

described some of their surgical operations, and on being greeted with laughter replied, "Remember, gentlemen, that is only the laughable phase of an awful fact."

Another reason why medical men should consider the claims of the foreign field is the small number of those who have given themselves to this work. In the whole of China, there is one medical missionary to every four millions of people, about the same proportion as if there were but one in all of Canada and no Pacific Railway.

His work is important. He is indispensable to the families of ordained missionaries. He goes to men who are suffering and dying without medical aid. He has more patients in one year than he would get in ten at home. He becomes exceedingly popular among prominent officials, and through their help founds dispensaries, hospitals and medical colleges. In fact, he makes himself indispensable to the community, and gains a national reputation.

The qualifications of a medical missionary are: a strong physique, agreeable and winning manners, a liberal general education, and a first class medical and surgical training. But above all, to be a successful medical missionary he must be an imitator of the Great Physician and ready to go anywhere. He must be a man of prayer, using the word of God as his manual. He must have good common sense and a consecrated will.

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