

Our language has 40,000 characters. Our people are very ignorant, and in many provinces they hate the coming of foreigners.

We sometimes wonder why Christian nations that send missionaries to convert us shut our people out from their countries, or highly tax them for coming in.

Our great religions are Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, but they do not save our people from superstition and sin.

Robert Morrison, who came in 1807, was our first Protestant missionary, but our country was not fully opened up till 1860. There are now about 1,600 foreign missionaries amongst us, and about 60,000 members of the Christian churches.

We have great need of more workers, for in some provinces there is only one missionary to every 700,000 people. We plead with you to

"Come over and help us."

ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC.

I bring the call from the isles of the broad Pacific. Our islands, which number about 2,000, vary from a vast continent to a tiny speck on the bosom of old Ocean. There is a population on these islands of about 10,000,000. A beautiful climate and rich natural treasures are ours, but our spiritual poverty and degradation have been great.

Many of the first missionaries who came to us were murdered, but the blood of these martyrs was the seed of the present churches.

Some of the greatest triumphs of the Gospel have been won in the Sandwich Islands at the north, and the Fiji Islands at the south.

The memorial tablet of Geddie at Aneityum records these words. "When he landed here in 1848 there were no Christians, and when he left here in 1872 there were no heathens."

There are now 226 mission stations with a membership of about 60,000. Much work remains to be done, for there are yet 1,650 islands with a population of over 9,000,000 waiting for the good news of the Gospel.

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INDIA.

I bring you a message from India calling for help. The greatest width and length of our country are the same—1,900 miles. It is as large as all of Europe, and it has a population of about 300,000,000. One single province (Bengal) has more people in it than there are in the whole of the United States.

Four hundred and seventeen thousand of us die every year of cholera, and 3,500,000 die of fever and famine.

The cruel customs of human torture and child destruction have been stopped by the British Government.

The religions of our land are Brahminism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism.

Carey was the first missionary sent to us by a missionary society in 1793. There are now, including Burmah and Ceylon, about 700,000 Protestant Christians. The Methodists report an average of 1,200 converts a month for over two years, but if it were 12,000 a month it would take 2,000 years to convert India.

Surely the King's business requires haste, and we call you to

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AFRICA.

I voice the call from Africa, that vast continent, which is larger than Europe and North America put together. It has long been a dark continent, and is only now being opened up to civilization and Christianity. Too long there has been poured into our land from so-called Christian nations destroying rum. Too long our sons and daughters have been borne away from us into slavery or cruel death.

We have a population of about 200,000,000. Our religions have been of the coarsest and most idolatrous kind, accompanied with revolting rites and cruelties.

The Moravians were the pioneer missionaries amongst us in 1736, but were driven back by the deadly climate.

In all there are now laboring amongst us about 1,200, and there are about 1,000,000 Protestant adherents and 102,000 members.

There is a tract north of the Congo as large as the whole of Europe without one missionary. We plead with you by the wrongs of the slave trade and the rum traffic, and from the depths of our great need to

"Come over and help us."

TURKEY.

I speak forth the call from Turkey, the headquarters of Mohammedanism, that religion whose creed is the Koran and whose favorite weapon is the sword.

The first missionaries came to us in 1820, but through the bitter fanaticism of the Turks, and the personal peril of Christian converts, the progress has been very slow. There is now a Protestant community of about 80,000, and a membership of 18,000.

Our land has been deeply dyed with the blood of martyred Armenians. We ask your sympathy, prayers and help. We live in Bible lands, but we sadly need Christian liberty of conscience and leavening Bible truth. We longingly plead with you to

"Come over and help us."

SOUTH AMERICA.

I utter the call from another neglected continent—South America. On us have rested for centuries the deepest shadows of Romanism and its accompanying religious superstitions.

We have a population of 35,000,000, living in unsettled republics. The Moravians were the first to bring the real Gospel to us in 1735.

Missionary martyrs like Captain Gardiner have consecrated this soil. Few workers are amongst us. Venezuela, so much talked about with its 2,000,000 inhabitants, has only one Protestant missionary. The total number of missionaries amongst us is 325, and the converts number only 15,000. It is safe to say that at least 30,000,000 of our people are unreached by the Gospel.

We are not heathen idolaters, but are utterly destitute of spiritual Christianity, and we plead with you to

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CANADIAN METHODIST MISSIONS IN JAPAN AND CHINA.

I URGE the claims of our own work in Japan and China. It might have been expected that the war between these two countries would have caused a decrease in spiritual interest, membership and money. Instead of this there was