

thereof have maintained a treasury blessed with a surplus in the bank.

The kinds of work undertaken are various, with school work most common. In the zenanas of the East women find a boundless field, one desolate in the extreme, and have it all to themselves. Besides, in hospitals and elsewhere, not far from 100 women are ministering abundantly to the bodies and souls of their sex. Nearly two thirds of that number went from this country.

The enginery applied at home is equally peculiar. The money is raised by various devices, among which these are most common : by membership fees, with dues paid annually, quarterly, or monthly ; by pledges, mite-boxes, collections at public meetings held for the purpose, etc. But perhaps the most noteworthy feature is found in the surprising variety and abundance of literature furnished to diffuse information and kindle interest. Thus there are the monthly magazines, bearing often names so happily chosen, and edited with such ability and tact ; magazines and papers for children as well ; mission studies running through the months ; prayer calendars to give definiteness and point to petitions at the throne of grace, etc. In all which surely there is something which the brethren are bound narrowly to observe, and also something which they may often wisely imitate.

—Mary Allen West, who died not long ago in Japan, whither she had gone in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is a woman not soon to be forgotten. In the "crusade" against the saloon of twenty years ago she took an active part ; in the sublime movement which soon grew out of it she was not long in coming to the front, and for years wielded a wide influence as editor of the *Union Signal*. In particular this fact is notable :

"She graduated from college when but seventeen and entered at once upon her lifework as a teacher. Her influence over her pupils was strongly religious, and out of a large Sabbath-school class which she taught for many

years in the Galesburg, Ill., Congregational Church, 12 girls have gone as missionaries to foreign lands. At the home of one of these in Tokyo she died."

—How many readers of the *MISSIONARY REVIEW* know that the membership of the W. C. T. U., including the young women's branch and the children of the Loyal Temperance Legion, has reached in the United States alone 350,000, or that among the great things done it has procured 10,000,000 signatures to petitions for prohibition? It maintains the largest publishing society of women in the world, and is annually issuing 130,000,000 pages of printed matter, all used in pushing its great work of moral reform. Then there is also that magnificent \$1,000,000 "temple" in Chicago, the quickening centre for all its world-wide activities !

THE UNITED STATES.

—The following figures have been published by the Commissioner of Education : Number of pupils enrolled last year in the common schools of the country, 13,203,170, and the average daily attendance, 8,404,228. There were 363,922 teachers, 122,551 being males and 241,371 females, and the total expenditure for the support of the public schools was \$148,173,437. The progress of education among the colored people is presented in the following statistics : Number of pupils, 1,309,251 ; teachers, male, 13,567 ; female, 10,497.

—It may now be taken for granted that the Utah question, which for fifty years has been our perplexity and our shame, may be regarded as settled, a thing of the past. After what legislation has accomplished, aided most effectually by the vigorous mission work of the churches, it only remains to continue the teaching and preaching work and hold the region yet longer in territorial condition, and in due season polygamy as well as priestly tyranny will live but in memory. The recent amnesty proclamation of the President was a wise recognition of the existing status. The churches out there num-