

forced upon heathen China, at the point of the bayonet? Think of the shocking traffic in women regulated and protected by the laws of civilized, nominally Christian, countries. We speak of electors, and governments, and legislators all in their corporate capacity. Let us individualize. They are all individual men, though collectively powers. Do we realize that these men were all once boys, in homes, and under the influence of mothers?

If the State to-day represents the influence of those homes and those mothers, what food for reflection is furnished! Shall it be so of the future? We do not think so. The women of to-day, through the influence of the W. M. S. and W. C. T. U. societies, are awakened. We cannot believe that the boys and girls of missionary and temperance mothers are coming on the stage of life to perpetuate the curses and vices of the ages, to trade in flesh and blood and ruined souls for revenues of dollars and cents. Women of the W. M. S., around whose board sit to-day the legislators of the future, let us understand the measure of our responsibility. The teaching, moulding power is in the home first. Poor and vain, indeed, the work for the heathen abroad, if the standard of a pure Christianity is not maintained at home. It is a mighty work to cope with ignorance and unbelief, with the sins of our own Christian civilization as well as with the hideousness of heathenism, but the reward of the work is with it.

Every Auxiliary is a little nucleus from which radiate with increasing power, awakening and stirring influences. It is not merely the holding of meetings, for carrying on the regular order of business, but the effect of these meetings in broadening the horizon of many women's lives, hitherto narrowed to four walls; the generating of interest in other lands, and the uniting of those ties which bind us a sisterhood in work for God.

If our work is to do us all the good it is designed to do, if it is to be the mighty agency, not only in our Church, but in our country, in blessing women, in growing a strong, pure, Christian sentiment, whose power shall reach outside our denominational boundaries, it will be by the fidelity to God and Christian principle of each individual woman among us. There is an object for each one of us to live up to, and may God, the Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with such love to humanity that His work shall be our constant delight.

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### Chat with the Editor.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I enjoy the Editor's Chat very much. Will you please answer the following in the same place:

"If our Secretary wrote to Mrs. Large, or any of the missionaries, would they answer us privately; or are they kept too busy corresponding with the OUTLOOK, etc., to answer letters from Auxiliaries?"

The spirit that prompts this question is a worthy one, and gives evidence of the interest taken in the work the Woman's Missionary Society is doing. Any of our missionaries, we are quite sure, would be pleased

to answer letters addressed to them; but it will readily be seen that if each of our five hundred or more Auxiliaries make this demand, which would be as reasonable for all as for one, a trying and unnecessary task would be imposed upon those ladies whose every hour is already filled with duties, according to plan, either in school or evangelistic work. To meet this most commendable desire for information on the part of Auxiliaries, the Board has appointed special correspondents for OUTLOOK, and it is expected that every issue will convey to our membership the latest and most interesting news from our fields.

NEW Auxiliaries needing information concerning our work, are advised to write to Miss Ogden, Room 20 Wesley Buildings, Toronto, enclosing two cents for postage. The annual report, letters and leaflets, etc., will be found very helpful.

OUR readers, and especially our Woman's Missionary Society members, will note with satisfaction that the OUTLOOK last year netted \$401.97 to the funds of the General Society (General Report, p. 272).

THE loyalty of our workers is exceedingly commendable, and the frequent testimonies to the value of our department in generating interest, and thus promoting the work, are certainly encouraging. Let us continue to speak to each other through it, as far as possible, from month to month of our beloved work in all its various phases; so shall we grow with it, and thus this little paper may become to us a bond of sympathy as well as service.

THE requirement of "fifteen-line reports" is being much better complied with than formerly; but there is still need of some improvement, and we must continue to press it on our workers. Your local paper is the place for detailed programmes and lengthy obituary notices, if such are desired; but our space is so limited that we must endeavor to observe the limit more strictly, though we feel delicate about doing so. *In memoriam* notices of former workers are always inserted as promptly as possible, but they are required to be brief. We have not the space for biographies.

WILL correspondents sending us any manuscript kindly attach the name and address.

THE letters from our several fields in this issue are full of interest.

"SAY among the heathen that the Lord reigneth."

### Current Coin.

LET this and every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and let every setting sun be to you as its close. Let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others—some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves.—*Ruskin*.

SET thyself in the lowest place, and the highest shall be given thee; for the more lofty the building is designed to be, the deeper must the foundations of it be laid.—*Thomas a Kempis*.

A BUDDHIST priest in Japan, comparing his faith with Christianity, emphasizes the peculiar strength of the latter in the words, "The personality of Christ is the magnetic power of Christianity."