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men, but with minds imbued with virtue and sanctified by Christianity, by a knowledge of what is right, and conveying blessings on races who will be brought into contact with them. It is wonderful that, notwithstanding our numerous colonies, such a blessed system should have been entered upon through the mind of one gentle Christian lady being turned to the subject. The world is full of persons who perform heroic actions; but I know of no more heroic act in any age or in any time. And now, when I see this crowning effort added to what has gone before, I feel a joy in which I am sure all Christians must participate, that yet in another part of the world the same means of good are to be sent forth. (Applause.) Some few words, my Lord Mayor, I must add concerning those who take part in the work. I have said that the world is full of those who perform heroic acts. No nation has produced more heroes than Great Britain. Wherever we turn our eyes, they are to be found. I am sure when reading recently of what took place at Peiho, in China, it was wonderful to hear of men floundering across the mud banks, hardly able to drag foot after foot, but still pressing courageously forward amid showers of the messengers of death, still determined to do their duty. If you had spoken to these men, they would have said, "We do not die uselessly. Here we may die from a sense of duty; but our comrades, the British Army and Navy, will see how men must act under circumstances of difficulty. At all hazards, at all risks, they must see that the spirit of British soldiers remains unchanged. At all times we must do our duty." They knew that it was on such a spirit we must rely should our own country be the object of attack from an enemy; and that by such conduct alone could our wives, our children, and our hearths be sufficiently protected. (Hear, hear.) But heroic as these men were, these missionaries are, if possible, more heroic still. They are not going to face the danger of the hour, but danger that will last for years. They are to face