

her when she goes to the national conference, assembly or convention, is laying deep foundations of denominational loyalty and enthusiasm. The fact is all the organizations, county, state and national, would benefit very much by the presence of some young on-lookers or even delegates.

And last, the mother who puts her religion and her Church first in her own life; who prays and gives and works as if her heart were in it, and who shares her hopes and tasks with her daughter, need not fear that her daughter will fail her. Thousands of grateful women are today taking up burdens that their mothers carried, because they carried them. Mothers do pass on to the oncoming generation the deepest things in their hearts whether they be amusement or worship.

If we want missionaries and ministers, these must be bred in Christian homes where the child is solemnly dedicated to God. There are mothers who hold back their daughters from dedicating themselves to missionary service. These give the lie to their profession. There are others who make their daughters' going a coronation, through their entering in with joy into the experience of Jesus' cross of sorrow and of glory.—*International Journal of Religious Education.*

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN WOMANHOOD

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The work which must be shouldered by the Christian people of the world is growing so heavy and so complicated that we cannot consent to limit the workers to any country or class. All countries and all classes must labor together if the load is to be moved and the world to go forward. We have long recognized our responsibility for the depressed classes, and rejoiced at their developing powers which promise such great things for the future. We must have the help of the women too. The Christian women of the West have done more than can be measured. What

may we not hope for when the women of the Orient have equal training and vision?

Are the educated Christian leaders of the Orient never to have wives whose background of reading and thinking enables them to understand and sympathize with their husbands' hopes and plans for their country? Too often we have seen men eager to throw themselves into unselfish service, with small salary and little recognition, only to be thwarted by wives who were unwilling to share in such a gift of life. Why should these women be eager to give all that they value most when they have caught no glimpse of that which lures their husbands?

We know how strong national and race consciousness is growing in both East and West. Hardly a village in British India has escaped the irritation of the political agitator, and as a result of constantly increasing pressure and demand more and more political power is given to the people. Democracy is the slogan of all of them. But the very conception of a government for all the people, regardless of wealth or class, is incomprehensible to the masses as yet. That is not fostered by Hinduism which justifies and depends on the continuance of the privileged Brahmins and hopeless untouchables; it cannot be a real part of a Mohammedanism which preaches a Holy War; and it is foreign to Buddhism, for no Buddhist can help another, but each must win his own happiness and prosperity. Democracy, with its whole social program, is a heritage of Christianity.

We shall never stop the terrible epidemics which are so common in the Orient until quarantine is enforced, and that will be impossible just so long as the women of the towns and villages refuse to submit to it. And there is no hope of persuading them to accept it until some of them, at least, know enough of science to understand the reason for it. In all departments of public and private health the women hold the balance of power, and all men's efforts to better laws prove fruitless as long as the women quietly but persistently refuse to obey those laws. These prejudices, due to lack of understanding, must be broken down by women—and by women of their own race. Time after