

Wai Sing Kee appear to have been disputed; but according to the report given in the papers the learned judge

“said he had to look at the case through Chinese eyes, and accordingly returned her to slavery. He expressed regret at being compelled to do so, because he believed the Re-cue Home, kept by good Christian people, was the best place for this child of six years of age; but looking at the matter through Chinese spectacles he could not but order as above stated.” “The child,” adds the report, “was accordingly carried back to Chinatown by her owner, and no doubt will meet with the fate that befel the three others.”

There surely must be some mistake about this report. To hold that, in a matter involving child slavery for the worst purposes, British law must be read through Chinese spectacles and interpreted accordingly, is a statement so extraordinary—so unprecedented—that we cannot but think the learned judge has been misrepresented, and that he must have had some very different ground for his decision than that mentioned in the newspaper reports. We shall await further information with deep interest; but if the facts are as stated the case should be appealed to the Supreme Court, if that is possible, without delay.

#### A SELF-DENIAL WEEK FOR MISSIONS.

THE following open letter from the General Secretary of Missions, to the Young People of the Methodist Church, especially such as are members of the Epworth League, the Society of Christian Endeavor, the King's Daughters, or of Mission Circles or Bands, was published in *Onward* in the issue of January 23rd. We republish it in the *OUTLOOK* in hope of reaching some who may not have seen it in the former paper:—

“MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—A few weeks ago the Editor of this paper, with his wonted thoughtfulness, spoke to me of his earnest desire to bring the subject of missions prominently before the various branches of the Epworth League, and suggested that I should write an open letter for the pages of *Onward*, to be published in a number to be devoted largely to that subject. The suggestion was accepted right heartily, and I trust that this will be only one out of many opportunities that I may have of addressing you through the columns of your own paper—a paper, permit me to say, that is second to none, and should be regarded with honest pride by every member of the League.

“During seventeen years spent in the service of the Society, I have watched with deep interest the steady growth of contributions to the Mission Fund from our Sunday-schools and juvenile contributors, and thought I saw in these contributions a pledge of the stability of the fund in coming years. And yet there seemed to be a missing link. Something was wanted to connect the juvenile with the adult contributors, and fill the vacant space that sometimes appeared between the Sunday-school and the Church. If only a channel could be found through which the enthusiasm of the young people of Methodism—those just reaching manhood and womanhood—could be brought into sympathetic touch with the great cause of missions, a difficult problem would be solved, and forces would be set in motion that

would tell powerfully upon the evangelization of the world. Such a channel the Epworth League supplies; and if missions be adopted as a leading feature of the organization, untold good to the Church at home, as well as the heathen abroad, will result.

“In the limited space at my disposal, an extended plea on behalf of missions is impracticable—perhaps unnecessary. For you it is sufficient to remember that the great purpose for which the Church of Jesus Christ has been established in the earth is the preaching of His Gospel to every creature, and that the Church is fulfilling her mission only in so far as this is done. Everywhere the conviction grows that the time has come when there should be a forward movement along the whole line against the great domain of heathendom, and that this will require the consecration of time, talent, money, influence, and personal service, on a scale not so much as dreamed of in the past. To leave our present working force in the field unstrengthened is simply to play at missions; to reinforce it according to actual needs will demand a greatly enlarged income; to secure this income present givers must multiply their contributions, and new givers, by tens of thousands, must come to the front. Into this volunteer corps I would fain summon, in the Master's name, all the youth of Methodism. To you, as to the others, is the command addressed, “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Many of you, I trust, will go, and those who cannot go will help to send. Only thus can you measure up to your responsibilities, and keep a clear conscience before God.

“It may interest you to know that this matter is receiving special attention at the present time from the Societies of Christian Endeavor. In the *Golden Rule* appears a letter from Rev. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Society, respecting the eleventh anniversary, which occurs on the 2nd of February next, and urging that it be made a special mission-day. I wish I could quote his earnest words, but space does not permit me to say more, so I close with the following practical proposition:—

In a short time you will be celebrating the founding of the Epworth League, and what I propose is that in connection with that celebration there shall be a week of self-denial; that the proceeds of that week constitute a special fund to be known as the “Self-denial fund for Foreign Missions;” and that the fund for this year be devoted to the establishment of a hospital in the city of Chen-too, in the province of Tz-Chuen, the headquarters of our new China mission. By this proposal it is meant that every member of the Epworth League, Society of Christian Endeavor, King's Daughter, or Mission Bands, and as many others as are willing to join them, shall endeavor, by acts of self-denial during the week beginning \_\_\_\_\_ to save a sum of money, be it ever so small, and devote the same to the purpose above mentioned, the whole to be remitted to the Mission Rooms on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Let it be distinctly understood that this fund is special, and will not be allowed to reduce regular givings to the Mission Fund through the Sunday-school or otherwise.

One thing more I would suggest: Let this proposal be brought before each branch of the League at its next meeting, and if concurred in, as I sincerely trust it will be, let the Secretary write at once to Dr. Withrow or myself to the following effect:—“The \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of the Epworth League (or Society of Christian Endeavor, as the case may), concur in the proposal of a week of self-denial for Foreign Missions, and that the amount realized be devoted to establish a hospital at Chen-too in connection with the new mission to China.”

Here let me meet a possible objection: There are many Mission Circles and Bands that have been contributing to the funds of the Women's Missionary Society; will not the