

At home we have one Christian worker for fifty women and girls ; abroad we have one woman missionary for one hundred thousand women and girls.

At home we have one ordained minister for every one thousand and eighty people. In the heathen world we have one for every two hundred and twenty thousand souls.

At home we have one thousand and six hundred medical men for two and a half million people. In China we have one medical missionary for two and a half million people.

Let our gratitude to God for the peace and prosperity of this sixty years' reign, be shown by determined and self-denying efforts to enter the wide-open doors of the dying world.

E. M. G.

"COME OVER AND HELP US."

Hark to the cry that comes to us
From o'er the deep blue sea,
From Heathen lands afar and near,
A call to you and me.

"Come o'er and help us" is the cry,
"Teach us of Jesu's love,
How once He came on earth to die
That we might reign above."

Can we who know the Saviour's love
Not listen to this call,
And something do for Heathen lands,
Who know Him scarce at all?

To some the call is "Go thyself
And teach the Joyful News";
But this is not the work that God
For every one doth choose.

To some He says, "Thy money give
To send My servants forth;
E'en farthings given from love of Me
Are in My sight of worth.

But there are some too poor, too young,
Who money cannot spare,
And can they nought for Missions do?
Yea, raise their hearts in prayer.

Ask God to send His servants forth
To sow the Precious Seed,
To guide and bless them in their work
And give them help in need.

And all who enter on this work,
Your prayers are needed too;
"The harvest truly plenteous is,
But laborers are few."

And when ye hear of tidings glad,
Sing praises to our God
For wanderers brought into the fold,
Saved by His Precious Blood.

F.M.K.

MRS. Bishop, F.R.G.S., in her address at the C.M.S. meeting in May last said, "Six weeks ago I came straight from some of the darkest of earth's dark places, from the empires of Korea, China and Japan. The darkness which broods over these countries is a darkness which may be felt. This Scripture phrase is

the only word to describe it. But it is not of that darkness extending, as I saw it, from the eastern frontier of Thibet to eastern Japan, that I would speak to-night. Here and there are little glimmers of light, lighted by such Christian persons as fill this hall. But I felt everywhere that these little glimmers of light only increased, in one sense, the darkness which is outside of them. On this journey I visited 103 mission stations, including those mission stations of the Church Missionary Society often called the Horsburgh Mission, in the far west province of Si-chuan. I have no connection with missions and missionary effort, except the most cordial sympathy and the deepest interest. I am a traveller solely, and it is as a traveller that I desire to bear my testimony to the Godly and self-denying lives, and zeal, and devotion of nearly all the missionaries of all the churches that I have everywhere seen. This testimony, from a traveller unconnected with missions, may be, I trust, of some value, and I am prepared to give it everywhere. But it is neither of the darkness nor the work that I would speak to-night; for I have been given an opportunity of speaking of both next Tuesday.

"I desire to plead with you to-night—and would that I could make my pleading earnest!—not for money, nor even for men or women, but for your earnest and continual prayers on behalf of those whom you have helped to send forth to the forefront of the hottest battle which is raging on earth. It seems sometimes that continuous prayer is much more difficult than the spasmodic effort of giving; but, after all it is to the prayers of God's people that we must look for missionary success. I feel it difficult to speak on this subject that I am about to say a few words upon, in the presence of so many returned missionaries, but perhaps they would scarcely like to plead for themselves, and might hesitate to appeal for themselves in the same way.

"I am very often asked, 'What about missionary hardships?' and in my long journeys, and in the 145 mission stations that I have visited in the last eight years, I have seen much of them; and I think that there are no missionaries who would not agree with me, that these hardships, to which the people refer and of which they dream at home, have very little effect upon them. They have good houses—on the whole—good food; suitable clothing, and best of all, regular meals. These things dwelt upon are nothing, and they would tell you they are nothing if they were asked. But it appears to me that there are most grievous deprivations attending missionary work which affect the spiritual life, and which must—unless they are battled with—lead to a depreciation of that life, as time goes on."