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UR interest this month centers in China. We are glad to have an entertaining letter from Miss Brackbill, regarding the school system of China, if indeed it could be called a system, where there seems to be no system at all. No wonder that ignorance and superstition and cruelty everywhere prevail. And yet when we read recently that a Chinese Sunday school in San Francisco gave for China Missions to the value of \$12 a piece; that a Brooklyn Chinese Sunday school gave \$1,900 to Home Missions and over \$2000 to Foreign Missions, and that the Boston Chinese were not behind in generous contributions, we felt that it was well worth while to bestow our means and our efforts on those who can so fully appreciate what is done on their behalf, and who become, in their turn, so truly missionary. "It is said to be very difficult for the poor down-trodden women of China to believe the good news of a God who wishes to save a woman,"—and yet when they do believe it, what good news it is, and how eagerly they embrace it. Returned lady missionaries represent the women of China as exceedingly sensitive to kindness and unkindness, praise and blame, so we can imagine what their life is in a country where ignorance and cruelty abound. If they have any degree of the mother feeling how can they exist in a country where Infanticide is not the exception but the rule! It is the little girls who are killed, because they cannot earn money, but have to be provided for—the boys are always welcome! A missionary speaker telling of the Baby Towers everywhere seen in China said: 'If you saw a man going along in the early morning with a baby in his arms, you would know one of two things. Either it is a

Christian father caring for his child, or a heathen one carrying it to a Baby Tower, there to throw it down into an abyss where its cries will never more be heard." And worse than that the mother is often compelled to be the murderer of her own child! the only thing that could possibly reconcile her to such a deed would be the fact that she could thus save her child from a worse fate than death, a fact proved by her own terrible experience.

Surely for the evils of such a nation as this Christianity is the only remedy—Christianity with its hospitals, its skilled physicians and nurses, all ready to minister with Christ-like touch to body and mind alike diseased. Let us thank God that the world is waking up to recognize the value of medical missions. The Easter offering this year, of the Auxiliaries, will go toward the founding of the hospital in Chen-tu, China, where our W. M. S. has already sent a lady doctor and trained nurse. Dr. Kibborn has told us how next to impossible it is to effectually relieve the miseries of the crowds who come to them for medical and surgical aid, and how many they have to send unrelieved away, because of the lack of a building in which the sick and suffering can be cared for, while undergoing treatment at their hands. Let us do what we can for this Christ-like enterprise and pray that God may give it complete success.

One of the fraternal delegates to the Woman's Council, recently held in Washington writes: "We were given seats on the platform and treated with great courtesy all through. I thought before I went that I would scarcely care for our Society to belong to such a Cosmopolitan Association. It is indeed heterogeneous. Jews and Mormons and Liberals of all kinds have full right of speech, and take great advantage of the opportunity to air their peculiar ideas before vast audiences. Yet now I seem to feel that since they will do it, it might be better to leaven the mass with as much of the Gospel as possible, and this can only be done by being members and taking part in the discussions. I heard a great deal of the Gospel from the W. C. T. U. speakers and the other religious bodies represented there, and, as I said before, they make, by far, the most impression."

SPECIAL NOTICE.—We would call attention to the fact that our 2nd quarter begins in April.

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