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Acrostic.

P—alm Branches strayed they in the way,
A—s Judah's lowly King rode by;
L—oud the hosannas sung that day,
M—any the voices raised on high.

B—ut we, the heirs of ages past,
R—eading the story o'er and o'er,
A—nd thinking of God's gifts so vast,
N—ew day by day and evermore,
C—an we our meed of praise deny, [die?
H—old light the Love that for our sakes could

The Modern Macedonian Cry.

If we, in the home-land, privileged far beyond our deserts, could exchange places for a single day with one of our heathen sisters, think you would our after life be as indifferent as now to their claims? Would not the memory of the hopelessness, the anguish and degradation of that one day forever incite us to more strenuous effort to send to them—the life long sufferers—the sweet gospel story with all its alleviating tendencies?

We believe there never was a time in the history of our Canadian Methodist missionary work when the call came more distinctly than now to us, as women, to engage in some form or other of this work. There are those whom the Lord has set in families—whose home ties are so binding, that in unmistakable tones He asks them by gifts of prayer and means to work here for those yonder. But there are others to whom perhaps He is speaking just as distinctly, and hear Him, they must, would they but bend their ear and listen for the gentle

tones, as He asks them for His sake to sever ties of home and country, and give themselves to this work.

This year the need for women workers seems more prominent than ever. At the board meeting held at Ottawa, one of our returned missionaries from Japan pleaded, as one alone could who had been on the field and knew the needs of the work, for more workers.

Dr. Retté Gifford in one of her last letters home says 'I wish I could present before you China as it now lies in heathen darkness and degradation, could you but realize the great responsibility that is resting upon you, as christians, in regard to this and other lands you would at once arise to obey that last command of our Saviour, 'Go preach the gospel to every creature.' The women of Japan and China, through the two missionaries, are pleading for the Light. Will there not be found among those to whom the claims of this work are very near and sacred some who, in answer to this Macedonian cry, will take one step farther and cheerfully respond 'Here am I Lord, send me.'"

At the last Board meeting the Executive was authorized to send, during the year, a medical missionary and a trained nurse to China, and two missionaries to Japan. An appeal has been issued in different missionary periodicals for workers in the Indian, Japanese and Chinese fields.

Are there not some of our young women who have taken up the honorable professions of medicine and nursing who will be willing, for the sake of Him who came 'not to be ministered unto but to minister,' to sever home ties and