

the germ power of the reform of all reforms, a pure Christianity, lives and throbs, and grows, producing fruit after its kind, in spite of all efforts to dwarf or conform it to the traditional standards of a dim past. Men and women are children of a common Father. In all that pertains to their higher life the question of sexhood does not enter. It is in the culture and consecration of their highest powers they are to serve the race, and glorify God. The barriers to woman's full service for the Church and the world are not of Christ. They are but parts of a heathenism and paganism which degraded women to the status of toys or vassals. Perfect equality of privilege for women in Church and State is in process of evolution. That its struggle is severe and prolonged is evidence rather of the strength and bitterness of prejudice than of weakness in the cause itself. That Churches whose stability and success depend so much on the fidelity of women's effort, whose various enterprises are managed by women, whose membership is so overwhelmingly composed of women, whose benevolences are so largely supported by women; that such Churches should be so willing to accept all the labor of women, and so unwilling to grant them equal privilege of representation with their brothers and fathers and sons, is a striking commentary on the perversity of human nature, and particularly so of that regenerated by the influence of a Gospel whose fundamental teaching declares that "in Christ Jesus there is neither male nor female."

ANY one who has watched the course of the discussion (and what intelligent woman has not) on the now famous admission question, in the Methodist Church across the line, must have been struck by the expedients adopted by opponents. The question is again remitted on resolution of Dr. Hamilton, which submits to the annual Conferences the proposition to amend the second restrictive rule, by adding the words, "and said delegates must be male members." If this amendment does not receive the votes of three-fourths of the members of the annual Conferences and two-thirds of the General Conference, the rule shall be so construed that the words *lay delegates* may include men and women. We women, interested in all that touches women's interests, and especially in all that the Church does, believe that in all this Christ, our Emancipator, will so over-rule that in His Church, of whatever name or denomination, His own principles shall yet gloriously triumph.

OUR King has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat:

He is lifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

"Many good purposes lie in the churchyard, dead and buried, like those who brought them forth. What should we be if we did but carry out our good resolves!"
Think of it.—Spurgeon.

IN congregations gathered from among the heathen, one million Protestant communicants are enrolled.

MISS MADDEN has travelled 2,000 miles on horseback on her mission for the lepers of Siberia. She has secured \$5,000 for a hospital.

THERE are 109 medical missionaries in China, of whom thirty-eight are women, and of these thirty-six are American. In all but four of the Provinces Medical Missions have been established.

THE British Missionary Societies have thirteen medical ladies in the field.

A GREAT Missionary Conference to be held in Japan next year, has been decided on.

VERY painful tidings come to us from China. Our missionary party had but reached their destination when death entered their ranks. Mrs. Dr. Kilborn, daughter of Professor Fowler, of Kingston, Ont., succumbed to cholera. Recalling the farewell meetings of this missionary party, and the kind wishes and loving sympathy extended to the young bride, whose life-work was to begin in distant China, one can hardly repress a feeling of wonder at the mysterious dispensation which permitted that life to close just as the field was reached, and ere the expected work could have been commenced. But it is not ours to question, only to submit, in the sweet faith that God the Father seeth the end from the beginning, and doeth all things well. Some one has called death the "angel of necessity," and when we remember that we must needs cast off the clay tenement before we can enter the real life beyond, the term seems appropriate. But the separation which death causes, the pain and grief, need all the consolation of the Comforter. We sympathize deeply with all the bereft, and pray for them the sustaining grace which God only can supply.

THE great Christian Endeavour meeting recently held in New York, is attracting serious attention. This great Society, in which men and women of all denominations unite to do their best and broadest work for God and humanity, is mighty with promise for the future, and is a sign of the times. These, and kindred Societies, bringing together for mutual helpfulness lovers of God and righteousness, are doing much to bring the answer of our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."