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One of the vital social changes that has come about in China within the last few decades is the emergence of a vigorous and active Woman's Movement. Old traditions are going and old shackles are being thrown off. In contrast with the past, the new woman of China is emerging from under the old yoke of male domination which had been going on for centuries. She is now seen everywhere --- in schools, shops, theaters, the professions and in business --- without running the risk of being ridiculed and chastised. She is slowly entering into fields which were formerly monopolized by men.

The new woman has abandoned all shackles of dress and sustom. She is releasing her feet from bondage and bobbing her hair to economise time. She is asking for equal rights. She is eager to learn, as evidenced by their efforts in the various schools. She is anxious to educate the women of China, for she realizes that the women are the backbone of the family and of the nation. She is teaching the masses the value of hygienic home conditions, with demonstration centers in which totally illiterate women can be shown what their homes should be. In other words, she is doing the same thing that the women of various other civilized nations have

done before her...fighting for her place in society.

It is sad to relate that all the women of China are not yet acquainted with the new Woman's Movement. There are many who are still living the same thankless life of a century ago wich was greatly influences by the sages of lang ago. They are still living in a world where the male reigns supreme and the woman, a live of subordination. Though, today, they are spared from the pains of footbinding, these women, in general, are not leading a very happy wholesome existence. From the time of their birth to the day of their death they are "shown their places." They are given only a very limited sphere of activities which are usually none too appealing. They are mostly illiterate for they were made to help the family income ever since they could remember, leaving very little time for learning. They were simply taught the bare household arts. Illiteracy however, does not reduce the women to the rank of fools, for the women of China, when it comes to the business of living, of keeping a household ging, of providing that corrective advice without which a husband will occasionally make wrong choices, are as capable as those of any other nation.

The new Woman's Movement, though it boasts of a relatively small membership is growing in power and prestige and is progressing steadily, a fact which cannot be denied. Without a doubt, within the next hundred years, the hinese man and his wife will be seen welking side by side, amm in arm talking and thinking as equals.