

Canada. The thought is overwhelming! And what is being done to tell them of Jesus?

Modern Christian effort was first put forth in behalf of China in 1808 and up to 1861, 115 Protestant Missionaries had gone there. This number in 1865 had fallen off to about 91. In that year the China Inland Mission, a non-denominational and purely faith work was organized by J. Hudson Taylor. Since that time many have gone out and laboured in the field, and in March, 1884, the combined missionary staff was 428 in the field and 52 absent in Furlough, giving a total of 480.

Now make another calculation. Say there are 500 now at work for the Master in China and what do we learn? That the same average would give about 9 preachers for the whole of Canada!

What a solemn thought! May God lay it upon your heart. Do you believe that God would have them hear the gospel? How long, then, is this state of things to continue? What are you doing to remedy it?

[SELECTED.]

A Fan for the Flue and Fuel for the Fire.*

By J. Y. FULLERTON.



NOW many cold Christians there are! and how small the fire of devotion in the warmest heart! Our message shall be to such. If, then, we who follow Christ are to be ablaze with the love of Jesus, and with love to souls, we need

two things. First, a fan for the flue, and then fuel for the fire.

If we try to make a fire before sweeping the chimney, we shall have only smoke, and in most places there is enough of that already. Let us, rather, seek to purge ourselves of defilement, clear away old animosities, search out secret sins, give up narrow prejudices, renounce mutual jealousies, cast away undue cares, relieve ourselves of needless anxiety, bury all bitterness, and, in fact, send the brush up the chimney, and have a thorough sweep down. Don't stick to a thing because it is old, else you may find you are only

keeping soot, and causing smoke, and putting out the fire. Let us rather search out, as the Jews searched for the leaven on the Passover, all these things that offend, and get rid of them, or better still, pray, "Search me, O Lord, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." We beseech you, brethren, carry none of the old troubles any longer. Call in the aid of our good friend the sweep, and let the matter have instant attention, lest the house be burnt down.

But do not stop there. Clean flues are good things, but we need fuel to feed the fire. Out, then, into the woods, and bring home some faggots to pile on the blazing hearth. In the Word of God there is enough fuel to keep our fire always bright, yet we are often too slothful to cut down the branches, or, having cut them, do not carry them home to cheer, and warm, and gladden those under the roof.

Now, see the fire burn! How the yule log laughs in the flame, and how the chimney "draws"! May it be so with you, good reader. Get rid of your old grudges, forgive those who have grieved you, start with a clear conscience, and then from the forest of Divine truth go and gather some promises, cutting them down with the axe of faith, bring them to your now smouldering life, and see whether you yourself will not be gladdened and all around you made to rejoice with a great joy.

And you, too, dear unconverted reader, need first of all to be free from sin before you can serve God with acceptance. The offences of many years need a strong hand to sweep them away. Turn to the ONE who alone can cleanse you—then gather of His words—and the Spirit of God, like a mighty flame, will cause your heart to burn within you, while Jesus speaks to you by the way.

Wanted Without Delay.



FEW more Aarons and Hurs as attendants on the weekly prayer-meeting, to pray for the success of the preaching of the Gospel on the Sabbath.

Also, a few more teachers in the Sabbath-school, of the right sort, who will give themselves to earnest prayer on the behalf of their scholars, until they have been brought to remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

Also, a few more Tract-distributors in the destitute portions of the city, where "a line may reach him who a sermon flies.

Also, a few more contributors to the Lord's treasury on earth, who more highly prize an eternal treasure in heaven.

Persons seeking such employment, may find it at once by applying to their Pastor.

*From "Froned Palms. A collection of printed papers on a wide range of subjects." May be procured from the Publishers of this paper.