

cruelty. A religion of grossness, sensuality and darkness. The Moslem heaven is one of sensuality. Life is held cheaply, and life and death are alike, dark.

In China, Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism prevail. They have gods many, lords many, and feasts many. almost every department of the house has a special god, even to the kitchen, where one rules and he holds sway over the culinary art. The most universal worship is that of ancestral worship. In every house, high or low, will be found a tablet erected to the worship of the dead, so there is more respect paid to the dead than to the living. A living woman in China has little power, but the spirit of the dead is feared, so many of them take their lives so they may do harm to those upon whom they wish to avenge themselves. It is a system which strikes terror to the living and presents a miserable picture of the dead. It is estimated that 120,000,000 dollars are spent every year in this worship. "Spending money for that which is not bread, and their labor for that which satisfies naught."

The Taoist supports the air to be filled with evil spirits, and they try many devices and practices to keep them away. A Chinese woman had become a Christian, but her fear of evil spirits was hard to overcome. When she commenced to worship God she laid her ancestral tablets under the table. As no harm came of it, she put them behind the bed for a night or two. Still no evil befell her or her family, so she grew bolder and threw them out on the dust heap. Even this indignity passed unnoticed, so she chopped them up to light the fire to boil the rice.

In Japan, Shintoism and Buddhism prevail, but they are so closely allied in this country, that with a great many the difference is hardly perceptible. The forms of the one have become blended with the forms of the other. In the first one mentioned—Shintoism—heroes, emperors and great men are defied, and they worship forces and objects of nature. The worship consists merely in washing the face in a font, tinkling a bell, throwing a few cash into the money box, and praying silently for a few seconds. The Buddhist services resemble somewhat those of the Roman Catholic Church. There is nothing in either to lead to a higher, better, purer living.

Our religion teaches that all mankind are brothers; all other religions uphold the strong, oppress the weak. In all countries where the Gospel is not, woman, as the weaker vessel, is oppressed, down trodden and a mere nonentity. I would I had the power to impress upon all our hearts the pitiable state of our heathen sisters, whether social, moral or spiritual.

Nothing will lift them out of this degradation but the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Into the darkness shall we not send the light, so that the desert may blossom and bloom like the rose.

### In Memoriam.

BURFORD.—Our Auxiliary has again been visited by the "grim messenger," and we have lost from our circle one of its oldest members, Miss Sarah Tisdale. She has been identified with the Auxiliary ever since its organization, and was rarely absent from the monthly meetings, where she will be greatly missed. Her generosity and faithfulness in every good cause will be long remembered and cherished by those who knew her best. We trust she has gone to be with Him who "doeth all things well."

E. JOHNSTON, *Cor. Sec.*

### Words From Workers.

BEAMSVILLE.—This auxiliary was organized in September, 1889, by Mrs. Rev. T. W. Jackson, who was our first president and at that time resident here. Our membership has not at any time been large, but is at present largest since organization. Our meetings have been seasons of spiritual blessing to us, yet we are not unmindful that this is not the great object for which we are organized. During the past winter we have had two entertainments from which we have received a fair amount, and by constant and continued effort are endeavoring in our small way to help advance the Master's Kingdom. MRS. A. E. HOSHAL, *Cor. Sec.*

SARNIA.—Our quarterly meeting was held March 14th. There was a good attendance and a very interesting meeting. We made use of the suggested programme in the *Leaflet* for Easter. Our thank-offering amounted to \$9.75. Our President reported having disposed of sixty-three mite boxes. Those having \$1 in the box at the end of the year are to be enrolled as members.

E. J. LAWRENCE, *Cor. Sec.*

OWEN SOUND.—An Auxiliary of the W. M. S. was organized at Holland Centre, June 12th, with ten members. All were enthusiastic, and hoped for many additions to their numbers in the near future. Officers: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Husband; Vice-President, Mrs. Williams; Recording Secretary, Miss Erwin, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jos. Roulston; Treasurer, Miss Minions.

ADDIE W. GARRETT, *District Organiser.*

TORONTO (Wesley Church, Dundas Street).—On Tuesday, June 5th, the members of our Auxiliary invited their esteemed President, Mrs. Chambers, to a farewell tea at the close of their usual meeting. Great regret was expressed at the necessity for the parting; as Mrs. Chambers presided over us for three years, during the whole of her husband's pastorate; having, by her unremitting exertions and wise management, raised our society to a degree of efficiency far beyond its former standard and greatly augmented its numbers. At the April meeting we presented Mrs. Chambers with a life-membership certificate. On both occasions the attendance was very numerous, and all present concurred in the sentiments of the speakers, expressive of the regret we feel in losing the Rev. A. B. Chambers, his wife and family, from us, and our best wishes and prayers for their future.

T. CARTER, *Vice-Pres.*

WATERDOWN.—As it is some time since we have sent any report from our Auxiliary to the *OUTLOOK*, we think it is time to let our sisters in the work hear from us. At our April meeting it was proposed to hold our meetings at the different members' houses and also have a social tea. As a result, we have nearly doubled our membership. We like the idea of the social tea, as it seems to bring us closer together and makes us stronger to do our work. A large number take the *OUTLOOK* and the leaflets. We have only one life member, and although we did not send as much to the Branch Treasurer last year as we would like, yet we are looking forward to be able to do more on that line this present year. We feel truly thankful for the earnestness manifested on the part of each member, and we hope and pray in these various ways that the interest will still deepen in this good work; for if the Lord be with us, He is greater than all that can be against us.

ELLA RYCKMAN, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—In reviewing the half-year's work of our Society, we are pleased to report "Progress." The meetings have been largely attended; an average of twenty. They have been bright and attractive. We have also realized the Master's presence with us. We have held two Quarterly Teas; the first at Mrs. W. Ball's, the second at Parsonage, which were a decided success in every particular. The ladies donated lumber for the Walpole Indian church, which enabled them to build a grand, good platform, where they could train the singers and players of instruments to lead in the worship of the Great God. At Christmas we also sent them a large box of magazines, papers and Christmas cards, which were very much appreciated by the Indians. The Easter Thank-offerings were taken up on April 5th, for hospital in China, each one sending texts of Scripture or appropriate quotations with offerings. Our membership, though larger than it has ever been, we earnestly wish to be much increased. M. J. GARDINER, *Cor. Sec.*

EDEN (Oakwood Circuit).—Our Society held a thank-offering entertainment in the church on the evening of Easter Monday. Rev. Mr. Webster, pastor of the Circuit, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Stroud, President of our Auxiliary, gave out the opening hymn. Mrs. R. G. Webster, President of Oakwood Auxiliary, led in prayer; after which readings were given by Miss C. Treleaven, Mrs. Jones and Miss R. Fowler; a solo by Miss Foster, of Oak-