

“The highest argument of all is the spiritual. Like a wail of agony comes the cry, ‘Come over and help us, we are hurrying fast to ruin.’”

In view of these facts and many others which might be furnished to show the fearful ravages the opium traffic is making among all ages, and classes, in the countries referred to, and the likelihood of the vice extending to our own land, have we not been indifferent too long? Shall we listen listlessly and unmoved to these tales of sorrow? Rather let us one and all join in earnest, believing prayer and supplication to our Heavenly Father who has revealed Himself to be a God who is full of tender compassion, and who abhors iniquity; beseeching Him to stretch out His almighty arms to deliver the helpless and perishing, for whom we intercede, and remove this great stumbling block to the progress of the Gospel in these heathen lands, that thus Christ's cause may be advanced, and “many be added to the church of such as shall be saved.”

*Resolved*,—That the Board of the W.F.M.S. earnestly desires to aid as far as possible all efforts to suppress the ruinous traffic in opium, carried on by the British Government of India in China, India, and the lately annexed Burmah. The opium vice has already gained a footing in other countries, and is threatening our own land.

The Board recommends Auxiliaries to unite in special earnest prayer to God for the speedy removal of this evil traffic, which brings indescribable misery to its victims, deadening all the faculties, physical, mental and moral, and which has proved such a great hindrance to the spread of the Gospel in these lands, the most populous in the world.

*Also resolved*,—That the Board learns with the deepest sorrow and alarm that the importation of Chinese girls to British Columbia for immoral purposes, checked for some years, has been revived. The Board heartily sympathizes with the Christian