

preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

What is true of China is true in a large measure of Japan, India, Corea and the Isles of the Sea. Their almost countless millions wait for His law. The Pacific Ocean no longer separates us from Asia, it unites us. The Divine Command, the constraining love of Christ, the highest patriotism and the unprecedented crisis and opportunity all call, imperatively call, to the adequate performance of our work in the East.

The Men for the Work.

Can we secure the men needed for this work? It has been necessary to supplement our home force by recruits from Great Britain and Ireland. How can we expect to meet the needs for both home and foreign fields? I greatly fear there is not in the Christian homes of to-day the noble ambition which filled the atmosphere of the homes of our fathers--that the best boy of the family should give himself to the Christian ministry. How many mothers give their sons to the Lord as Hannah gave Samuel? No position so calls for the best brain and heart of the young men of to-day; no calling gives such opportunity for the fulfilment of the high resolves, the noble ambitions and heroic aspirations of youth; no work is so Christlike. It should not be difficult to secure every year sufficient candidates for the ministry; young men of consecration and capacity, who would fully qualify themselves for this worthy life-work. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."