

What Can I Do for Jesus.

(Tune, Tenting To-Night.)

What can I do my love to show
For him who first loved me,
Who gave His life that I might know
Salvation full and free?

CHORUS.

Many heathen children are living to day,
Living in the darkest night;
We'll send them the Bible to show them the way
To God's own glorious light.
We'll send them the light, we'll send them the light,
The blessed gospel light.

(To be sung softly in the distance.)

Oh, send us the light, Oh, send us the light,
The blessed Gospel light.

If Jesus were on earth to-day,
As in the olden days,
How gladly, gladly would we sing,
Hosannas in His praise.

We thank Thee, Father, for our lot,
In a favored Christian land,
We'll work for those who know Thee not
In our happy mission band.

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Field Studies for May.

CHINA AND OUR CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The population of China is said to be 400,000,000; and not one in 400,000 ever heard of the name of Christ. There is said to be one worker to every 818,000 souls. In the province where our missionaries live there are 35,000,000 of people. The ladies sent out by our society expected to arrive in Chentu, their new home, in February, so no doubt they are already hard at work. One of these ladies is a doctor, and in healing the sick and bringing comfort to bodies full of disease and pain, she will have a grand opportunity of telling of Jesus, the Great Physician. Many of the people are blind, and their lives are peculiarly sad. Filthy homes and the ignorance of their own doctors favor rather than hinder the progress of disease. The Chinese language is one of the most difficult to learn, either to read or speak, and very much time has to be spent in study, before our workers will be able to talk to the people in their own tongue. Shall we not pray that God will help them to overcome difficulties, even in their study? If we expect them to do their duty, we must not at the same time forget that they are working for us, and if we forget our prayers for them, are we not doing them an injury?

We all have heard of the cruel way the Chinese have of binding the little girls' feet. At six years of age the feet are first bound and the bandages are tightened from time to time, until the little

toes are all bent under; and in some cases they are so terribly bruised and broken that they rot away and drop off. A girl baby is despised in China and her life, as she grows up is one of drudgery. Not one woman out of ten thousand knows how to read. Every woman hopes some day to be born again as a man. The idols of the Chinese are numerous and the people lavish their wealth on their heathen temples. Twenty thousand dollars are spent in a certain month of the year in one temple alone in the Canton province. Part of their religion consists in the worship of their ancestors—their grandfathers and grandmothers who are dead. So-chuen, meaning Four Streams is the name of the province where our missionaries live. It is a fine farming country. Rice is the food of the people. Besides this, wheat, potatoes, buckwheat and tobacco are largely grown. The silk worm abounds, and gives rise to quite an industry. There are also large fields for cultivating the poppy from which they obtain the opium. We know from last month what a curse this is to China.

There has been a call for more workers for this field. Surely in our favored land there must be some young women ready to give their lives for Christ for the sake of our Chinese sisters. Let us pray earnestly that this call may be answered speedily. Even in our own country we find John Chinaman, and we are glad that as a society we are doing something for them in our Rescue Home in Victoria, B. C. Some day we trust that some of our girls will take the glad news of the gospel back to their home land. Several of the girls have married in British Columbia and are, by their Christian homes shedding a light abroad. These people *pray, work and give* in a very hearty manner. Shall we be behind them? Oh! no, let us strive to do more than we have done in the past and not be satisfied with the little we do.

Questions for May.

What is the population of China?
How many have heard of Christ?
One worker to how many souls?
How many people where our missionaries live?
What can you tell of the ladies sent out, Dr. Retta Gifford and Miss Brackbill?
Which one will have the best opportunity to tell of Jesus, and why?
Why are the lives of the people sad?
What do their own doctors do for them?
Why is it not an easy thing for our missionaries to talk in the Chinese language to the people?
What should we specially pray for and what should we not forget?
Will you tell us about the poor little Chinese girl's feet?
What kind of a life have they and why?
Can women read in China? What is their hope?
Have they many idols there?
How do the people spend their money?
What is part of their religion? What do you mean by that?
What is the name of the country where our missionaries live, and what kind of a country is it?
What is the food of the people?
What do some of the people do for a living?
What flowers do they cultivate and why?
What is the call from China to-day and what must we do?
Are we doing anything for John Chinaman in our own country?
What do we hope for the girls in our Rescue Home in B. C.?
Are these girls doing any good now where they are?
How do they set us an example?
Shall we do less or more?