

"flowery beds of ease." Every step is full of toil. The path is beset with difficulties to be overcome and with battles to be fought. There are weary days and sleepless nights to pass through. He who would be a "light and landmark on the cliff of fame," and would from his lofty eminence look down on the masses of struggling mankind below, must climb the rugged cliff with much labor, not being discouraged though more than once he be precipitated to the plain below.

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THE MAN FOR THE FOREIGN FIELD.

FOREIGN Mission work is every year attracting more attention, and larger numbers of students and young ministers are offering for the foreign field. The statement that a recent canvass of the principal Theological Seminaries of the United States resulted in the discovery of over 650 students each ready to say, "Here am I, send me" to preach the Gospel to the heathen, suggests the question whether they all have the qualifications necessary for success in such service? So much depends on the field the candidate has in view, and the department of the work he wishes to undertake that it is not an easy question to answer. But there are still so many fields where pioneer work is to be done, and older fields where he should be able to take any part of the work, that the question demands most serious consideration. This will be willingly conceded when, besides, it is remembered that the foreign missionary is a *representative* Christian and minister, in a sense, and in circumstances, so widely different from the ordinary. And when the expense of reaching the field, the length of time which must elapse, and the many things that are still to be learned, after he is on the ground, before work can be fairly begun, are taken into account the importance of the question will be more fully realized.

The foreign missionary should, at least, be *all* that a minister should be; but if he is to have reasonable hope of success he should be *much more*, because of the specially difficult work of