

in childhood, uncherished in widowhood, unprotected in old age, unlamented when dead. She is enslaved as a wife and is considered unworthy of immortality. When we think of our own rights in the home, in the church, in society, and where necessary protected by the law of the land, we ask ourselves what makes this difference? Woman owes more than man to Christianity. The chief glory of Christianity is what it has done for women, and how can Christian women more fitly and more effectively prove their gratitude than by toiling always and everywhere for the amelioration of human want and woe. We believe that as the conversion and elevation of woman is the chief corner stone in the conversion and purification of the world so woman's distinctive effort for woman is one of the greatest elevating influences in our land. Woman without Christ is the most degraded of human beings. Here is the special obligation of Christianity to women to their heathen sisters. A world's need and our power to meet that need proves our responsibility. Let not the sin of indifference and neglect rise up in the judgment to condemn us. I fear of many in our fair Christian land it may be said: Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not to Me.

Women should be interested in missions because she has the training and moulding of young lives entrusted to her care. God would have us consecrate our children to his service and prepare them for his work. We hold a living child in our arms—a tiny helpless mortal—no an immortal and in that lies its preciousness, a soul born to live throughout eternity, created for the purpose of helping Christ to redeem the world. Daily we watch for the physical and mental development. We find the young mind plastic and readily moulded, so while they are susceptible to good impressions they should be taught mission work. So soon as the child can understand that Jesus loves him so soon should he be told of the thousands of children who have never heard of that love. The mission work of the future is to be largely what we through our children make it. Interested mothers can be a powerful factor in the evangelization of the world for the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and from among the children shall go out men and women from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Are there not many mothers to-day who plead that they are not interested in missions, that they have no time for that work, yet who sew, embroider, tuck and frill to deck the bodies of their little ones, while the souls are left unclothed and the golden days of youth are allowed to pass without teaching them the truth that will make efficient intelligent workers in later years. What is it that rouses women to interested, systematic, concentrated action? It is a human cry, appealing expressly to woman's tenderness and it pierces her heart. It sounds out from that black heathenism, ages old, lost, vast, awful, the heart break of motherhood, the stifling cry of

distorted childhood. This is what happy women should hear in their happy protected homes. Something less strenuous might catch the ear but it requires a call just so terrible, importunate, so shut up to women to fasten irresistibly upon her heart.

In conclusion let us briefly notice the benefit that will accrue personally to the woman who is interested in missions. It is an honor that God permits us to have a share, be it ever so small, in the enlightenment of our unenlightened sisters. It will help us spiritually and intellectually, it will broaden our sympathies for who can know of the shameful condition of heathen womanhood and not feel their hearts stirred to the deepest depths with sympathy and a desire to aid them. It is a gracious, almost mysterious ordering that we so remote, so far upon the safe shore of protected womanhood, can yet reach helping hands to our poor sisters who are in darkness and for whom Christ died, it will teach us to prize Christianity more. It will show us where we would have been but for the grace of God, it will help us to realize that there are real women who have no Christ, no hope in this life or in the life to come, and that they are our sisters.

A woman, yes I thank the day when I was made to live, To cast a bright and shining ray, to love, to live, to give, To draw aside from paths of sin the halt, the lame, the blind, A woman, glorious, noble, grand, a woman I would be, To live, to conquer, to command, to lessen misery, To glorify in word or deed, the Maker I adore, To fruit regardless caste or creed, the end, the lone, the poor

FRUIT IN CHINA. —REV. J. A. Slimmon, of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in China, describing a tour in North Honan, speaks of a friendly reception by the people, and great attention to the Gospel message. His heart being enlarged, he trusted God to do great things. Of his stay in one city he writes:—Within three days several publicly confessed faith in Jesus. I have never before, so far as I can recollect, seen a city so moved. From different parts people came to me in the inn, asking me to explain more fully the Gospel. And many of those inquirers were men of position and influence.

"I had only one case of opposition, and that broke down completely. The opposers were three students, evidently belonging to wealthy families. They had bought books from me, and read them intelligently, and admitted that they were 'good books.' But their objection was the old one, that while the doctrine of Jesus was good for foreigners, there was no need for it in a country that had Confucius as their sage. I asked, 'Have you, or any man in China, found in Confucius the power to enable you to keep his precepts? Have you found salvation from sin?' I wish you could have seen the change in them, and the eager way in which they asked, 'Is it possible to be saved from sinning?' They let me do all the talking after that, and sat till dark listening eagerly while I preached to them Christ and the power of God unto salvation. I believe the Spirit of God was at work in their hearts.

"Amongst those who were interested in a general way, were a few who definitely decided to become followers of Christ Jesus, and two out of that number have the gift of leadership. When, God willing, I visit that place again in the autumn, I expect to find the foundations for a church ready."