

vision, nor am I at all of a poetic or romantic turn of mind, nor indeed do I think such species would be much use in China, but when I consecrated myself to God and really said "Yes, Lord—any where with Jesus." He first said be ready to go abroad, I said "Yes Lord," and I thought of Africa. At length the call came suddenly. My friends, Messrs. C. T Studd and Stanly Smith, were going to China. It came to me why should I not go too, and it came to my brother at the same time, so suddenly that he had to resign his officer's commission in the 2nd Dragoon Guards, and I had to write to the Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, to say I expected to spend my next term, partly in the Indian Ocean and partly in China landing March 18th, 1885. As the question came to me it may also come to you, why should I not go out to China?

Some would answer that question by saying, oh! I'm not qualified. I'm not good enough to be a missionary. I assure you the chief thing necessary is to be willing to plod on day after day. It is perhaps hard work attacking the language, and some strain on the nerves too, but the question for you to settle with yourself is just this: *Am I willing* really now, to go out to China, even if it were to be murdered. Am I going to be like John, Mark or Paul.

THE NEEDS.

I hardly know where to commence, you may know there are 18 Provinces in China proper and with her dependencies the population is put down at about 300 millions. Just contemplate those figures, equal, I am told to 10 Bibles full of separate letters, supposing each letter of each Bible to represent one soul. We have perhaps 1800 missionaries all told, including all the wives of missionaries.

In England we find Churches and Chapels competing in the same street, I do know how it is with you; here multitudes are living and dying four or five hundreds of miles from the nearest missionary, without ever having heard the joyful sound *Jesus saves*. In my Parish of Pachao or Barjo as the people call it, our nearest neighbors are 110 miles off or 4 days journey, in other directions 300 miles must be travelled before reaching another station. Perhaps you say—the distance is greater among the Indians—true, but you have not got the population there like in China. Villages every few miles, large markets every 10 miles, and large walled cities every 60 miles. For 10 years I have travelled about without inconvenience or molestation. The people have listened to the Gospel and are most willing to listen,