

Lifeless and forlorn heart. Of this fact, the Chinese movement referred to is a remarkable illustration and proof.

This view of the mission work is full of hope and encouragement, and demands renewed and redoubled efforts in Missionary labours on the part of all true Christians. The facilities both at home and abroad are vastly greater than they were forty or even twenty years ago. Indeed they are increasing every year. Fifty years ago this great enterprise was frowned upon by the high, jeered at by the low; and it formed the subject of scurrilous invective to the first class literary journals of Great Britain. The church itself had but little faith in it. She had to be aroused and conciliated in its behalf. Then, indeed, it did require sublime courage and self-denial to embark in the cause, or plead for it. But how different now! Public opinion is in its favour, and it is recognized by all intelligent men as one of the great moving forces of the age, for the good of mankind, both for time and eternity; and as such they acknowledge its claims.—*while all true Christians not only acknowledge its claims, but also give it their cordial and liberal support.*

Abroad, we might almost say that all doors are flung wide open. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us!" assails us on every side comes from so many quarters, that the perplexity is which first to attend to! How different from the time—within the memory of living men—when every door was closed against the Missionary, his benevolent labours eyed with suspicion, and his friendly approaches greeted with a scowl? Now there is scarcely a shore on which he may not disembark, or a city which he may not enter and tell its inhabitants of Jesus and his love. Idolatry, in the eyes of its votaries, is fast becoming a disenchanted and hollow mockery—its altars tremble—the worshippers desert them, and return only to dash both the altar and the idol to the ground. The heathen mind is being gradually leavened with the truth—a native ministry is rapidly advancing to the work—and native churches are beginning to be self-supporting and aggressive. While the faith, the purity, the fervour and stedfastness of multitudes of these new-born Christians surpass the piety and virtue, and shame the indolence and unfruitfulness of many a church at home. Thus it is that obstacles once considered high mountains which could not be scaled, are now taken out of the way. A highway is prepared for our God, that his heralds may run, and that His word may have free course and be glorified.

We may therefore confidently affirm that the Foreign Missionary enterprise of Modern times has been a success; a great success, when we think of the mighty obstacles it had to encounter, and which it has overcome to a surprising extent. The great lesson for every reader is to help on in this blessed work. No man that has a spark of living Christianity in his soul can stand aloof from the Missionary cause, in the light of such facts and events as we have referred to, and are daily forcing themselves on our attention. There is no excuse now. We know the state of the heathen. We hear the wail of their sorrow and the shriek of their despair, as they stand on the brink of eternity without God and without hope—afraid to die, and yet die they must! We know God's command.—"Preach the Gospel to every creature." We know also His declaration that "To whom much is given of him much shall be required." We know also that the Mission enterprise is one *that will pay*—yea that *has paid* already not five or fifty or a hundred fold; but an incalculable profit! O, think of it! Would you not promptly, and without moment's delay, sacrifice all the property you are worth, to save from destruction the life of one little child? You would,—and risk your life besides to rescue it from fire or flood. But the Missionary enterprise is expressly for