

## “THE MISSIONARY BAND” TO COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE Missionary Band, Messrs. Stanley P. Smith, B.A., C. T. Studd, B.A., D. E. Hoste, Montagu Beauchamp, B.A., Cecil H. Polhill-Turner, Arthur T. Polhill-Turner, B.A., and the Rev. W. W. Cassels, B.A., who left England for China in the early part of 1885, have, during their subsequent residence in China, been so deeply impressed by the great need for more workers, that they have ventured to address the following letter to college students, in the hope that many among them, in determining their life-work, will consider the claims of the heathen world :—

### TO MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITIES.

There are scores, we are assured, not to say hundreds, at this time, in the Universities of the British Isles, America, and the Continent, of earnest Christians whose heart-cry is “Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?” You have come (for we are particularly addressing such) to the time of life when great decisions must be made ; it is possible that some such thoughts as these are revolving in your minds ; “I have *one* life to live on earth, and only one ; whether it will be long or short God alone knows. How can I lay out this life to the greatest advantage ? What is the best *investment* I can make of this life for the glory of God, the good of His Church, and the benefit of mankind ?” The answer to such an important question it is an impossibility for us to give for others, indeed it would be great presumption to attempt to do so ; but no harm can come by mutually reminding each other as Christians, in all the varied problems of life, and in none more so than the great investment mentioned above, to seek the guidance of God, the counsel of Christ.

Writing as we do as missionaries in China it may be objected, even by Christians, that we necessarily take a one-sided view of life ; it may be urged, even by Christians, that “all cannot be missionaries.” To this very sentence we take exception ; it is indeed true that “all cannot be missionaries” in the sense of “all” coming out here, or “all” going to Africa, or “all” staying at home. But whether at home or in foreign parts, do not the parting words of the Master make it incumbent on every one of us to *live* in the spirit of the oft-prayed prayer, “Thy kingdom come” ? and thus, in this sense, be a missionary—to honestly bear