

World of Missions.

What is the Matter?

The statements that Protestant missions are in any degree the cause of the present troubles in China are so nearly without foundation that they may be dismissed. The causes of the uprising are found, first, in the gradual and increasing intrusion of foreign manufactured products into China, displacing the products of the hand manufactures; and, second, the land-grabbing of foreign nations, particularly of Russia and Germany. These two causes have created a widespread impression in the minds of the Chinese that their country, with its rights and privileges, is gradually slipping away from them into the hands of foreigners. A spirit of unrest has been growing for the last few years, especially since the war with Japan. To these causes may be added the habitual interference of the Roman Catholic missionaries in secular affairs on behalf of their converts and in the interests of their missions. Even intelligent Chinamen, high in office, have had a growing conviction that some steps must be taken in order to preserve China for the Chinese.—Watchman, Boston, Mass.

Social Reform in India.

At a recent meeting of the legislative assembly of the Madras Presidency, a law was adopted which will make a great breach in the family system which now dominates the Hindus. It enacts that every Hindu shall have the right of private property in everything that he earns in any position which he has attained in consequence of special education (for example, as doctor or advocate), even though his education has been defrayed out of the common family purse. It was a Brahman who brought forward this proposal; it was strongly opposed by some, although on the whole the educated Hindus were in favor of it. However it may be received at first, it is likely to initiate most important changes, and the most striking thing about it is that it is a measure of social reform proposed on Hindu initiative, and touching a point which, perhaps more than anything else, has been fatal to the development of personality and character among the Hindus. The common family life leaves little scope for individual responsibility or personal initiative. It is, therefore, with the greatest interest that we as missionaries watch a change in this direction.—Nordisk Missionstidskrift.

An Indian Woman's View.

An Indian woman at the Ecumenical Conference said: "We in India, are dwarfed in mind and body because of the things to which we have been subjected for centuries. When I was a child I did many things which were wrong, because I knew no better, and I only learned that they were wrong when I was taught in your mission schools. You have done much for us, but you can never enough workers to minister to the great needs of our people, and the only effective method of reaching our people is to educate us and we will educate our fellows. Give us the same education that you give your own missionaries and we will not disappoint you.

The work of the mission to lepers in India and the East is now carried on in sixty leper settlements. The mission, which has reached its semi-jubilee, reports the work encouraging in every way, and especially in spiritual results.

Woman's Work in Japan.

"I have been asked," says Dr. Scudder, "What is the most beautiful thing you have seen in Japan?" The grandest vision is the scenery, but the prettiest thing to be seen is a Japanese lady riding in a jinriksha and shaded by a paper umbrella. The whole effect of such a picture is bewitchingly artistic. But if I were asked, "What is the most impressive thing I have seen?" I reply without hesitation, it is the faces of the Christian women in Japan, especially those who have been trained in Christian schools. There is an expression in their faces revealing a character and a purpose in life which one misses so much in the majority of faces, and one can tell, with a fair degree of certainty, from the face alone what Christianity has done for women through its schools placing its seal of nobility on what is otherwise but a vanity fair.

In China.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Forget them not, O Christ, who stand
Thy vanguard in the distant land.

In flood, in flame, in dark, in dread,
Sustain, we pray, each lifted head.

Be thou in every faithful breast,
Be peace and happiness and rest.

Exalt them over every fear,
In peril come thyself more near.

Let heaven above their pathway pour
A radiance from its open door.

Turn thou the hostile weapons, Lord,
Rebuke each wrathful alien horde.

Thine are the loved for whom we crave,
That thou wouldst keep them strong and brave.

Thine is the work they strive to do,
Their foes so many, they so few;

Yet thou art with them, and thy Name
Forever lives, is aye the same.

Thy conquering Name, O Lord, we pray,
Quench not its light in blood to-day.

Be with thine own, thy loved, who stand
Christ's vanguard in the storm-swept land.

Pundita Ramabai, known to many of our readers, is doing a noble work in the famine districts of India. In a recent letter she writes: "You must not worry. God protects us here. If you were to see the famine sufferers as I have seen them, you would know what it is that drives me to work. Thousands of young girls are wandering about Gujarat and Rajputana, who must be saved. It is appalling that over ten per cent. of the deserted girls have gone into the hands of the devil. Our strength and means are too limited, but we must go forward in faith, and save as many as we can."

Eternal Father, God of Love,
Now hear us from thy throne above;
Stretch forth thy hand, let mercy flow,
And save thy Hindu children now.
O, hear us in the hour of need,
Do thou the starving millions feed.

"Why is it that Christianity, which made such marvelous progress in its earlier years advances so slowly now? Has the religion of Christ lost any of the power to captivate human hearts which it then possessed, or, has the world less need of it now than it had then?" No, the religion of Christ is as "captivating," and as powerful now as it was of old. It is advancing steadily and even rapidly. During the present century Evangelical Missions have "added to the Lord" as many Christians as were members of the Church when Constantine became nominally a Christian. The progress of modern missions, of Bible translation and circulation, is most encouraging, and is every year becoming more so.

DYSPEPSIA AND HEADACHE.

An Elderly Lady Tells of Her Cure Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills After a Score of Other Remedies Had Failed.

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Acting Secretary.

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