

drunkenness, and immorality of every kind. To call such men 'ciphers' is so cruelly unjust that I am sure Mr. Mozoomdar must have penned the words in absolute ignorance of the character of the men and women whom he misrepresents."

WOMAN'S WORK.

—The *Union Signal* makes these statements: "In this country 2500 women are practising medicine, 275 preaching the Gospel, more than 6000 managing post-offices, and over 3,000,000 earning independent incomes. Since 1880 the Patent Office has granted over 2500 patents to women, and in New York City 27,000 women support their husbands."

—A few weeks since Bishop Newman dedicated in Rome an institute for girls, a building large, substantial, and five stories high. This is the first property owned in Italy by the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

—The *Heathen Woman's Friend* gracefully heads a column of items relating to the work of various societies with the phrase, "Family News," and the verse: From whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

—The Christian world must not forget Clara Barton and her Red Cross Society. What she did during the civil war, in caring for the sick, and wounded and dying, was enough to immortalize any name. Again, in Europe she displayed the same noble qualities. And now, with less than \$35,000, it is said that she and her helpers have actually cared for 50,000 people who were left homeless by the dreadful cyclone which swept the coast of South Carolina in August, 1893.

—When we pray let us not forget the Methodist missionary, Miss Mary Reed, who, bearing the spots of leprosy, with true Christian heroism and unselfishness, lives in seclusion among the lepers of North India, striving to free their souls from that deeper leprosy—sin—and bravely, calmly watching the slow

advance of this dread disease in her own body. She ministers to the afflicted in a hospital located at Chaudak Heights, in a mountain region, where suitable buildings have been constructed for the accommodation of several scores. The British Government has recently made a grant of 48 acres of land.

—Miss S. L. Dodson, Protestant Episcopal missionary in China, pleads importunately for a training school for native women, and gives cogent reasons. She says: "The American Church Mission has now been established in China forty-nine years. We have flourishing schools, good hospitals, 23 native clergymen, 5 of them priests; but very few good Bible-women. Why is this? If we wish to have good and successful Bible-women, let us work for a home. It is my idea that we establish an institution something after the plan of Kaiserwerth, calling in the best of the widows, teachers of day-schools and Bible-women, who are willing to give their lives to the work. By a home or mother-house, I mean the centre of all our woman's work, where the women shall be trained, and which they may look upon as their home when they become old and unfit for work. The Chinese women are so afraid of having no one to provide for them in their old age, that they must economize and save and worry until they can think of nothing else; thus their very souls become small and dead. Take this burden off them, and I believe they will be as self-sacrificing and noble as Western women."

YOUNG PEOPLE.

—At the Cleveland Endeavor Convention was read a letter from the first society formed in China. The address and salutation were as follows: "The enclosed epistle we trouble you to take to the great beautiful country (U. S.) Christian Endeavor societies. All the brothers and sisters great persons to open. The Foochow Church of the Re-