

KOREA TO-DAY.

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Almost a year ago it was our privilege to set before the readers of the *MISSIONARY REVIEW* "The To-day from Korea," and to show how plainly by providential openings and by special calls to individuals and societies God was saying to His Church, "Go work to-day" in this land; and it is our thought now to give few facts on "Korea To-day" that will set forth the present status of mission work and of affairs in general in this land.

During the last few years there has been a large increase in the force at work on this field, several of the earlier missionaries having returned from furloughs, and quite a goodly number of new recruits having arrived from time to time. The older missionaries have gotten well into harness again, and the new arrivals, having buckled down to the study of this difficult language with a right good will and the spirit of prayer and perseverance, are already beginning to take their full share in the work of upholding Christ by preaching, teaching, healing the sick, and living Christ among these benighted people. The longer we live in this land the more we see of the habits of the people, the better we become acquainted with them and their customs; the more do we realize the degrading influences of heathenism, or, rather, should we say, of depraved human nature, without any true conception of God and unhelped by the restraining influence of Christianity.

The task that is before us is stupendous if for one moment we forget that the arm of an ALMIGHTY GOD is to accomplish the work, and that we are but His heralds to proclaim His message, *knowing*, however, that *if we proclaim it faithfully His Spirit will do the work.*

If you were to ask me as to the outlook in Korea, I would say, with the old veteran, when asked a similar question, "It is as bright as the promises of God." God knows no such thing as failure. Success *must* and *will* follow the faithful preaching of His word.

First, then, as to the present status of our forces. During the past year several have been providentially called away. Mr. Fenwick, of Canada, has gone on a furlough, and as his heart and sympathies are thoroughly enlisted in Korea, he will probably return. Mr. and Mrs. Ohlinger, of the Methodist Mission, after the sudden death of their children, and Dr. and Mrs. Brown, of the Presbyterian Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, of Australia, after prolonged sickness, have left Korea, probably not to return; and Mr. C. Johnson has changed his field to Japan. Additions, however, have been made which more than counter-balance these. The total number of workers is, then, 26 married men, 14 single men, and 18 single ladies distributed among the TWELVE TO SIXTEEN MILLIONS in this land.