

This curse brought upon a defenceless people by so-called *Christians*, forms an almost impregnable barrier to the rapid spread of Gospel light. We think, if for no other reason than this, every member of our Woman's Missionary Society should be identified with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union or some other kindred temperance society. Let us, as mission workers, give forth "no uncertain sound" on the temperance question.

THE Jew is the most remarkable character in the world to-day. Whenever we look upon a Jew, we see one who bears upon his countenance the impress of 1,895 years rejection of Christ, and a history as old as Abraham.

While empires have become extinct, while nations and languages have arisen and been amalgamated, while the infidel sneers at Him, while Christians look for His regeneration, we find the Jew still walking on in his own self-conceited stubbornness, and adhering to the worship of God according to the ritual Moses gave to his forefathers. That the Jew has suffered as a result of his rejection of Christ, and become a "desolation," a "reproach," a "by-word," a "hissing," and a "curse," few will deny. They have, indeed, been "scattered," "trodden down," and "peeled," and a target for the marksmen of the nations. Every nation in Europe has made a football of the Jew, and not more than sixty years ago, according to Southey, "the burning of a Jew formed the highest delight of the Portuguese," but oppression, persecution, banishment, slaughter, massacre, and war have failed to cause him to abandon his religion, or commingle and intermarry with other nations.

It is noteworthy that the ancient persecutors of the Jews—the Egyptians, Edomites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Macedonians, and ancient Romans—have all become nationally extinct, while the Jews have been wonderfully preserved by the hand of God, for a purpose.—*Chas. Hudson.*

MOST heartily do we congratulate our Methodist sisters on the noble record of last year's work. *Three hundred and twelve thousand dollars*, in a year of such financial stringency as the last, is an achievement to be grateful for, if not proud of. And now with characteristic zeal, these true-hearted women are planning for advance in the future. At the recent session of the Executive Committee in Washington, the sum of \$323,000 was appropriated for the work of the year 1895. God bless our Methodist sisters, and lead others to emulate their self-sacrifice and devotion.—*The Helping Hand.*

### Branch Notice.

THE Annual Meeting of the Toronto Conference Branch will be held in Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October.

Delegates will oblige by sending their names to Miss Sanderson, 299 Huron Street, Toronto. Fuller notice will appear in next issue.

### Notices.

MISS BOWES, of Victoria, formerly of Milton, Ont., has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Morrow, whose ill health is compelling her to withdraw from the position in the Home for Chinese Girls, which she has so well filled.

THE many readers of the OUTLOOK will be pleased to again hear from our ex-editor, Mrs. Parker, and all will be alike greatly helped and interested by a perusal of her paper which appears in this month's issue.

THANKFULLY we record that the weeks of suspense in regard to the fate of our missionaries in China are at last ended. Through the Associated Press we learn of the safety of the entire force. Though subjected to manifold dangers, the lives of all were held precious in His sight.

### Notice to Auxiliaries.

THE attention of Auxiliaries is called to the following notice of motion, page 13, Annual Report:

"Whereas, through over-work or change of climate our missionaries are liable to become permanently laid aside, Resolved, that a superannuation fund be formed for their benefit. The plan suggested being that one cent per month be contributed by Auxiliary members."

Delegates to Branch meetings will please report the views of their Auxiliaries on this proposition, also any suggestions for raising the necessary funds.

M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

The Literature Committee desires to compare the income derived from the Scattered Helpers' Scheme with the cost, and requests organizers to report at their Branch meetings the amount of money raised in that way on their district.

A. M. B., *Sec.*

### Notices from Room 20.

ROOM 20 will be closed during the month of August by order of the Board.

Life-membership fees are to be sent with the quarterly returns to the Treasurer of the Branch in which the member lives.

All communications regarding Supply Committee work should be addressed to Mrs. Wm. Briggs, 21 Grenville St., Toronto, Ont.

Letters asking for information about "Special Objects," such as the support of a Bible-woman, children in our schools, etc., may be addressed to Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

Letters concerning the organization of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which the work is situated. If there is no branch, write to Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont. For Corresponding Secretaries' addresses see Annual Report.

Subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden: *Missionary Review of the World*, per year, \$2.25; *African News*, per year, 75 cents; *Message and Deaconess World*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents; *Gospel in all Lands*, trial subscription for three months, October to December, 20 cents (subscriptions to this periodical may begin at any time during the year, but must continue till December and then end); *Palm Branch*, in clubs of ten subscriptions to one address, 10 cents per copy; single subscriptions, 15 cents.

Back numbers of these periodicals not furnished by Room 20 unless specially announced.

The Literature Committee has for some time observed an increasing desire among missionary workers for fuller information than can be obtained within the limits of a