

school, printing office, book-selling, and evangelism, where a good part of the income needed could be earned on the spot?

How many places in commerce, mines, manufacturing centres, etc., where a syndicate of God's business men could invest capital, settle down, gather about them Christian workmen, both foreign and native, and found villages that would be in temper and morals absolutely Christian, but under native jurisdiction?

How many missions still want men and women? If the missions and men on the field would help on committees appointed to look after such openings, how long would it be before places could be found for 250,000 men and women, especially if there were funds out of which all initial expenses would be paid and a large contingent supported?*

Again, let us suppose that the opportunity described above should be laid before our whole Church, and an appeal be made for properly qualified men and women to unite in an "Association of Followers of Jesus," whose one motto would be, "The World for Christ," whose one business would be to serve the King in strict accordance with His regulations in His campaign to win the nations to discipleship. Let us suppose that each one would pledge himself and herself to take from all that came into their possession just as much as they really needed for personal development and family requirements, as a preparation for service; the balance being God's for the use of the Kingdom of the heavens on earth; and that the association as a whole undertook to supply the needs of each one, so that not a soul would have an anxious thought about support, well or ill, at

home or abroad, as long as he was true to the idea and the pledge, according to his power.

What would be the result? The membership would rapidly increase. The Churches would be quickened so that missionary income would be easily increased to send more workers now available for work already begun, and to new fields ready to hand. Many people of wealth, who could not see their way to take the obligation of members, would contribute largely to the central fund for important undertakings. In five years half a million of members at home, and 250,000 abroad, with \$10,000,000 annually to distribute, would be no impossibility. In twenty-five years, 5,000,000 members, with the funds and institutions they would have begun to control, would begin to tell mightily on politics and social life all over the world, and revivals, wherein millions would be won, would visit all lands. In fifty years they would disarm the world, for militarism as well as mammonism would be beaten by the Prince of Peace. The Far East would be Christian, and probably Russia, too, at last, and all nations would begin to understand the nature of the divine law of God-love which works just as well "on earth as in heaven."

NOTE.—It was my intention to give an outline of some practical lessons learned in my short experience with the Self-Support Band which will be of service in a larger attempt. But this article has already exceeded all bounds. Only one word of warning I must add. Don't let any one rush off in an excitement to China expecting to find work, income, and all the rest all ready to hand! Take time. Don't jump till you know where you are going to land. Don't straddle a comet but hitch to a star. Work out the idea where you are until Providence opens the way, when the funds you have banked or the preparations made will come in just right. I shall be glad to correspond with any who have the Far East on their hearts.—C. S. Eby, Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada.

* If these figures are too big to seem probable, just try it with one figure less, which would make it tenfold the present force in China.