

the problems of future population, nor of growing immigration, for the people are there already in teeming millions beyond calculation, emerging from a dark and degrading past, and awaiting the message of hope and salvation which true religion alone can bring to any people. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

West China includes the three provinces of Szechwan, Yunnan, and Kweichow, with populations of 60,000,000, 12,000,000 and 8,000,000 respectively, or an aggregate for the three provinces of 80,000,000. Among these provinces, nine missionary societies are operating, with a total force of four hundred workers (including missionaries and their wives). Each person, male and female, has thus a parish of 200,000 souls. Each ordained minister has a parish of over half a million. The West China Missionary Conference of 1908 earnestly appealed to the Christian Churches at home responsible for that field, for reinforcements of 1,500 additional missionaries. If these were granted, supposing that one-half the number were men, it would only provide, together with the present force in the field, one male foreign missionary for every 80,000 of the people.

Our Church has accepted the responsibility for the evangelization of at least 10,000,000 people in West China. Our territory is situated in the Province of Szechwan, with our Mission headquarters at Chengtu.