

moved when foreigners are concerned. The nurse and Miss Saunders were found dead in the nursery. Kathleen Stewart, hearing the noise of fire, came out from under the bed, and found her sister badly wounded. She helped her out of the house. Looking for the children, she found the baby under the body of the nurse, who had died protecting it. In spite of that, the poor baby had been stabbed in the eye, and has since died. Kathleen found her brother Herbert, whose birthday was to have been kept, wounded in the neck and on the crown and back of his head, so that the brain was exposed. She found her brother Ewen also wounded, but not so seriously. The heroine of eleven years carried these to Miss Hartford's house with the aid of a native, whom she persuaded to help her, which was not an easy thing to do in itself. Surely wherein heroism counts for anything, Kathleen Stewart will ever be remembered as among "the bravest of the brave." She rescued four, all terribly wounded, out of a burning house, when she knew that murderers were around, and must have feared that her parents were dead. What can equal it!

The death of Herbert Stewart on the day after the massacre, and that of the baby some time later, makes a total of eleven victims. Such was the horrible massacre which has excited the indignation of the whole world except China. The Vegetarians are nothing and could do nothing were it not that Chinese officials encourage them. The same officials will now put to death criminals, who were to die in any case, and the Vegetarians will go unpunished. So it has been in the past. Anything more stupid and useless than the British Government's acceptance of Chinese promises cannot well be imagined. If ten consuls had been murdered instead of ten missionaries, it would have made a difference. But it has generally been so, and missionaries do not now expect much from governments. It is high time China were treated severely for her own good. A Mohammedan rebellion is in progress in the western provinces, which may devastate whole prefectures—as in the past. Cholera is raging in nearly every village, from here to Tientsin. Some have died of it in this place lately.

The state of China is sad, and it looks as if she were going on to ruin, and yet whoever goes among the people will find no lack of intellect among them, and that they really have some good qualities, which might make them a great people, and will, as soon as there is a reformation in politics and religion; and we think the latter is needed above all, and not a reformation only, but a change from dead, useless religions, to the only true and living one. You might think that all these commotions and persecutions are apt to discourage and weaken the missionaries, but it is not so. I hear encouraging reports from all quarters. We are also looking forward to great movements and improvements in China, in national affairs at least. How