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If any one is tempted to ask, because of discouragement in her own individual efforts in behalf of Auxiliary, Circle or Band, what cause there is for thanksgiving in the year that has gone, let her first find from the report, soon to be published, what has been done in our own society, and then turn to the *Missionary Review of the World* and read its pages and she will find her question answered—answered in a larger way than she could have imagined. If she is as true-hearted and unselfish as every missionary worker is supposed to be, she will rejoice that God is remembering the world. Ay, not only remembering the world, but smiling too on each individual effort, for is not the work of the world made up of individual efforts? It is wonderful how a study of this *Review* from month to month will enlarge both heart and mind. It is the noblest of all history, a history of God's own government, of divine political economy.

In Japan there has been much progress toward Christianity in spite of difficulties. The conduct of the Christian soldiers reflected so much credit on the new religion that the Bible was allowed to be distributed in the army and Japanese preachers to go to the seat of war! The social condition of woman has much improved; her emancipation from heathenism has begun, she is now admitted to superior educational advantages and can strive for eminence, like her Canadian sisters, in literature and art, music and painting. Under the teaching of Buddhism she was excluded from these and even from the higher joys of Heaven.

Still how much remains to be done for Japan. The great present need is united prayer for the missionaries and converts already in the field. Dr. Joseph Cook says: "Japan needs to copy the vital faith, not the doubt of the west." Joseph Neeshima's last words were: "Free schools and Christian churches will make my nation great and noble."

China has reached a great crisis in her history. It is said that she can never again be the same country that she was before the war. Her development in one direction or another must take place. If Christian teachers will not enter into the doors that God has opened, other teachers will. Five years ago there was a call from the missionary workers in China for one thousand more workers within five years. In response to that appeal 1153 missionaries have gone to that country during the five years, 481 of these were men, 167 wives of missionaries, 505 single lady missionaries. And yet they plead for more, in view of the great needs of the work. We have to thank God that no more precious lives were sacrificed in the late riots, while so much mission property was destroyed.

We have been much interested in the progress of the truth in India, and especially in tracing so much of the good done, to the influence of Sunday schools established there. They are a great saving power in that and other heathen countries, they can be established where schools of other knowledge fail. "And what shall we more say? The time would fail us to tell" of Korea, France, Spain, Italy, Persia, Arabia, Africa and the Islands of the Sea. It does sometimes seem as if the light of truth

"Had touched and glanced on every land,"
 and yet we are told that only two-tenths of the whole world's area have a knowledge of Christ!

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WORDS OF CHEER FOR WEARY WORKERS.

There we may do some work we left undone
 Here—through unmeetness;
 From height to height celestial: passing on
 Towards full completeness.

Adapted from DINAH MARIA MELOCH.