

his mother dies, the daughter-in-law is not absolved from her allegiance nor in the majority of cases is she permitted to marry again. Under such circumstances a woman's lot is pitiable, indeed.

"For the man it is very different. Before the earth is dry upon his wife's grave, the "go-between" enters the husband's gate to arrange for a new wife. But when the husband dies, he is always buried in the same grave with his first wife.

"Women in China are seldom educated, as knowledge of books is deemed for her of far less value than how to pamper the gross appetites of her sensuous lord. One Chinaman, a little wiser and kinder than his fellows, wrote a book on education; and even advised that women should be instructed, 'since monkeys may be taught to play antics, dogs may be taught to tread a mill, cats to run around a cylinder, and parrots to recite verses.' And women being regarded by the Chinese as nearly equal to the domestic animals, this philanthropic Celestial decides that she may share in the intellectual banquet condescendingly spread for the new household pets, always, of course, if she be young and pretty.

"If parents lose two or three sons by death, they often give a girl's name to the next, thinking thereby to deceive the evil spirit, who is supposed to take as little heed of girls as do the Chinese themselves. Boys are sometimes for this reason, suffered to grow up to manhood, wearing girl's clothes, and being treated in every way as girls, in order to outwit the devil. What a blessed joy to be released from such a bondage, and to receive the 'new name' and new nature of our divine Redeemer, with the blessed inheritance of everlasting life."

I must think forever:—would an eternal train of my present thoughts be either worthy of me or useful to me? I must feel forever:—would an eternal reign of my present spirit and desire please me—make me happy? I must act forever:—would an eternal course of my habitual conduct bring blessedness, or even bear reflection?

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture: the book widens and deepens with our years. *Spurgeon.*

### ACTIVITY IN LIFE.

Not a word ought to be said against intense earnestness and unbroken activity in work. Very few people are really overworked; at least very few people do more work than they ought to do, although they may do it in such a way as to do harm to themselves. It is the fashion just now to decry our age as an age of overwork, and yet no lesson is more needed to-day than that which teaches the duty and the sacredness of work. "In the loom of work each man's soul is built." There is no other such school of life-as work. Idleness wastes life piecemeal, disintegrates its fibre. Only in incessant action is healthy life possible.—*Sel.*

### NEW HOUSES AT JERUSALEM.

Outside the walls of Jerusalem a new town has sprung up, a building club having been established a few years ago, under the operation of which one hundred and thirty houses were erected in four years by the Jews, while along the Jaffa road many country villas have been erected of late by European residents as summer abodes. The latest development of the building of new houses without Jerusalem is to be found in the enterprise which has led to much building being done on the slopes of the Mount of Olives, the summit of which is crowned with the Church of the Ascension.—*Paris Messenger.*

The *Japanese Gazette* regrets "to say that Buddhism cannot long hold its ground, and that Christianity must finally prevail throughout all Japan. Japanese Buddhism and Western sciences cannot stand together. They are inconsistent the one with the other." The Buddhists continue to make a most vigorous effort to counteract the spread of Christianity in Japan, and the Honganji sect was never so busy. One school in Kioto alone is to be rebuilt at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, and other Buddhist seminaries and colleges are being started in various parts of the country.

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