

the zeal of the geographical explorer, but from higher motives than science."

—"What impressed me most," said a recent visitor to Alaska, "was the difference between Fanny Willard, our native teacher at Sitka, with her beautiful face beaming with joy and love, and the unchristianized, bent, worn, creatures whose faces were disfigured with lamp-black and fish oil, and made more hideous with labrets piercing the chin; and to think that Fanny was a few years ago a heathen child on the ranch at that wretched place, Fort Wrangel!"

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

—Does it mean that the Spirit of Christ is entering China that the empress dowager, on the occasion of the celebration of her sixtieth birthday, told the various mandarins not to send her the usual presents, but to use the money instead for relieving the poor. It is said that she gave about \$20,000 to the poor of each province from her own purse.

—Miss Jane Williamson, who shared with her brother the blessings and dangers of the pioneer mission among the Sioux, is over ninety years of age, and has been for fifteen years totally blind. In the depth of a Dakota winter she met one day a suffering Indian woman. She took off her own skirt to wrap about her, and thus caught the cold which caused her loss of sight.

—Missionaries have lively times now and then. Miss Russell, of North China, writes of a tour she made alone among the Celestials, visiting in all 14 villages: "My cart was upset twice, and the mules ran away twice. Once we were in the cart, and the second time had just got out."

—A girl is prized in Kaffraria because she represents so much property to her father. He marries her as soon as possible to any old man who will present him with many head of cattle. The older the man is the better, for the sooner she will be a widow and married a second time.

—Dr. Anderson, of the Taiwanfoo Hospital, Hainan, says that a sick man, long unable to work, had raised money for the journey to receive treatment by the sale of his wife to another man. One young man, having been unable to work for some time, had been dismissed by his wife, who then married some one else. She had been honorable enough, he said, however, to give him back the \$15 he had paid for her, and with this money he was able to live at the hospital while the doctor sought to effect a cure.—*London Presbyterian*.

—Given Christianity, and how soon the position of women begins to rise! The king of Uganda recently sentenced an offender to pay as a fine so many cattle and sheep and two women. Immediately a Christian chief interposed: "But Christians do not give men or women; they give cattle and goats, not human beings." The king forthwith altered his sentence, and a new principle in Uganda jurisprudence, let us hope, was established.

—The 40 zeuanas in Rampore Baulah, India, are like small churches, says Mrs. Morison, for whenever it is known that the missionaries are to visit them, the neighbors are invited, and a congregation of 20 to 30 is quickly gathered, eager to hear the good news of the Gospel. The change wrought in the lives of the women is testified to by their husbands thus: "We cannot understand it, but the very atmosphere of home is different."

—H. H. Maharajah Holkar lately sent for Miss Oliver, M.D., and Miss O'Hara, M.D., of the Canadian mission, Indore, told them how highly he appreciated the work they were doing among his suffering people, and asked if he could do anything to help. He then supplemented his former donations with the gift of Rs. 500, and the promise of another piece of land.

—The Society for Promoting Female Education in the East, with an income of \$27,000 last year, kept 40 missionaries and 9 assistants in the field, with