

it is to win acknowledgment for this truth! Upon what principle of Christianity can Christians sanction the Chinese Exclusion Acts. Is it not a reproach to us Canadians who send our missionaries to convert the Chinese, that when they would enter our ports we treat them as chattels, and exact a fifty dollar due from them? Is it not time that Christian sentiment should determine on the abrogation of such a disgraceful law? Only the other day, a returned missionary, who had married a Chinese Christian lady, was compelled to pay this tax before his wife could enter Canada. Think of it! And why this peculiar distinction of Chinese? Are we not admitting free every day the offscouring, so to speak, of the slums of the Old World, the drunken, the vicious, and oft-time the criminal element? Ah! but, says one, the "Chinese work so cheap," they compete with our labor interests. Without entering upon a discussion, for which there is but little space, may we not suggest here, a study of this subject, instead of the too ready adoption of ready-made opinions. If in the providence of God the Chinese find their way to Christian America, let us do the Christian part. Let us recall the fact that Canadian charities are being constantly called forth for the hordes of European paupers who have emigrated, sometimes by assisted passages, to our shores, while these poor, despised Chinese prove themselves thrifty and industrious from the start; and even if they do, as is asserted, save their earnings to return to their own land, do not others do the same? Let us remember they have given value in labor, and have earned the right, like all toilers, to spend as they see fit. May not prayer "for the Chinese on this Christian continent" well include also prayer for their Christian treatment?

Our work in British Columbia is familiar to all our readers, from the letters of our missionaries there which are always so interesting to us, and need not be enlarged upon here. We can only urge upon all members the importance of prayer on all these lines, and the confidence which we have that if we ask anything in His name, we have the things which we desire because He heareth us.

We think the missionaries in China and all other distant fields, surrounded by heathenism, deprived of the privileges to which they were born and which they enjoyed so constantly in the home land, must need in an especial manner the uplift which a praying Church can give them. The assurance of sympathy and prayer conveys a sustaining power which must be often needed; and the feeling that we are responsible in a good degree for their presence at the front, that we are together working for the same blessed accomplishment, that their success is ours, under God, should lead us to constant, fervent, believing prayer on their behalf. So may it be!

### Chat with the Editor.

**O**WING to sickness in the family, your Editor was compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the Annual Meeting, and very seriously does she regret losing the opportunity of inspiration which

comes to the workers in their yearly assembly. Accepting for the eighth time the trust imposed upon her in this department, she looks to the membership to aid in rendering it a welcome visitor to the homes of the Church. Kindly do what you can, dear sisters. It is your paper, scatter through it the seeds of such thought and inspiration as God gives you to make you a helper of others. A good paper, with godly aims, is one of the best of missionaries. Think of the blessed influences that have come to you by the expressed thoughts of others. Pass them on. Many kind expressions have come to us concerning this department from workers in other Churches as well as our own, some of which might be repeated here if we could feel justified in using the space. From England, Australia, and several States, as well as from parts of our own country, from ministers and others, come kind words of appreciation and good wishes, which bid us be of good courage. The opportunity of presenting the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of Canadian Methodism to readers in so many countries should be a stimulus to our workers. Let us try to make it still more expressive of our principles and work, and still more helpful. Though it be but a part of the missionary paper of the Church, we may use it to good purpose in the advocacy of all those holy principles of true Christian living which are embodied in the progressive thought of the day. Woman's work for woman in all lands, her work in the Church, in that great Home Mission enterprise—the temperance cause, her place and power and influence in all the departments of life with her brother, co-workers each with the other, both with God for the upbuilding of His Kingdom, all this and much more express the lines on which we have a missionary work to do by educating sentiment. The great commission to "preach the Gospel to every creature" has no limited construction. It reaches out to every need of our great humanity, and only when you have fully defined the broad meaning of the Gospel of Christ have you defined the work He gives us to do. To help to show how the principles of this Gospel must underlie every phase of human conduct is a part of our work. The life of the saved soul must demonstrate these very practical Christian truths. To help to save souls is the primary object of our existence as a Society. To lived saved every day, the life a living testimony, is required of us as individuals. And we would that our department should be not only a formal record of work done but a feeder and helper of the spiritual life, also. To this end we invite your co-operation, sisters, asking for short articles upon any topic kindred to the work we are engaged in, or your experience in it. To our missionaries we extend the request for letters, items of interest, religious experience in your work, as often as you can, that we may become the means of binding more closely in the bonds of comradeship the workers at home with their agents abroad.

**ENTER** into the sublime patience of the Lord. Be charitable in view of it. God can afford to wait; why cannot we, since we have Him to fall back upon?