

feel well, even when wearied or worried, he may go anywhere in good hope of continuing well and strong, and proving equal to any emergency. If he is not over-fastidious in his tastes, and is able "to rough it" if necessary, in walking, eating, and sleeping, so much the better for itinerant work in the region round about headquarters. And if, in addition, he has eyes that are equal to all the reading and dictionary work he can find time for, the physical equipment may be regarded as complete.

*Mental.*—Mental qualifications are mentioned next, because before the spiritual man can come in contact with the spirits of the heathen a good deal of purely mental work is necessary, and even after, because success so much depends upon the kind of mind in the missionary.

A new language, and in some cases two or three different languages, or dialects of the same language, must be acquired. For this there should be some natural facility. It is indeed possible, without this, by dint of diligence and dogged perseverance, to learn to read and even speak a foreign language, but never to be free, fluent and forcible as a missionary must be if he is to catch and chain the attention of the passer-by. Whether one has this facility may be ascertained without much difficulty. A few months' experiment in learning, at the same time to read and speak, French or German or any other foreign tongue would settle the question. Or if there is no opportunity of putting his powers to the proof he may at least know whether he has the *elements* of success—an accurate ear which discriminates nicely between sounds, and hears *just what is said* (not necessarily a musical ear, though that is valuable for another reason); an exact articulation, which is able to reproduce the sounds heard; and a good word-memory. With these the foreigner is almost certain to find himself soon at home in any foreign language, without the task is almost hopeless.

In addition to a good "word-memory," which is a special gift, he should have at least a fair general memory, as there is so much that must be learned on going into a strange land among strange people. The more that can be known of them, and *their* knowledge, and the more of them that can be known personally, the better. The faculty of recognizing everyone one has ever met is as valuable