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New Departures in the Missionary Enterprise.

REV. J. HUDSON TAYLOR, the founder of this mission, has recently made a tour of Canada, and, as a result of his earnest appeals for more labourers, some *eighteen* young people of both sexes have volunteered to go with him to China, and have doubtless reached their destination by this time. It is intended that these young missionaries shall, in the first place, undergo a course of training before entering on their work, and that afterwards they shall be located in districts as near to each other as may be practicable, so that they may have at least occasional opportunities of meeting and encouraging one another. Mr. Taylor is himself a very interesting man, and it was a real pleasure to many to have the opportunity of hearing and seeing one who has bulked so largely in the eye of the Christian public for at least five-and-twenty years. Physically, he is not of much account; and he is not an orator, but yet there are unmistakable marks of power in what he says, although he says it in the quietest, least impassioned manner possible. He was converted at fifteen years of age, and in early manhood consecrated himself to missionary

work in China. He went to that country, as first missionary of the Chinese Evangelization Society, in 1853, and was then brought into contact with the Rev. W. C. Burns of the English Presbyterian Mission. His health having failed, he returned to England and set himself to organizing an undenominational missionary society which has since become widely known as the CHINA INLAND MISSION. The distinguishing features of this society are that it professes to make no direct appeal for money, it holds out no pecuniary inducements in the matter of salaries, it demands no rigid denominational test, and it is pledged not to interfere with the work of any other agency. In the beginning of 1862, its first missionary, Mr. James Meadows, sailed for China, his outfit and passage being provided by a friend. In the next five years, twenty-five missionaries went out. Sixty-six followed in the next twelve years, and now the number is said to be close on *three hundred*, which is more than all the other British societies put together. There was a time, Mr. Hudson has been heard to say, when he hesitated to accept the services of a missionary, unless there was an accompanying guarantee for his maintenance. But he has since learned to leave that responsibility with the Master, and has never been disappointed. This man is not a fanatic, nor a visionary adventurer. He is a se-