



CRISTIANIZED WOMEN OF INDIA.

England there we must be up and stirring, and take possession before they can get a footing—or it will be too late.

ZENANA.

We cull the following from a paper written by Miss E. S. Bartlett, C. E. Z., missionary at Amritsar, Pantab, feeling that the words of one who has been actively engaged in Zenana work will carry far more weight than anything an onlooker could say regarding this most interesting and important branch of "woman's work for women." Referring to the opportunities now given, Miss Bannister says: "Almost all over India the doors for work among women stand wide open. Only a few years have passed since lady missionaries could not gain entrance to the homes of the people; and now the difficulty is not to find homes which open their doors to us, but women able and willing to come forth from Christian lands in sufficient numbers to meet anything like the large number of claims upon time and strength which are ready to make them-

the glad tidings of a Saviour, to consecrate his life to their service, and how the Woman's Auxiliary have sent out their first missionary, having undertaken her support while at work in the diocese of Athabasca. Another of their members has given up a lucrative position in Winnipeg and gone to labor for a mere nominal sum in one of the Indian schools in the diocese of Saskatchewan. These are bright examples and worthy of imitation. The great needs of this diocese are men and funds to carry on the work already begun, and to open up fresh fields of labour where ministrations are being so loudly called for.

We must ever bear in mind that the Roman Catholics, and other religious bodies, are very active in mission work in the Northwest, and if we would plant our glorious old Church of

selves heard as soon as ever missionaries come. Many means have been devised for reaching the women and gaining their confidence; for example, the plan of offering a simple vernacular education in homes has been largely tried, and, indeed, it was for a long time the only way that Zenana societies understood of doing anything at all. Let us now glance at that which is properly Zenana work; that is, the regular systematic visitation of the upper-class houses by the missionaries as teachers. It may be well to state that wherever the lady missionary can bring influence to bear upon a woman of India, there is Zenana work. Between forty and fifty thousand houses are now opened to this work. Pupils of all kinds are met with—those eager to learn, those apparently indifferent, quick and intelligent pupils,