

less paralytic, unable to lift her arm and scarcely able to step. Even in such a case the husband must keep her as his first wife, always. She is usually a year or two older than he and often has no children and no health. He cares very little for her and soon sees a pretty woman of the working class and brings her home as his second wife. There is no marriage and he can put her away whenever he pleases.

A rich man often builds a house for each of his three wives in different parts of the city and spends a part of his time at each home. But the fate of this second and third wife is so uncertain that my old woman said she would much rather have her daughter marry the poorest coolie that ever lived, than to be the second wife of the richest Korean. If you take a look at the best offices in the Korean Government and see how many are filled with "Mins," and remember that the queen is from the Min family, it will give you a little idea of the influence a first wife sometimes has in Korea.—*Harriett G. Gale, in Woman's Work for Woman.*

On Furlough.

At the regular meeting, Tuesday, 28th June, the Board had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Marion Oliver, who has returned from Indore, Central India, on furlough. Dr. Oliver was materially benefited by the homeward voyage, and is enjoying a fair measure of health. The Foreign Mission Committee, in meeting with Miss Oliver at the General Assembly, strongly insisted that she should not attempt any work, in the direction of visiting Societies or giving addresses at meetings before the end of September, and not then unless quite equal to the strain. The Board heartily concurs in this wise arrangement, and for the purpose of saving the strength of your missionary as much as possible, has decided to make al