

Zenana Societies. China has at length opened up intercourse with the west and has thus thrown wide the open door for the words of Gospel truth. Japan already welcomes the Christian missionary as the necessary companion to that European civilization she is endeavoring to establish in her midst. The hour is ripe for missionary work all over the world. Where are the men, brethren? Where are the means?

One at least of the great English Missionary Societies has expressed a willingness to accept young men from Canada and to assign them posts of evangelistic work among the heathen. Are there not boys and young men who will qualify themselves for this work and go forth in the name of the Lord to do it? Are the world of commerce, the heaping together of riches, with no knowledge as to who shall gather them, the secular professions and walks of life,—are these to engross the energies of all young men whose foreheads have been marked with the mark of the crucified Lord and who have been trained in the ways of His Church? Where are the mothers who, like Hannah of old, have lent their boys to the Lord for this noble work?

Young men of Canada, we call upon you to take upon yourselves this all important duty. How many will respond and say, "Here am I, send me"?

And where are the means? This appeal is designed to reach all the congregations in this Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. If every congregation that it reaches and every individual who hears it would extend to it the living and enthusiastic interest that its importance demands the response would be many times larger than the seven thousand two hundred and eight dollars (a sum far too small) that was received in answer to the appeal of last year. How can a man who spends all his energies upon the amassing of wealth, the acquisition of luxuries, the administering to his own ease and comfort, without laying aside a regular and substantial proportion of his means

towards the great work of evangelizing the world and rescuing it from heathen darkness,—how can such a man lay claim to be a true disciple of Christ?

We can only pray that the hearts of people calling themselves Christians may yet be touched to such an extent as to lead to some actual self-denial on their part, that the work of their Lord may be supported and extended.

And we would not conclude this appeal without expressing our gratitude to Almighty God for the one hundred and thirty-four parochial branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions that have been established in our midst. We recognize this as what is destined to be a powerful agency in carrying on the missionary operations of our Canadian Church. Already it has borne fruit in the sending forth by the Woman's Auxiliary of Toronto, the first woman missionary of the Church of England in Canada, who is now working as a teacher to the Blackfoot Indians of the North-West. May we soon learn of others being sent even to more distant places!

All Christian bodies are becoming more and more alive to the great work of missions. We ask the sons and daughters of our Apostolic Church to work with a good heart and will that she may take her true place in the van of this great and noble work.

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