

## HYMN.

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There's a song in the air!  
 There's a star in the sky!  
 There's a mother's deep prayer,  
 And a baby's low cry!  
 And the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing,  
 For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

There's a tumult of joy  
 O'er the wonderful birth,  
 For the Virgin's sweet boy  
 Is the Lord of the earth.  
 And the star rains its fire, and the Beautiful sing,  
 For the manager of Bethlehem cradles a King.

In the light of that star,  
 Lie the ages impearled,  
 And that song from afar  
 Has swept over the world.  
 Every heart is aflame, while the Beautiful sing  
 In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

## FIELD STUDY FOR DECEMBER.

## MEDICAL MISSIONS.

THE Lord Jesus, when on earth, "went about doing good." He had compassion on the multitudes that followed Him, and never was one who came to him for healing, sent away sad. "He healed them all," is the constant record.

To His disciples also, He gave power over disease, and we find them often attesting their commission by healing the sick, as their Master had done. In the medical science of to-day, has He not given us "the gift of healing?" Rarely a month passes, but we read of some new triumph of the physician. We marvel. But among those whose only doctors are conjurors, it seems nothing short of miraculous.

What a power over the mind has he who heals disease! From the one who has done good to us, we expect good. We are all somewhat prejudiced against the foreigner. But when we are sure of his goodwill, prejudice is broken down, and friendship is formed. Can the church afford to neglect the wonderful power of the physician in the mission field?

Perhaps in China, less is known of the science of medicine than in any other civilized country. Very appropriately, the first Protestant missionary sent there was a doctor. There are a number of strong Christian centres in China, each surrounding a hospital.

The work done by our Woman's Missionary Society, has, in this department, as in others, gone along with that done by the general Missionary Society of our church.

In 1889, Dr. Bolton went on his own responsibility from Ontario, to work among the Indians of the Pacific coast. There he soon became connected with

our mission at Port Simpson, and has done untold good. He has been in labours abundant ever since. During the siege of grippe in 1870, at Port Essington, he rented a house for a temporary hospital. Here, with the assistance of the ladies of our school, he cared for the worst cases. At this time, in the course of three months, he made 3,400 visits. In many cases, he would have to see that each dose of medicine was taken.

This ignorance of caring for the sick, made a hospital very necessary. In 1892, one was built at Port Simpson, and we took our first direct share of this work, by sending Miss Spence, a trained nurse.

In 1891, when our mission to China was entered on, two doctors were sent. It was somewhat similar, in origin, to Dr. Bolton's work. The men were ready. Would their own church send them, or must they depend on others?

Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Kilborn are now well known names among us. Later, we sent Dr. Retta Gifford, who has since become Mrs. Kilborn. Then Dr. Hare went from Nova Scotia, making in all four for medical work.

You all know of their peril this summer, just after Miss Ford's arrival. Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson, and Mrs. Hartwell, are now in Canada. The others are at Shanghai, or Peking. Here Dr. Hart's long experience in the country, makes him valuable in dealing with the government.

Miss Louise Hart, M. D., a sister of Miss Lizzie Hart, and Mrs. Spencer, is ready to go to China when it is thought wise for her to do so.

Let us pray that the way may be opened for these servants of the Lord to use their skill for the benefit of sufferers in China, that many may be led to a knowledge of Him who is able to heal the soul as well as the body. D.

## QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

- What is our prayer subject this month?
- What is true of Jesus while on earth?
- What power did He give to His disciples?
- What can you tell of medical science to-day?
- What effect has this on us and on the heathen?
- What power for other good has the medical Dr.?
- What important question is here asked?
- What can you tell of China in regard to medical Missionary work?
- What has our W. M. S. done in this work?
- Give some account of Dr. Bolton?
- What good work did he do?
- What made a hospital necessary?
- Who is our trained nurse there?
- What did our church do for China in that way?
- Who did our W. M. S. send there?
- What great peril were the Missionaries in last summer?
- Where are they now?
- What young lady is ready to go out to China now as medical Missionary, when it shall be thought wise to go?
- What must we pray for now?