

"Therefore it has been agreed, after consultation with Mrs. Margaret Bright Lucas, President of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, to set apart the 12th and 13th of November, 1887, as days of prayer for the growth and universal diffusion of all forms of temperance work, especially those that have their origin in the conviction that the use of, and traffic in, brain poisons of every kind, must be abolished by an appeal to the intellect through argument, to the heart through sympathy, and to the conscience through the quickening power of Christ's almighty Gospel.

"It is suggested that Saturday morning be devoted to a woman's temperance prayer-meeting, asking for light upon the question: *What is my personal duty in this matter?* and Saturday afternoon or evening to a meeting of the children and young people, at which the reasons for total abstinence should be clearly set forth. On Sunday, pastors are respectfully and earnestly asked to pray especially for the temperance cause, to preach about it, and to take a collection for the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union. Sunday-school superintendents are asked to pray on that day for the same cause, and to bring it before their scholars; and on Sunday evening it is hoped that temperance meetings may be held, at which the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union will be the theme; its origin, organization, aims, and the missionary work accomplished for it by Mrs. Leavitt, Miss Gray, Mrs. Mary B. Willard and others explained, and, if practicable, a collection taken to promote its objects.

"If these plans are carried out, it is believed that a great awakening will come upon the people relative to this great work, and that means will be furnished to extend and strengthen the society. All money raised should be reported to Miss Esther Pugh, 161 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A., American Treasurer of the World's W. C. T. U.

"At all meetings have the World's Petition presented and signatures asked. Copies will be sent free on application to Frances E. Willard, 161 La Salle Street, Chicago; also the World's W. C. T. U. Leaflet, giving further information about the movement, will be sent if desired.

"The white ribbon, emblem of peace and purity, is our badge, and should be worn by all our leaders, men and women.

"The same days herein set apart are to be observed by the National W. C. T. U. (United States), as their day of prayer, not only for the World's W. C. T. U., but for the blessing of God upon the approaching annual convention, to be held November 16 to 21, 1887; and all our auxiliaries are asked to take a collection for the World's W. C. T. U., if practicable.

"And now, beloved sisters, well do we know that prayer is the simple expression of our needs to the Source of help; let us join our hearts and voices with tender earnestness in this expression, and we have our Master's promise that the help shall surely come. *Let us all pray.*

"On behalf of the United States W. C. T. U.,

"FRANCES E. WILLARD,
Vice-President for the United States
of the World's W. C. T. U.

"HANNAH WHITALL SMITH, Sec.
"ESTHER PUGH, Treasurer."

BOOK NOTICES.

Shakwai Oyobi Seiji ni okern Kirisutokyō no Seiryoku; (which is, being interpreted,) *Christianity a Social and Political Factor.* By the REV. C. S. EBY, D.D. Tōkyō: Z. P. Maruya & Co.

Dr. Eby is using his vigorous pen as well as his voice to permeate the thought of Japan with a just conception of the value of Christianity as a power for the moral and social elevation of the people. His latest contribution is a pamphlet of 60 pages, in which the address is given first in Japanese (printed with Roman types) and then in English. That the paper is well written goes without saying. Its object is, first, to show that Christianity does *not* consist in, (1) Some new and peculiar moral maxims, or an elaborate ethical system; (2) A new set of codified laws, or systematized philosophy; (3) Hard and fast manners, customs, rites, ceremonial forms; but that it does consist in (1) Eternal life, beginning now in time, working through new principles, capable of eternal development, which form the basis and line of moral growth forever; (2) Spiritual life, springing out of voluntary self-surrender to God and the God-like, as the basis of responsibility; (3) Moral life, following Christ the God-man, the divine life and thought presented in human form as the highest ideal of human endeavor; (4) A life of love to God and man, kindled by divine love as shown in the unspeakable gift of the Son of God for man, as the fountain and inspiration of all true ethical doctrine or practice. Many in our own country would be benefited by reading this timely tractate, and we have no doubt our Book Room will procure copies if desired.

Mother's Star; or, "Circus Eva." By D. DAVIES MOORE, M.A. Single copy, 5 cents.

This little work forms tract No. 2 of "The Glad Tidings Series." It is a true story, taken from the experience of a loving evangelist in his efforts to "rescue the perishing" from the haunts of sin, and enforces the truth that he who would restore the fallen must, like the Good Shepherd, go after the lost sheep because he loves it, and not merely because it is his duty to go.

Public School Temperance. By BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, M.A., M.D., etc. Authorized by the Minister of Education. Toronto: The Grip Printing and Publishing Co. Price 25c.

Every friend of temperance and morality will hail with satisfaction the appearance of this little textbook, and will join in the hope that it may soon be in use in all our public schools. One stronghold of the drinking customs of the day is widespread ignorance of the nature and effects of alcohol, but no one can re-