

## Mission Field

### The S. P. G. Society's Work.

In India the Society spends more than thirty-six thousand pounds a year. Its numerous Missions includes Chota Nagpore, with 13,288 baptized native Christians; Tonnagoo, with 3,839; the Telugu Missions, with 5,975; Tinnevely, with 32,447; and Ahmednagar, with 4,076. There are many hundreds of lay mission-workers, besides 174 clergymen, of whom 117 are natives.

In the rest of Asia the Society has Missions in Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Borneo, China, Corea, and Japan. On these vast fields it spends about eleven thousand pounds a year, maintaining fifty ordained missionaries, where there ought to be hundreds.

In Africa the Society is at work in ten dioceses, including the new one of Mashonaland, where strenuous efforts have to be made for the Church's work among the colonists and natives. The Society's annual expenditure in Africa is about fifteen thousand pounds a year, one hundred and twenty-two clergymen (of whom seventy-two are missionaries to the heathen) being on the Society's list. Both missionary and colonial work are carried on in each of the dioceses, the chief missionary diocese being that of St. John's (Kaffraria), while the other dioceses contain among their Missions the well-known stations of Herschel, Keiskamma Hoek, St. Augustine's, Isandhlwana, Springvale, Highflats, Phokane, Thaba'Nehu, Masite, and Thlotse Heights.

In Madagascar the Society spends between four and five thousand pounds a year. The number of its missionaries is twenty, half of whom are native clergymen. The work in this vast island exhibits opportunities in all directions.

In America and the West Indies the Society spends between fifteen and sixteen thousand pounds a year, and maintains (wholly or in part) two hundred and forty-seven clergymen, of whom twenty-four are missionaries to the heathen.

In the rest of the world the Society spends about four thousand pounds a year, maintaining (wholly or partly) fifty-eight clergymen, of whom eighteen are missionaries to the heathen. These are engaged in the Cape de Verde Islands, at Constantinople, at the Continental Chaplaincies in Europe, in Fiji, Mauritius, Norfolk Island, Queensland, St. Helena, the Sandwich Islands, and Western Australia.

Thus the Society endeavours to maintain and increase the efficiency of its existing missions to the heathen, and to take care of the scattered members of the English race in all parts of the world. But are we seriously grappling with the missionary problems of Asia and Africa?

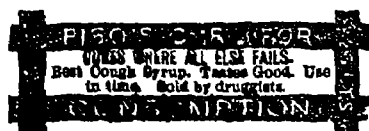
We can, for instance, tell of famous and prosperous Missions in many parts of India. We can thank God for them, and regard them as evidences of His blessing on the labour that has not been bestowed on them in vain. But what proportion does it all bear to the total population of India? Christianity gains ground in every way there; the Christian population grows much more rapidly than the non-Christian, while, in the competition of life, Christians are distancing the unconverted members of their races. The result is certain, but how far distant is it? Are not our efforts almost absurd in their relative smallness? God can save India with many or with few, but we, who desire that it should be won for Him, should be ashamed of the little hand we send to persuade its millions. We dare not pretend that the workers are few because we trust that in God's hand they are enough. They are few because our love is cold.

The case is the same in other parts of Asia and in Africa. There is no reason, either in native prejudice or in political or physical difficulties, why Africa should not in a few years become Christian, at least from the Zambesi to Capetown.

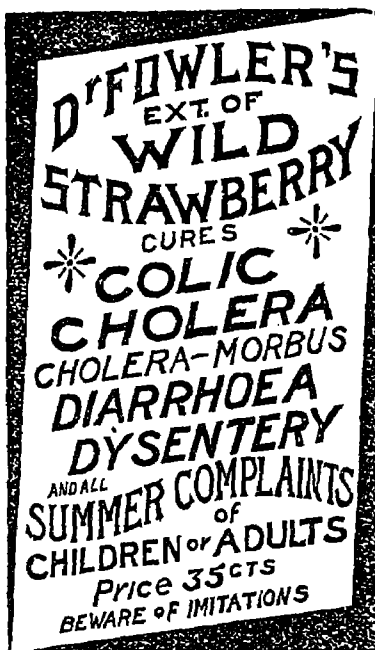
Hard work, sometimes dangerous work, sometimes discouraging work, there would no doubt be. But still such good and noble work as is now being done would, if it were only multiplied, soon accomplish the task. The multiplication must be done by the Church at home.

*Anpao Kin* is the title of a Church paper in the Sioux language published at Sioux Falls, S. D. Three dialects, Santee, Yankton, and Teton, are used in its pages.

Ground has been broken for the erection of a church at Ayer, Mass. The cost will be about six thousand dollars.

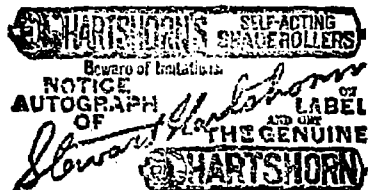


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