

to labour in that vast field, we gladly publish the appeal. It contains statements of the highest importance and value in regard to woman's work in China :—

TO THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY AND ALL OTHER PROTESTANT COUNTRIES : GREETING.

We, the women of the Missionary Conference now assembled in Shanghai, come to you, our sisters in Christ, with an urgent appeal in behalf of the one hundred millions of women and children of China who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

The work of women in China has been prosecuted at the oldest stations for about fifty years, at first chiefly by the wives of missionaries, but in later years single ladies have largely augmented this working force. There are now ladies engaged in educational, medical and evangelistic work in China. Much has been done by them ; many lives have been uplifted from the degradation of idolatry and sin ; many sad hearts comforted ; many darkened minds enlightened, and much solid good effected. But our hearts are burdened to-day with love and pity for the millions of women around us, our sisters for whom Christ died, still unreached by the sound of the Gospel.

Beloved Sisters, if you could see their sordid misery, their hopeless, loveless lives, their ignorance and sinfulness, as we see them, mere human pity would move you to do something for their uplifting, But there is a stronger motive that should impel you to stretch out a helping hand, and *that* we plead—the constraining love of Christ. We who are in the midst of this darkness that can be felt, send our voices across the ocean to you, our Sisters, and beseech you by the grace of Christ our Saviour that you come at once to our help.

Four kinds of work are open to us.

1. There is school work in connection with our various Missions, which in many cases the men have handed over to the women in order that they themselves may be free to engage more directly in evangelistic work.

2. There is a work to be done for the sick and suffering women of China, in hospitals, dispensaries and homes, for which skilful