

Foreign Missions.

Letter From China.

NANKIN, Sept. 15th, 1891. DEAR BRO. MUNRO,— Would you kindly announce to the Ladies' Society that I have now chosen a boy, a fine little fellow, for the Canada ladies to support.

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Yours sincerely, W. E. MACKLIN.

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Temperance.

Wine and Women.

The corridors of the station-house were lined with benches on which sat a few burly policemen in their blue and gilt uniform. In the inner rooms were congregated old bloated drunkards, hardened women charged with crime, a terrified young girl and one or two children.

"Yes, we see strange things here," he said. "But one gets hardened looking constantly at the black side of human nature. I've seen sights here, though, that would wring any man's heart. There was a woman one night sat on that bench yonder that was brought in for petty larceny.

"When they went to take her out to the prison van she was dead. The action of her heart was weak, the doctor said, and shame and misery bore on it too hard. There was no use prosecuting a dead woman.

"But a thing happened one night that seemed to me more terrible than that.

"About midnight two or three carriages drove up, and a party of ladies and gentlemen came in, wrapped in their furs and opera cloaks. They had been at the theatre, and had come down out of curiosity because one of their companions had promised them a glimpse of real tragedy, more dramatic than anything they would find on the stage."

"Among the prisoners was an old hag who was near to death with long faithfulness to vice and drink. She held out her filthy hand, begging. One of the ladies came up close and looked at her long and curiously. I heard her name, and know it. She belonged to a good family in the city, and was famous for her beauty and recklessness. She had been married but a year, and was already divorced.

"She stood still, looking at this bleared old woman, her face growing white. Then she dropped a gold coin in the out stretched hand. 'I wonder,' she said, 'who will give me a gold piece when I sit where you do now!'

"Her friends dragged her away laughing. I smelled champagne on her breath as she passed me. But it was a terrible thing, for I know she had foreseen what would happen to her. It would have been better if she had looked on her own dead body. Only we policemen know how many fast, champagne-drinking, fashionable women end here at last."

The policeman's story was true in every detail. We tell it to show how short and steep is the road downward for the woman who, whether thoughtlessly or deliberately, enters upon it. To conceal such dangers from young girls is as false a kindness as to send innocent children to walk over the hot,

thin crust of a crater without warning them that death lies below.—Youth's Companion.

Drunk.

And what is it to be drunk? Who can comprehend the meaning that is wrapped up in that one word? To be drunk is to be a maniac, a man who by his own act has cast away the reason which God gave him, and has made himself a madman, ungoverned and ungovernable. To be drunk is to be an imbecile, to lose the power of reading, and writing, and thinking, and speaking intelligently.

There have been men who have never been drunk but once, but that once blackened their record, covered their hands with innocent blood, blasted their lives, and sent them to dark, dishonored graves. The man who never tastes strong drink never gets drunk; the man who tastes but once can never be sure what the outcome of his act will be.—The Safeguard.

Married.

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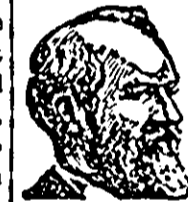
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