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THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

We of the sisterhood of Western Ontario Baptists, with our foreign mission budget of \$16,000, which we expend in the Madras Presidency of India and in the Republic of Bolivia, belong to a vast army of men and women workers, scattered all over our own Continent of North America, over Great Britain, over Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and even now over China, Japan, India, the Nearer East, Africa and South America. This vast army gives in money its millions, and works in almost every corner of our old world. What an inspiration it would be if we could catch a glimpse of how it fares with them all in this New Year of 1916—the successes, the failures, the joys, the discouragements, the happiness, the sadness, and, above all, to what degree the kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. Should we feel "Missions" is a small thing—a thing for our spare moments, our spare coins, an 'aside'? Never again. It would be an absorbing passion, the thing towards which and for which our best efforts would be directed, and our most determined endeavors tend.

China.

There, in the Far East, is that mighty nation of China, its people restless, inquiring, unsatisfied, waking to a realization of their possible future. There are missionaries there from North America and from Britain by the hundreds, on the coast, in the north, in the south, in the far interior, on the borders of Thibet. And they are doing something.

There are great forces to be overcome—Confucianism, materialism, the worship of education and of the national spirit. But, to overcome them, there is growing intelligence, there is religious freedom, and the number of Christian leaders—preachers, teachers, doctors, nurses—is increasing by leaps and bounds. The Adult Bible Class Movement has reached China and been organized. Last year 7,000 high Government officials enrolled in Bible Classes. The Christians are establishing in some places Industrial Schools, giving, out of their poverty, at the rate of \$5 a member, so that the children may have a chance. Hospitals are being opened; street evangelists are preaching; activity of every sort is to be seen, trying to help China become a Christian nation as quickly as she is becoming an economic and social force.

Japan.

And with Japan the case is somewhat the same. Though there is still very much land to be possessed, the forces of Christianity are gaining, gaining. Among those decorated by the Emperor at his recent coronation are four Christians, and one of them a woman, the President of the Japanese Woman's Temperance Society. There is just lately opened a splendid new Baptist Tabernacle in Tokio, costing \$35,000, the finest institutional church in the country.

The Y. W. C. A. of Japan have also opened a fine new building, which combines club, school and hostel, and cost \$25,000. The Y. W. also held a Summer