for three months, and then returning home teach others. The difficulties are many, they are very ignorant and find it hard to commit what they are taught to memory. The absence of good roads in the country is another hinderance to the carrying on of the work. In a population of 17,000,000, China has only 40,000 Christians; but still the Kingdom of the Lord springs up we know not how."

AUXILIARY NOTES.

The Diocesan Dorcas Secretary, Miss Gower, writes, "I am enclosing you a copy of Miss Halson's (the Provincial Dorcas Secretary) paper on Dorcas work. *We are sending copies to all the Branches, I hope they will be carefully studied, and conscientiously acted upon.*" Dear Presidents of the Huron Diocesan Branch of the W. A., will you not all see to it that Miss Halson's most clear and concise paper is read and fully discussed at our meetings would it not be a good plan to read it in full at our *business meetings*, and then read and discuss the various matters touched upon at our *sewing meetings*, where there sometimes seems to be rather a lack of suitable subjects of conversation, thus affording a loop-hole for the admission of subjects not very suitable for a missionary sewing meeting. Miss Halson's kindly