

specially the working classes. I could put men into *numbers* of unopened cities—if I had the men—where they would be the first witnesses for Jesus Christ : Does no young man covet the honour to be a nineteenth century apostle to the Gentiles.

METHODS OF WORK.

Greatly as I love the C. M. S., a grand old society, I was led to come out first unattached, and see the field for myself, which I did for a year, seeing various missions and methods of work, and it was the China Inland mission that appealed to me as most apostolic in order, seeking no *Patronage*, soliciting no subscriptions, authorizing no collections, depending upon prayer and faith to move God and incline His children to give consecrated wealth, or more often out of sanctified poverty ; making no claims to government, willing to follow our Master who went about doing good, showing to the world we can be united with our non-conformist brethren in happy service for our Heavenly Master, in simple proclamation of the message of salvation while remaining staunch to our church, and working loyally under our Bishop, the field being divided into districts to suit the different sections of Church government.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

You may know there has been trial. The recent riots in our Province of Zechwan, in 7 different cities, missionaries' houses suddenly attacked, looted and wrecked, while the missionaries escaped with the clothes on their back, so we must be ready to *take joyfully the spoiling* of our goods, remembering we have a more enduring home above, nor can we forget the atrocious cold-blooded murders of Aug. 1st, at Ku Cheng. As I think of the little children who played with our own on the steamer coming out together two years ago, thus heartlessly butchered one's blood naturally boils, but one remembers that our Master when on the Cross could pray for His murderers—" Father forgive them"—so we must be ready to follow our Master all the way to Calvary.

In conclusion. Speaking of encouragements, 36 unite with us at communion, and 80 come to service on Sunday, which number, we hope to double and treble in a year or two. During the last one and a half years we have baptised 18, including a remarkable man, *General Liu*, formerly of the Imperial army, who gained great distinction during the Tai Ping rebellion 33 years ago, and was made a general at the early age of 26 ; ten years later, on the death of his father, he had according to