

much to be done in the Master's vineyard. One of our own bright jewels in the philanthropic field, Miss Bertha Wright, of Ottawa, who has achieved so much in the service of God, told me that she was deeply impressed at the age of eight years. Lincoln, the great emancipator of millions of slaves, lost his mother at the age of seven years, and yet he tells us, after overcoming, with herculean strength and courage, the many difficulties that beset his path, that he owed everything to his mother. To mothers and to those who have the care of the young, I would beg, begin with the prayer at the cradle, thus seizing the first and earliest opportunity for impressing good ; with the sacred hymn for a lullaby, and the Book of Books for primary instruction ; and the character thus built on truth will be strong and self-reliant. The tastes formed aright will guard them for the future. And I urge upon the parents, at the same time, to be as vigilant in guarding what their children shall read as though the child was to pass through a plague-stricken country, and could only escape by the most watchful care of mother or guardian. Sin is a hydra-headed monster, ever on the alert to ensnare the innocent and capture the un-