

The leaders in the missionary enterprise are more and more seeing the necessity of a wide and comprehensive view of their whole task. Where the work to be done is so vast, resources must be economised, the most important centres must be strengthened, and the right starting-points for further advance must be occupied. The methods of work need constant investigation, and no effort must be spared to find the right people for the work and to give them the necessary training and equipment. The more the question is studied as a whole, the more urgent and insistent does the call to increased effort at the present moment appear. The opportunity is such as it has never been before. The travels of successive explorers have made known the secret places of the earth. Improved methods of communication have made it possible to go easily and safely to any part of the world, and have, in consequence, made the world a smaller place. China, Japan, and Korea, so long closed to foreigners, and the mysterious centre of Africa, the dark continent, are now open to all.

The general awakening in the East dates