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A Song of Triumph

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Soon may the last glad song arise
Through all the millions of the skies,
That song of triumph which records
That all the earth is now the Lord's.

Let thrones and powers and kingdoms be
Obedient, mighty God, to Thee;
And over land, and stream, and main,
Wave Thou the sceptre of Thy reign.

O, that the anthem now might swell,
And host to host the triumph tell,
That not one rebel heart remains,
But over all the Saviour reigns!

Martyr's Memorial.—The Martyr's Memorial Committee to the missionaries and laymen in China has turned over to the Shanghai Y.M.C.A. its fund of \$7,000 to provide in the new building an auditorium to be known as "Martyr's Hall," and to be the meeting place of interdenominational religious conventions and conferences.

Luxury of Saving Life.—"One dollar will save a life in China," says the Des Moines *News*, indorsing the President's appeal for aid from America for the 15,000,000 of starving Chinese. The *Chicago Tribune* explains that "one dollar will go as far to support life in China as ten here," adding a strong plea for generous contributions, or at least small contributions from many. "Give yourself this bit of self-indulgence, it urges—"the luxury of saving life."

A Remarkable Woman.—One of the most distinguished women in China to-day is a talented Chinese lady, Dr. Wong, who graduated with honors from Trinity Medical College, Toronto, in 1906. Her father was for forty years native pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Shanghai, and always had a great desire that his daughter should receive a medical education. Through the influence of Dr. Barrie the girl came to Toronto and began her studies, residing with Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Stephenson. In the month of April she was almost completely ignorant of Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid or Latin, but in October of the same year she passed her matriculation examination, and entered upon the study of medicine. She now holds a responsible position in the Government Hospital in Nanking, China, where she receives \$2,500 for three hours' work every morning. For the rest of the day she is free to attend to general practice. This accomplished woman is a

fine example of what has been done by the Christian Mission Schools for girls in China.

Travelling in China.—China is steadily improving the means of communication from one part of the empire to another. The post-office is more efficient, the number of officers jumping from 176 four years ago to over 1,300 to-day. Railroads are being rapidly built or laid out. What is more important, the Chinese are doing a large amount of this themselves, partly because they need the railways and partly to keep the foreigners out. A traveller can go from Hankow to Peking overland in thirty-six hours, instead of taking a month as formerly. The railway from Shanghai to Nanking is being rapidly connected.

Causes of Famine.—Speaking of the causes of famine—already comparatively well known in this country—Mr. Wm. T. Ellis says:

"Heavy summer rains, the overflowing of the banks of all streams and of the Grand Canal, simply flooded the country and made of promising rice and grain fields only a desert waste of water. The crops were utterly ruined. It is of interest that in this section of China wheat and maize as well as rice are grown; that is why cornmeal and flour, the former even the more acceptable of the two, is the popular form of relief. The Chinese live closer to actual starvation than it is possible for the Westerner to comprehend; they are always poor. So the failure of the crops—not to mention the destruction of their homes by flood—at once placed them in a state of actual destitution which can only be relieved when the wheat crop is harvested in July. Meanwhile, owing to lack of seed, only half of the spring wheat crop has been planted."

A Striking Testimony.—Mr. Wm. T. Ellis, a Philadelphia journalist, who is journeying around the world, gives the following striking testimony to the value of missionary work in Japan: "I have met personally 250 missionaries, of all creeds, stationed in every part of Japan. I have seen them at work and at play. I have sought all the criticism against them and their work that could be heard. Wherever I have learned of a critic or antagonist of the missionaries I have tried to get the worst he had to say. From scores of Japanese, Christian and non-Christian, I have gleaned opinions of the missionary force. Summing all up I am bound to say that the missionaries as a whole grade higher than even the

ministry at home. Their devotion to their work and to the welfare of the Japanese is unquestioned. The results of their labor are beyond doubt really great. To say that their converts are not genuine and their work superficial is simply to betray a lack of knowledge of conditions that are apparent to any unbiased observer."

Men Wanted.—In speaking of the Layman's Movement for Missions, recently inaugurated in New York, Samuel B. Capen, LL.D., sends the following message to the *Christian Endeavor World*: "The Christian Endeavor Movement and the Young People's Missionary Movement are helping to train our young men and women to be interested in world-wide missions. The Student Volunteer Movement is enlisting the students for personal service abroad. What we most need, in addition to these, is to reach the men of to-day who are doing the world's work and are in the thick of the fight. They have the money, and for their own sake and for Christ's they ought to give themselves, with their means, more generously to missionary service. The prayer at the opening of this second century of foreign missions should be that our own laymen may plan and give worthily of the passion of the cross. This is the meaning of the new movement just inaugurated in New York City."

Summer Conferences.—At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Young People's Missionary Movement, held on January 9th, in New York, the dates for the Summer Conferences of 1907 were selected. The places and dates are as follows: Lake Geneva, Wis., June 25th to July 3rd; Southern Conference, June 28th to July 7th; Whitchy, Ontario, July 4-12; Silver Bay, N.Y., July 19-28; Silver Bay Special Conference for Sunday School Workers, July 12-18.

A Good Rule.—The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has two rules, the rule of prayer and the rule of service. The rule of service is simple but tremendously important. It reads: "The Rule of Service is to make personal efforts to bring men and boys within hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as set forth in the services of the church, prayer-meetings and men's Bible classes."

A Matter of Course.—The great work of Christianity is to give the world a real chance to know the Saviour. That was all the work the Church had in the beginning. There was nothing else to do. The first Christians were missionaries as a matter of course.