

—At a recent convention of Chinese ministers, a theme of discussion was, "Shall our women unbind their feet?" The women on hearing of it said, "Why should *they* discuss it? They are our feet; cannot we do with them as we please?" Are women's rights ideas about to enter the Celestial Empire?

—Here is a striking prayer of one of the Hunan Christians: "O Lord, Thou knowest that Hunan means south of the lake, and Hupeh north of the lake; the lake is Tung Ting. Thou knowest, Lord, that there are more people in these two provinces than there are fish in the lake; and Thou hast sent us to be fishers of men. In many places the Gospel net has not been let down, and there is no means of catching the fish, nor is there any fisherman. We pray Thee, Lord, to grant that in every place there may be a Gospel net and skilful fishermen."

—Our praise is never more hearty than when we get gifts from Christian Chinese in America to be used in evangelizing their fellows in China. Such a gift reached us to-day from a Chinese Sunday-school in Ohio. It is \$50, and along with it comes the message, "The Chinamen wish me to tell you that they are very glad to send it, and hope it will do much good in their own land." Their teacher also adds, "We have been very glad this last fall to send home one of the Christian Chinamen. He has been in the class for eleven years, and for the past seven years has lived a consistent Christian life, we believe. He has gone home at his own expense. He hopes to keep a little store in his own village, and thus support himself, his father and mother and his wife."—*China's Millions.*

—Among the matriculants for the present term in that university are a grandson of the private tutor of the last Emperor of China, a nephew of the private tutor of the present Emperor, a son of the imperial commissioner of Chinese railways, and of 14 the proud

*literati* of the kingdom. The very appointment of a commissioner of railways is itself among the marvelous results of the war, since the very railroad has been considered a wrong, a sacrilege, and almost a direct insult to the memory of the revered dead of China. Among the 14 matriculants are graduates from the 3 grades of government civil service examinations, and from that height of Chinese scholarship, "The Forest of Pencils," which is an imperial academy whose scholars are examined in person by the reigning Emperor.—*Northwestern Christian Advocate.*

#### AFRICA.

The *United Presbyterian* has the intelligence that Rev. Girgis Anshalian, a member of the Presbytery of Egypt, and pastor of the congregation at Koos, has fallen a victim to the Turkish atrocities in Armenia. He was a native of that country, and in September last, with his wife, returned to visit his friends at Diabeker. At the time of the outbreak they were both arrested, and a ransom of £600 was demanded. The ransom was paid, but instead of being released, the alternative of Mahomet or death was given. With a faith and heroism worthy of the name of Christ, he declared himself a disciple of Jesus, and was at once hacked to pieces by the Turks in the presence of his wife. She and her brother were shot, beaten with swords, stripped, and left for dead.

—The conquest of Ashantee is completed, and the bloodiest kingdom in all Africa is to become an orderly British colony. The military expedition did its work quickly and well and without fighting. King Prempeh seems to have recognized the futility of resistance, and on the arrival of the troops in Coomassie, his capital, abjectly submitted. He was, however, taken as a prisoner to Cape Coast Castle, with his family, his counsellors, and two other petty kings, to be kept as security for the payment of an indemnity of 50,000 ounces of gold. With the return of the