

Arima presents many curious contrasts, the strangest perhaps a convention of Christian workers in a heathen temple, holding prayer and praise meetings in the same room with idols and idol trappings, while in the next room the voice of the priest is heard repeating over and over his heathen prayers and tinkling his little bell. The beauty of nature on a neighboring hillside is marred by heathen burial rites. There is a rude little cemetery with rows of weather-beaten stone images lining the path to the stone dais. Here comes a funeral procession. A few hired coolies carry huge bouquets, then follow two small boys with lanterns, next the priest with his shaven head, the casket follows on the shoulders of two other coolies, and then two or three relatives dressed in their white mourning garments, laughing and chatting. The casket is placed on the stone dais, the priest recites glibly a short ritual, some sticks of incense are lighted, and the rites are over. Mourners and priest depart seemingly light of heart. Coolies possess themselves of the body and for the consideration of twenty-five cents proceed to cremate it in the rudest manner possible, shocking to every sense of humanity.

The beauty of Japan but serves to make its needs the more apparent. Japan needs a vitalizing Christianity. This promising, beautiful land must become a part of the Kingdom of our Lord where He shall reign forever and forever.—*Hazel Haworth, in Woman's Work for Woman.*

What Shall the Missionaries in Turkey Do ?

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Ought the missionaries in the most seriously discurbed parts of Turkey to leave their stations? The missionaries, in many places in the Turkish Empire, have known for years that they were in danger of fearful suffering from mob violence. Three years ago the writer felt that he was living over a powder magazine. The explosions, though long delayed, have at length come, and they have proved to be far worse than our fears. The future is ominous. Ought the missionaries to seek for places of greater safety?

Those who look at them merely as American citizens, with no reference to their work and their responsibilities, as it is natural for government officials to do, can very easily say "Let them flee as people flee from a burning building." But those who are acquainted with their work and know the serious consequences involved will find it much more difficult to answer the question. It becomes doubly perplexing where the lives of children are to be considered.

Has there ever been a time when the missionaries in Turkey could do so much for the good of the people for whom they are there as they can at