

pose of protecting Dick, and that with the first act of violence they would summon the police. It was thought best to content themselves with bluster, and saying, "The Home is a nest of tigers, and Miss Leake the tigress," they couldn't face; that when the girls entered we gave them medicine that so controlled them, it would be useless to try to get them out. They abandoned their project. At eight o'clock that night Dick was in the "house of prayer," an humble and grateful man. Again Monday night he was there, and we trust accepted the Word of Life preached.

Tuesday morning, the 17th, the wife asked Miss Leake to take her home, that she might see how it fared with her husband. She resolved before going she would never worship idols again. Reaching the house, one of the Christian boys was keeping guard over Dick. As soon as he saw Miss Leake, Dick took the household god from its shelf, and vigorously tossing it aside, said he would never pray to it again. It was given to her, and with a beaming face she interrupted our school-work to tell us the good news, and show the trophy of a battle won. The image is a white porcelain hollow figure of about six or eight inches in height, representing, I suppose, the Goddess of Mercy. Our children would wonder and laugh at the idea of saying prayers to a thing that would break into pieces if let fall, yet this image has been worshipped for years; daily offerings of incense and food have been set before it, and the light never allowed to go out. A few minutes ago Dick came with purchases for his wife's board. He is now upstairs with the rescued ones. Do you wonder we have sought the assembly of saints to tell of the Lord's conquests of these hearts?

Is not this a fitting seal upon the dedication of the new Chinese church? The President, Rev. C. Bryant, conducted the dedication service last Friday night, which proved to be the first time our newly rescued one had ever been within hearing of the preached Gospel. Revs. Messrs. Chan, Gardner, Watson, Hall and White gave short addresses, after which the Chinese Christian boys brought in the refreshments they themselves had prepared so well and in such abundance.

The church is a very nice one, bright with gas-light, and adorned back of the platform with handsome Chinese banners, one bearing a Scripture motto, embroidered by Mrs. Chan, two with Chinese inscriptions, presented by Mr. Chan, and two embroidered in gold, the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner. These having scarlet backgrounds, were very effective on the white plastered walls. The platform is neatly carpeted. The school-room upstairs has a fine blackboard, eight large tables covered with green baize, at each seven boys with their teacher can be seated comfortably. A smaller class-room, which is hoped to grow into a library some day, and two small rooms below complete the accommodation. The seating capacity of the church is for three or four hundred. Friday and Sunday it was crowded and many turned away; last night, at the special service, a most attentive congregation listened to the earnest addresses of Mr. Gardner and Mr. Chan. Evident power is attending the efforts made to turn curiosity into devout inquiry.

It was gratifying to the workers to see how profoundly impressed the English people were at the opening service. They expressed their astonishment at the evident fruit of the past, and the wonderful prospects for the future. The eagerness visible on the hundreds of upturned faces was very impressive, and not a heart remained unmoved.

On Sunday afternoon about fifty were present at the first Sabbath-school, seven of whom were English people, glad to offer their services as teachers.

What a sacred privilege this seems to me, this duty of informing our Auxiliary members of the developments of

their work and the answers to their prayers. May it make more real to them their oneness with us in this glorious work of our Lord.

WOMAN'S WORK.

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ON the very threshold of this comprehensive subject, we are led to ask the question, not what is woman's work, but what is it not? Had my task been to number the stars of the heavens, I might with Newcombe have made a fair estimate; or had it been to count the sands on a sea-shore, or the blades of grass on a wide prairie, I might possibly have thought it a feasible undertaking. But of woman's work, only a bold outline may be drawn, completing the thought, somewhat, in your minds, of her labors, with these words, And there are also many other things which women do, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written. But that no assumption of duty, plan or position may be made, we would look unto the sacred record of Scripture to know her God appointed sphere. And at the Creation we find her, with her companion man, given the dominion of the world. And God said, "Let them have dominion over all the earth." Later in their history we find penalties imposed upon them, because of God's broken laws. Hear God Himself pronouncing this punishment upon woman for her disobedience to His divine command: "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." For centuries this punishment rested upon woman, and as a consequence she sank into obscurity. But with her downfall, man and nations sank into darkness and heathenism. But lo! at last a light breaks upon the horizon, the star of Bethany has risen, Christ the Redeemer of the world has come, has set at liberty the captives. "And, therefore, there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Let songs of deliverance be sung, let praise be given unto Jesus the Eternal King, man and woman, in Christ Jesus, are again free; no longer are they under penalties, they are restored to the favor of God, and they are restored to each other. And together they stand, side by side, commissioned by Christ to go forward as co-laborers with Himself for the redemption of the entire world. It has taken the world almost nineteen centuries to grasp this one fact, that woman in Christ Jesus is liberated from all imposed penalties, and as yet it is only partially understood. But as practical evidence of its truthfulness, it is only necessary to compare Christian with heathen nations. Where the influence of Jesus Christ was unfelt, woman is degraded, and man rules over her with selfish tyranny. But in due time, as the purposes of Christ are fulfilled, woman will share all that man has as fully as the Christian is invited to share all that Christ has. Knowing woman's God-appointed sphere at the time of her creation, and knowing her to have been commissioned by Christ to tell the world of Himself, and of His resurrection, and instructed, as we believe, to wait at Jerusalem (else why were the women there) till endowed with power from on high, we would like to indicate her work as related to the home, the church, society and public life, in all of which good women have shown their allegiance to Christ and His cause.

For one moment we would dwell upon woman's power in the home. Given the honor of motherhood, with the possibilities of very early Christian culture; given the opportunity of instilling into the mind of her youthful child