

Education, in a speech at the closing exercises of the Harriet M. House School, once said: "Through the influence of your school and teaching of the American missionary women, we have thrown that old proverb away and our government is founding schools for the education of girls."—*Woman's Work.*

A PROCLAMATION AGAINST IDOL PROCESSIONS.

A proclamation of much moment to Chinese Christians in the provinces of Fuh-Kien and Chekiang was issued by His Excellency Sung Shou, Viceroy of Min'ché, last July. In spite of the treaty provision exempting native Christians from all part in the festivities and expenses of idol worship, they have suffered not a little exaction and even downright persecution for declining to contribute money to the temples. Now a chief occasion for such contributions is expressly forbidden. Parts of the proclamation read thus in English:

"Idol processions as well as idol celebrations, of which vagabonds generally avail themselves to cheat the people of their money, are really detrimental to the welfare of the populace. Nominally they are doing meritorious deeds, but really they are leading astray the ignorant. As people are being enlightened during the recent years there is reason for them to renounce the bigotry of idolism and desist from these useless undertakings. It has come to my notice that the vagabonds who have no regular occupations to pursue and wish to raise money for their own benefit have very often, under the excuse of 'idol processions,' gone round to every house to collect contributions, gathered crowds of people together to burn incense, and devised street revelry and pageants, beating gongs and drums

and making clamorous noise day and night, during which period female and male persons are mingled together, idling away their time and neglecting their occupations. Sometimes they have even come to fights which result in bloodshed or slaughter. Besides instructing all local authorities, military as well as civil, to be on the alert for the arrest of offenders, I have issued this proclamation for general information of soldiers and people within my jurisdictions that they should hereafter regularly pursue their occupations, and on no occasion engage themselves in any idol processions or joss celebrations. Let all parties concerned respect and never profane this proclamation."—*Missionary Herald.*

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK IN KOREA.

The advance of our faith in Korea is one of the most remarkable examples of missionary success of modern times, for we have, up in the north especially, people turning by the thousand to Christianity. I know one station, started five or six years ago, Sun-chon; last year when I visited there I found eighty churches, with 12,000 members and adherents. These churches are worked by native pastors and are self-supporting, the missionaries acting as general overseers. Yet this was a district which in maps of twenty years ago was marked as bandit territory—a kind of No Man's Land between Manchuria and Korea, lacking both law and government. Today the province is covered with Christian churches."

"And what about the south?" "I have just returned from the southeast of Korea, the region of the recent rebellion. In village after village, and town after town, occupied by Japanese soldiers, I saw the Christian cross fly—