

within a year if we had the men to reach them; that is, in every land where missions have been established there are those who have given up their faith in heathenism and are open to conviction, but are not yet sufficiently enlightened to accept Christianity. A conservative estimate of this class of men in China is two hundred and fifty thousand.

3. Schools. The desire for Western education is becoming well-nigh universal. The government does not want any but Confucian schools, but the people evidently want Christian schools, for the government schools are poorly attended, even though the students are paid for coming, while the Christian schools are crowded to their utmost capacity, even though students have to pay all or part of their expenses. During the past five years more students have been turned away from the Christian colleges in China than have been admitted, and this because of the lack of buildings and teachers. Intermediate schools are many and crowded, but the demand for more is far greater than the possibility of supply with our present force of workers. Ten thousand day-schools could be opened within a month if we had enough teachers and the money to support them. The Church of Christ has the opportunity of educating the next generation

of Chinese. If neglected now the opportunity may never occur again, and the evangelization of China will be incomparably harder.

4. Medical Work. China's millions, covered with diseases loathsome to the eye and painful to the sense, have begun to realize the efficacy of foreign medicine, and welcome the medical missionary to shop and home.

5. Literature. The desire for literature has grown to such an extent that every Christian press has more work than it can well do, and twice the number is needed, or the present plants should be strengthened and enlarged.

6. Work among women. While all that precedes refers as well to the work among women as among men, the degraded position of women in Eastern lands makes the opportunity for her elevation all the more important. Fathers are sending their girls to our Christian schools in large numbers, and the women who go into the homes with the Gospel for women were never so welcome as now.

The greatest field in the world is white to the harvest. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Perhaps he will send you, or will ask you to help Him send.—*Missionary Review of the World.*

THE HIGHEST.

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Far above earthly creeds, and wordy strife,
 Above all thoughts of men upborne by prayer,
 Is the great source of Love, and Light, and Life;
 No solace elsewhere.
 Vainly we seek to solve the mystery
 Of life and death, by finite power;
 Chaos of doubt and fear is human history,
 Until that tranquil hour
 When Faith dispels all pessimistic gloom,
 And lights man's pathway to the silent tomb.