

There is a possibility of even their own institutions being a means of advancing the progress of Christianity, in that they solidify government and cement the masses; and there is reason to hope that, when those in authority are convinced of the superiority of our religion, the prophecy may be fulfilled, "A nation shall be born in a day."

Another means made use of by an overruling Providence is the disaster of flood and famine. The disinterested generosity of Christian nations, and the attentions and kindness of the missionaries to relieve their sufferings, make an effectual entrance to otherwise closed hearts.

The geographical position of China favors missions from the west. On the north and south are formidable barriers caused by Mohammedan fanaticism and Russian exclusiveness. The open way lies toward the Pacific Ocean, and lays upon western nations the obligation of entering this open door.

The new mission which our Church is about to open up is in the western part of the empire in the Province of Se-chuen, and of which the city of Ching-too is the headquarters, and appears to be, under the guidance of Providence, very wisely selected. It contains a population of 60,000, all open to missionary work, but which has as yet scarcely been touched by any Protestant mission. God has sent us suitable men for opening up the way; let us earnestly pray that many others may soon follow them.

Our Chinese work in British Columbia is making encouraging progress under the wise direction of Miss Cartmell, and is not without some fruit. The hope is that many of those who come to our shores, being met with the Gospel and rescued from heathenish darkness, may become missionaries to their own countrymen.

China and the Chinese offer a field of labor to which we must bring intellectual ability, fervent spirituality, burning zeal and strong faith; these qualities, combined with a Christ-like love for souls, will be used of God for the salvation of this vast empire. Let the Church at home labor, and give, and pray for the accomplishment of this object.