

HOW GOD WORKS.

AT the great Northfield (Mass.) meetings this year, one of the most interesting speakers was Madam Tel Sono, a cultivated Christian Japanese woman. She is of high descent, her father being a physician and philosopher. With his approval she studied law, being the first woman-lawyer in Japan. Experience in the courts taught her the sad condition of her country-women, and she journeyed to America to study how to help them. In San Francisco she was converted to God. She returns now to Tokio to establish a Christian school for the higher education of women of high class.

IT is recorded by the *Union Signal* that a school teacher on a salary of one thousand dollars, used but half herself and with the other five hundred supported a missionary in the foreign field. She then felt that she was only doing her duty by sending a substitute when she could not go herself.

Current Coins.

MEN and women
Who send us palpitating with the thrill
Of something loftier than we yet have dreamed
Are God's sublimest poems.

Let our chiefest mission be
To make ourselves the noblest that we may ;
And second, to ennoble other men ;
Because the great Christ-passion to redeem
Burns in our hearts, and life is but half lived
Unless we feel that men have touched our robes
And virtue has gone out of us.

—MISS FEARING.

Selections.

IT is scarcely a figure of speech to say that "woman is the corner-stone of heathenism." Notwithstanding their degradation, heathen mothers have immense power over their sons. The fear of a mother's curse prevents many Chinamen from listening to the claims of the gospel. An intelligent Hindu exclaims : "It is the women who maintain the system of Hinduism." Christ and His gospel are the only levers that have raised the nations. But in all the Orient only a woman's hand can adjust these levers to the corner-stone.

IN celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the China Inland Mission, the total force of missionaries and associates in China, at January 1st, was reported at 409, since augmented by 70 more workers. From the time of the mission's inauguration 4,500 natives have been baptized and ninety-three mission stations opened. Last year the income amounted to £28,361. The beloved founder and director, the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, is at present in China, where, says his deputy, the Rev. J. W. Stevenson, it is computed 900 large cities are yet untouched by the heralds of faith.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago there was not a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in America ; now there are in Great Britain and America 19,500 auxiliaries and 52,000 bands, with an aggregate income of \$1,250,000. The twenty of these societies in the United States, managed and supported by women, support 757 missionaries. They contributed \$1,038,233 in 1888, and since their organization, \$10,325,124. At the beginning of this century the way of life could be studied by but one-fifth of the world's population. Now the Bible is translated into languages that make it accessible to nine-tenths of the inhabitants of the globe.

THE doors of your soul are open on others, and theirs on you. Simply to be in this world, whatever you are, is to exert an influence—an influence compared with which mere language and persuasion are feeble.—*Horace Bushnell*.

" 'Tis five o'clock ! how sweet the hour and holy ;
Secure and beautiful the one retreat
To which we turn with quickening hearts and lowly,
Our gracious, sympathizing Lord to meet.
'Tis five o'clock ! the Lord's own day is ending
With holiest crowning of the hours we love ;
No public service ; but each closet sending
Its meek petition to the throne above.
Then shall this hour become a sanctuary
Unseen by any but the God who gave ;
A precious hiding-place where we may carry
All burdened souls we long to help and save."

FEMININE bishops are a possibility, which Sir Wilfred Lawson, of Conservative England, suggests, for why not, since there is no fighting to be done ? "It is an intellectual, spiritual and theological affair, and surely women are as good in these things as men," he adds, and hopes to live to see the woman bishop consecrated, as she may do more good than the men.

GOODNESS is the only investment that never fails.—*Thoreau*.

From the Corresponding Secretary.

THE time having arrived for Miss Leake to take her furlough, the Executive Committee has appointed Mrs. Morrow as Matron and Treasurer for the year, of the Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, B.C.

It being necessary that Miss Gifford, M.D., appointed to our work in China, should have a medical outfit, a grant of \$250 has been made for this purpose ; instruments and permanent supplies to belong to the W.M.S.

It is expected that Dr. Gifford and Miss Brackbill will sail from Vancouver, February 6th. The former is from Meaford, Ont., and the latter from Ridgeway, Ont. They are to go as far as Shanghai, and there remain studying the language until it is deemed well for them to proceed inland, to join Dr. Hart and his associates in the Province of Sz-Chuen. May we not expect special blessing in answer to special prayer to accompany these new workers in a new field ?

London District.

THE Annual Convention for the London District will be held in the Askin Street Methodist Church, South London, February 20th, commencing at 3 p.m. A programme of varied interest is in preparation, and it is expected that both sessions will be instructive and enjoyable. Miss Lund, of Japan, will address the evening meeting. The tourist letter will also be given. It is hoped that the occasion will be a grand rally of the membership of the District, both from the Auxiliaries and Circles. Billets will be provided for all wishing to remain over night.

A. G. McMECHAN, *District Organizer*.

In Memoriam.

UXBRIDGE.—Mrs. T. Foster, a dear and valued member of our Auxiliary, went home to her reward last August, and among her bequests was the handsome sum of \$500 to this Auxiliary, to be devoted to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which sum has been received, and forwarded to Treasurer of Central Branch.

L. O'Neill, *Cor. Sec.*

HASTINGS.—Death has entered our Circle for the first time, and claimed from our midst a dear sister. On November 21st last, the late Mrs. H. W. Fowlds, daughter of Rev. A. R. Campbell, Atherley, fell asleep in Jesus. Possessed of more than ordinary abilities, which were devoted to her Master's service, her loss is most severely felt. She was connected with our Missionary Society for four years, during