

or speak of it. Tens of thousands of the better classes would be grateful for a law that would tend to destroy the evil. A native writer in a recent article declares that the only determined objection to legislation with regard to this matter would come from the Brahmans, who now reap large harvests from the marriage customs of the people.

"There are twenty-one millions of widows in India, and half of them were never wives. Some of these widows have said to me, 'Your Government stopped our burning ourselves with the bodies of our husbands, and we are now left without a remedy.' Is it any wonder that many of them take their lives in despair, and that a still larger number seek refuge from a life of suffering in a life of sin?"

"We are blessed with a Viceroy who fears God and seeks to do justice to man. Will he close his ear to your appeal on behalf of woman? To save the millions of India's daughters from the cruelties of child-marriage, and from what child-widowhood means here, will add more lustre to his rule than any system of local self-government or mass-education can shed upon it. How can men govern themselves who have not yet given freedom to their women? I appeal to this great Conference to resolve to do something to attempt the removal of one of the greatest wrongs that woman has suffered at the hands of man. Quit you like men. I plead on behalf of twenty millions of helpless widows, and of millions of suffering wives and children, and in His name who said, 'Woman, why weepest thou?'"

The *Indian Evangelical Review*, published in Calcutta, speaking of the addresses of the lady missionaries, in an article reviewing the proceedings of the Conference, says:

"It would be invidious to make any distinctions where all deserved such high praise, but as Mrs. Etherington touched most emphatically some burning questions, her eloquent appeal excited the most general interest, and called forth most comment outside the missionary circle. Also, though not the origin, her speech was yet the occasion of one of the most practical results of the Conference, and led to definite and united steps in reference to child-marriage. A memorial is in process of circulation, and an executive committee appointed, of which one object is to form a general association to advocate the abolition of child-marriage."

The Women's Missionary Societies in England and Scotland have already taken up the work, and are sending in memorials to Her Majesty, praying her to do what she can to abolish this great evil. In the United States the women of the different denominations are also moving in the matter. A memorial is in course of preparation for the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. And, as will be seen by the report of the meeting of the "Brant Associational Society," the Baptist women of Ontario are not one whit behind in their desire to see the poor little girls of India delivered from the slavery of this cruel custom.

It is expected that at the next meeting of the Ontario Central Board, to be held on Friday, July 13th, a form of memorial will be ready to submit for approval. If adopted, the necessary steps will be at once taken for its signature and presentation to the Empress of India.

Grumblers never work, and workers never grumble.—
Dr. Williams

If sin was better known, Christ would be better thought of.—*Mason*

The One Great Missionary Society.

This is the universal Church of Christ—an aggregation of all the churches by whatsoever name they are called. She was constituted one great missionary society by the parting commission of her Divine Founder when he bade His followers "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Just so far as the Church of Christ is imbued with the missionary spirit is she true to the commands of her Divine Master, and just in that same degree is she prosperous. When she ceases to be a missionary church she will cease to make any impression upon the world, and will be to all intents and purposes a dead church. Every Christian is called to cultivate a missionary spirit just as much as the missionary who leaves home and all the surroundings of Christianity and civilization for the work in a heathen field. It is not necessary that we should all become ministers and preachers of the Gospel in order that we may become missionaries. We can do it, still continuing to occupy all the variety of stations which God in his providence has allotted us. All who love God, all who love their fellowmen, all who have the faith at heart, and all who have their Lord's honor at heart, may be truly missionaries within the limits that His providential work makes possible, though he may never have looked upon the face of a heathen in his life; just as every serious and earnest Christian bears within his heart the spirit of the martyrs, though he may never be called upon to witness his faith with his blood. If we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, if we are happy ourselves in having found forgiveness of sins and joy in the Holy Ghost through the atonement of Christ, we shall have an overmastering impulse to spread the knowledge of this wonderful love of Jesus Christ as broadcast as we can. We shall desire that everybody else shall share the priceless blessing with us. We shall promote missionary enterprise everywhere. We shall bear up with our prayers and means the hands of those who have gone with the Gospel where in the providence of God we are not permitted to go. This missionary spirit is one of the greatest gifts of God to His Church. It makes the Churches practically one: for this one spirit brings all Christians into real oneness, however they may be otherwise separated by denominational partitions. Let every man and woman then, who really knows and loves the Lord Jesus Christ, cultivate the missionary spirit, that they may thereby be the more perfectly conformed to the spirit of that church which Christ came from heaven to earth and gave his life to found.—*Christian at Work.*

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THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

1. GIRL'S SCHOOL.—This school is larger in numbers than it has been at any time since it started. There are twenty-seven girls in the girls' quarters, and some others who are helped living with families in the compound. The girls are very much better than they were a year ago. It is nice to see and feel that they have grown in grace and Christian ways. Nearly all the girls are Christians; three of them are now candidates for baptism, perhaps two of them will be baptized next Sabbath.