MISSION FIELD.

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THE WORLD'S HOPE.

Writing upon the threshold of a , w year, and looking forward to ard the closing of this marvellous 19th century of the Christian era, 70 are filled with a sense of the supreme importance of the present and of the mighty possibilities which lie just beyond for the King com of our Lord and Saviour Jesus hrist. A fresh call seems to come no ne to enter with new consecra vion and zeal upon the Lord's work.

It is not many years since the neathen world was barred and polted against the Kingdom of God. Caina was walled up in exclusive-, se, and its hundreds of millions ere inaccessible to the Gospel, pan was the hermit nation, and rible edicts were posted there singt the Christian and the Chrisian's God. Africa was terra incoq r.ita, a land of savagery and mystory, while its unnumbered millions were in dense darkness. The islands of the rea were scenes of cruelty forbidding the approach of ; as upon its knees. Prayers were Gered without ceasing that God and open the way to the heathen world, that He would throw down the barriers and oast up a highway that His servants might enter in and pussess those lands for the Lord (7)d Almighty.

Now, all that is changed. God has heard the prayers of His people and granted their desire. All the nations of the earth are open to the messengers of Christ. China no longer forbids them. Japan has repealed its threatening edicts. A loa has opened its secrets to the e. lorer. The islands of the sea, one after another, have surrendered to the entreaties of God's servants, and we see to-day a world waiting for the Kingdom of God. Its needs cry out for mercy. In its blind gropings it pleads for the Light of lite, the Light which shines so banignly upon us, the Gorpel which, in the full bluze of God's revelation, pours its blessings into our hearts and homes, the Church which speaks to the the comforting words of pardon and peace and hope eternal-these gifts which God has bestowed upon us so treely, so bountifully-He bids us send to inote who are without them that His Name may be known through out the earth. The heroes and martyrs who have laid down their ves as pioneors, Kraph and Liv ingstone, Selwyif and Patteson, hannington at a Gordon and others join their pleadings in behalf of the benighted.

Surely this is not a time for slumber, but for quickened energy. This is not a time for self indulgence, but for heroic endeavor-a time for self searching, for girding ourselves that we may go in the spirit of earnest self-sacrifice to do the Lord's work,

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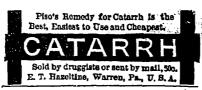
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