

work he has helped to build up, and into which he has thrown all his energy and strength. . . . We have had to beg for fuel for our schoolroom, as the snow has come and our scholars feel the cold. The Bishop is still very ill, and sees no one. We are trying to keep the mission up till he is able to do so, and we know his wishes. I feel very much inclined to go back to China, and build a church in my own village. I must do what little I can while I live for Jesus, and, if it is God's will that I am to leave this work, I shall still continue to preach the Gospel to the Chinese wherever I may go. As you say, 'we may never meet on earth,' but we shall all gather round our Father's throne, and I trust to each of us may be spoken those blessed words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' God bless you, dear lady, and believe me to remain,

"Your fellow-laborer in Jesus Christ,
"JIM LEE."

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How much the mission workers in China need our prayers, as well as the Chinese themselves, is ably expressed in the following letter written from Tientsin to the S.P.G. by the Rev. W. Brereton, of Peking: "The British Minister has advised all women and children (British subjects) to leave Peking. I expect Dr. Alice Marston and Miss Jackson here in a few days. The former will remain in China awaiting events, and doing what she can in her profession. Miss Jackson I have asked to return to England at once.

"I have heard that other missions, or members of them, have decided to ignore the advice of the legations, that foreign women and children should leave Peking as soon as possible. Much, too, has been said about courage, trust in God, and consideration for the native Christians. One cannot but admire the courage of the ladies who will not leave Peking, and admire their well-intentioned care for the converts; but in my opinion the British Minister's notification ought to be regarded by us as a command from the lawful authority, leaving our mission no choice but to remove the ladies from Peking. Our ladies are certainly not open to the reproach of running away, being most unwilling to leave their work. I think also that by leaving they are doing more for the safety of the native Christians than by staying, because in the present excitement of the people the presence of Europeans in a mission house increases its liability to an attack from political fanatics and their dupes. In times of such outbreaks, it is madness to think that any foreigner can be a protection to Chinese."

A BISHOP'S WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A western bishop writes:

I am very anxious to find a medicine to stimulate the women of this diocese to take a more general and lively interest in the work of the auxiliary, and, should you know of any plan that has been particularly successful elsewhere, I would thank you most heartily for directing me to it.

We have a few faithful ones, but the multitude are lukewarm. The isolation of parochial branches by the distances between parishes is a hindrance to the work. But I believe all hindrances can be surmounted.

The need which this bishop feels and expresses is one which is felt far and wide among the diocesan and parochial officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, and many of them would be grateful for any suggestions which will help them to discover the medicine which shall work in our churchwomen generally this radical cure. Something, indeed, seems to be needed to awaken them from ignorance and indifference and idleness and absorption in self, to arouse them even from the activities of busy and careful lives, to a realization of the fact that the greatest evil in the world is sin and the greatest need is that God's children, by creation or by baptism, strayed from Him, shall be brought back; that this is the great and holy work of missions, and that in this work each one of us may and should have a part.

Indeed, we have, as our bishop says, a great need of something to work this change. We shall be grateful to any one who can suggest any remedy; but the one effective and abiding cure, we are sure, is that which, of all earthly means, God's ministers, by word and example and sacrament, are best able to bring about. It is that stirring of the Holy Spirit within each heart which is the quickening and deepening of personal religion, convincing each of his own sin and each of his dependence upon God, winning each so to feel for the sins and sorrows of others—even all the world—that feeling shall gain voice in prayer and activity in deeds and gifts of love and the renewed life, lost to self and lived for others, shall show its sickness has been healed and its strength restored by the renewal of the Holy Ghost Himself, the one medicine for such disease, the true and holy elixir of life.—*Selected.*

Books and Periodicals Department.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, are out with their annual list of new publications and new editions. Two books are before us published at three shillings and sixpence, viz., "Attila and His Conquerors," an interesting story of St. Patrick and St. Leo the Great, by Mrs. Rundle Charles; and "The Cruise of the Esmeralda."