

MISSION FIELD.

LOOKING UPON THE
WORLD'S NEEDS.

More than 1,400,000,000 souls are now dwelling on the face of the earth; but how little these figures may mean to us! An assembly of ten thousand persons before the eye would probably give us a more vivid impression of a mass of human beings than would the full statistics of the earth's population. We can state the figures correctly; but is there not a vagueness in our conception of the multitudes who people the earth? And just so far as this conception is vague will our compassion be weak.

Our hearts cannot be deeply stirred for people who are but dimly known. If we suffer ourselves to sit in our homes, away from the sight and sound of the myriads of human beings, each with his sins and sorrows, his fears and his hopes, we may be quite untroubled in spirit and be wholly free from any burden of soul to behalf of others, but so doing, we shall be wholly unlike our Lord.

As far as possible we should go in bodily presence among the multitudes to have our compassion stirred. And where we cannot go we should send our thoughts. By books, by inquiries, by every device known to us, we should seek to bring before us the masses of men who people not our own cities and states alone but China and India and Africa and all the continents and islands of earth. Let the records of historians and travellers be studied, and then let the imagination bring up the vast array of human beings now walking the earth, degraded and civilized, black and white, Caucasian, Hindoo, Malay, Polynesian, yes, every tribe of our globe; see them coming up from every corner, a vast, an innumerable host, every one of them burdened with sin and want, every one of them needing a Saviour, and for every one of whom Christ has died. Can the mind dwell on such a vision and be unaffected? Can a Christian see it and not be profoundly stirred with emotions of love and pity?

It is for us to cherish such conceptions, and bring before our minds, even far, far beyond what it is possible to bring before our eyes, a vision of the myriads of mankind who need the Gospel. We may be far from the crowd, as it were shut up in a corner, but it is possible for us to lift up our eyes on the world and look upon its needs, so that it may be said of us, as of our Lord, that seeing the multitudes we were moved with compassion.—*Missionary Herald*.

MINISTRATIONS ON SHIP-
BOARD.

A writer in the *Missionary* says: "Missionaries on shipboard often have fine opportunities for doing good, though generally in the face of some opposition. A recent instance that has fallen under our notice is that of two missionaries of the Church of England—one

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A FACT TO BE RECOGNIZED.

The Church must recognize this great fact, that the condition for receiving blessing for home work is obedience to the Lord's command that bids her go out and occupy the fields of heathendom.

I know how hard it is to grasp that principle. For instance, I confess that I myself am conscious of a dread when I see Colonial and Missionary Bishops coming up to the Diocese of Durham, lest they should take away from us our best men. But then that feeling is utterly and absolutely wrong. We should give to them of our best.

Of this I am quite certain, that the measure of success in the work of the Church of England at home is not the measure of that work itself, but the measure of the Divine blessing that rests on that work. And if the work at home is to be blessed, the Church must stand face to face with the whole world, and look upon it as something to be won for her Lord.

Yes! If we look to see the Mission spirit in the Church's home work put forth in all its power—and that is for me the longing of my heart, and the prayer of my life—then in the measure in which the Church gives of her best to the Mission Field abroad, in that same measure will the fields at home be reaped.—*Canon Body*.

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