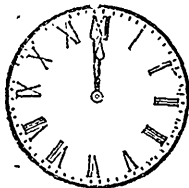


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"The love of Christ constraineth us."—2 Cor. v. 14.

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Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—PSALM II. 8.

Subjects for Prayer and Reading: December—Diocesan Missions, Corea. January—Ruperts' Land. The Zenanas.

COREA.

Corea is a peninsula, stretching southward from the northern part of China, and lying between the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan. Being in close proximity to Japan, it was the battle ground in the late war between China and Japan, and is now part of the Japanese Empire. It has a population of between 13 and 14 millions of Mongolian origin. Their religion is a mixture of Buddhism, Confucianism and demon worship. For the first time in 500 years the gates of Seoul, the capital, have been thrown open to Buddhist priests. There are only 70 Missionaries of all Protestant denominations, including wives labouring in Corea. Bishop Corfe's Mission, under the S.P.G. has its headquarters at Seoul and Chemulpo. The American Presbyterian Mission has also active workers in the field. One of our own countrymen, Dr. Hardie, sent out by the Canadian College Missionary Society, has been doing medical and missionary work at Wonsan since 1890. He states that there are about 1,000 Protestant converts who contribute, annually, what would be equivalent in this country to \$5,000 a year to Christian work. (Could the same proportion be given for every Christian in Canada?) The war has had a most awakening influence in Corea, and changes are rapid and startling. White dress, which has been the national and universal costume for centuries, was changed to black in the course of a few days. Two magazines and nine newspapers are now published in Corea. First class post offices have been placed in eleven of the cities, and second class in fourteen smaller towns. Two new ports, namely, Chinampo and Mokpo, have been opened for commerce, and in many ways God is opening up the country. Prince Eui Wka, second son of the King of Corea, and heir apparent to the throne, the eldest son being imbecile, was recently sent to the United States in order to be thoroughly instructed, and is now in New York under Christian training. It is a common practice to paste printed matter on the walls of the houses instead of pictures, and in many places