

Thirty-five years ago you could not get into Italy at all. They would stop you at the gate, and if you had a five-cent Testament in your valise they would take it out and keep it until you came back, and then give it to you again. But now there is a great building five stories high, a hundred and fifty-five feet long and ninety-five broad, and it has in it one hundred and forty-six different rooms—one room will seat a great congregation of six hundred people. We have a boys' school in it that has among its scholars four of the grandsons of the illustrious Garibaldi. I hope they will make a Methodist preacher out of every one of them, and I hope that two of them will be presiding elders. I would like to have a Methodist preacher named Garibaldi presiding elder of Florence, and then send word to Savonarola somewhere in heaven that a Methodist preacher was preaching the gospel in Florence.

Thirty-five years ago you could not get into Mexico, but now you can. We have a hundred and thirty-eight churches there ourselves, and the Southern branch of Methodism has a great many there. Thirty-five years ago you could not preach a sermon anywhere in Mexico without being arrested. But that glorious man Diaz, who five times has been elected President of the Republic in opposition to the mandates of the priesthood, says to our missionaries: "*Bring more, build more schools, build more churches, come on with your Christianizing and your educating influences. We need them in Mexico.*" And he lends us all the power of his influence to help us in our work. Don't you think these are brightening days? Then there are the South American republics; we can get into almost every one of them. So that all over the earth the skies are brightening, and we want to lift up our hearts and rejoice, for the day of our redemption draweth near.

### REPORT OF THE CHINESE "GIRLS' HOME."

Four months have rapidly passed since I prepared my last report. After my return from the East, I assumed responsibility September 2nd. Christine was still in bed, having been in the Home two weeks after her return from the hospital.