

CHINESE WORK.

From Miss Cartmell.

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I must try and write you an account of our Christmas festivities. Miss Leake and I were feeling a little bit anxious about how we could make the time especially memorable to our girls. Some of them, we know, must soon go out from us; and then there were the mother and her five children who were receiving their first impressions of Christianity. We were very desirous these should have their hearts profoundly stirred, as they witnessed us celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the world.

The Auxiliary ladies gave us an "At Home," between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m., Christmas-eve. Very many responded to Mr. Watson's invitation, and sent supplies in abundance. Our Chinese Christian brethren and a few friends of the new family would not be left behind, but brought valuable gifts of meats and fruits. A package from the Brant Avenue Mission Band, containing most useful gifts, arrived just in time. Mrs. Watson, assisted by Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Pendray, collected all the gifts into the largest washtub we had, and made a famous Christmas-pie. The new family were surprised and touched by the gifts and notice taken of them. The little boy of five, who at first clung to his mother, apparently timid of us, could not be kept from church Christmas morning, though his mother did not go, and seems more like a child at home. Last Sunday the mother was overheard praying alone in her room. Miss Leake notes the marvellous moral change that has taken place, as she sees the older girls yield what they have claimed as rights, quietly and patiently bear with the many inconveniences incident to the sudden increase and the extra work of providing for and teaching those so far behind them. At the close of the first week, Carrie, who had been cook, went to Miss Leake and said, "Mamma, I so happy; my week done, not cross once."

You will be glad to hear of the result of our Thanksgiving service, the last except the Watchnight in the old Pandora Street Church. Invitations were issued to all the ladies, and thankofferings asked for in sealed envelopes with passages of Scripture. These envelopes contained \$92, a collection