

## Mission Field.

Referring to the vision in the Apocalypse, the Rt. Rev. Wilkinson, Bishop of St. Andrews, Scotland, in his address to the Senate in December last said: No one who has entered into the spirit of that vision can fail to realize that we are passing through a period of no ordinary significance. "I heard the second living creature saying, come; and another horse came forth, a red horse, and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay another; and there was given unto him a great sword." When this mysterious revelation is translated into our ordinary language, he must be blind indeed who does not see the solemn import of that great conflict which is being waged in the East, which directly affects the destinies of hundreds of millions of human beings; which, if rightly guided by the supplications of a believing Church, may throw back the gates and open wide the doors through which the messengers of the King of Peace shall enter in and proclaim the everlasting gospel to thousands who are now lying in the darkness of the shadow of death. Woe to the Church, it, amid the pressing anxieties of her daily needs, she neglect the work of FOREIGN MISSIONS, and remain grovelling in the dust wrapped round with the grave clothes of national selfishness, with no ear to harken, no voice to pray, though the Lord God of Sabaoth is humbling Himself to appeal to the creatures of His hand.'

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