

has an area equal to the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, a population of about 17,000,000, or over 300 to the square mile. Four or five missions are working in this territory, but all make only a drop in the bucket; but the number of pupils in attendance at our various schools is as follows: The Anglo College, 133, the two theological schools, 62; the three girls' boarding-schools and high class seminary, 166; the six boys' boarding-schools, 183; the five women's schools, 122; the 122 boys' day schools, 2356; and the 63 girls' day schools, 926. In many of these schools, especially those of a higher grade, the larger per cent of the pupils are Christians. Thus you see we have gathered an army of 3948 students, but might have many more would our accommodations permit. But wait; from the roof of my house I can see the houses of nearly 2,000,000 people. Out of this vast number we have gathered less than 1000 pupils. From the north end of the noted bridge of "ten thousand ages," which spans the Min River, I can walk west forty minutes, east forty minutes, through solidly built streets, and among all these multitudes we have not even a place for street preaching. Within the city proper, which is eleven miles in circumference, we have but one church with less than forty members, three day schools, and a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society hospital. Do you wonder that we ask, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Had we the means, in less than eight months we could establish a hundred day schools among this people, with 3000 pupils, and in each school-room we could hold a Sunday-school and have street preaching services. Last year I wrote a few letters, stating that \$50 would for one year support a day school, Sunday-school, and weekly preaching services. In response I have received contributions sufficient to open sixteen day schools with flourishing Sunday-schools and preaching services. At the end of the second quarter, 527 pupils in these day schools passed the examinations. I do praise the Lord for this answer to prayer.*

* Knowing that the missionary society (Methodist Episcopal, North) could not grant even enough to support the work already in hand, we thought best, at our estimate meeting July, 1893, to ask for money to support these sixteen schools, believing that as God had raised up friends in the past, so He would in the future. These schools are faithfully superintended, examined quarterly by a competent committee, and a detailed record of every pupil kept. Now what shall we do for these 527 boys and girls? What for the hundreds of others who are anxious to secure the advantages of a Christian education? One dollar will support a student for a year. Forty dollars will at the present rate of exchange support a day school, Sunday-school, and weekly preaching services one year. Who will contribute? Mr. Charles M. Grace, of Pittsburg, Pa., who now sustains three schools, writes that he intends to continue their support until such time as the missionary society can care for them or they become self-supporting. What a profitable investment for a young man? At present I only ask for pledges of money, one half to be paid January 1st, 1896, and half the following June. Any person or persons pledging \$40 to be paid, as above indicated, can name the school, will receive a detailed quarterly report in Chinese and English, and with the third report I will send a photograph of school and teacher, a Chinese letter, with translation, from the teacher, giving a short account of his life and Christian experience and an idol that has been worshiped. For \$30 I will send the quarterly reports, and a photograph of the school the money helps to support. Smaller sums will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged. Now please do not draw a long breath and throw this aside without a prayer for these heathen children. "Give and it shall be given unto you." Send pledges to me direct, and money to Dr. A. B. Leonard, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, requesting it to be forwarded to me to support a day school.

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