

fields, especially away from the ports, a servant must be letter carrier, drawer of water from a deep well and with a clumsy windlass, and messenger to and from the local stores. (Remembering that in many lands you cannot go to a shop to buy, even if willing). A servant must spend half a day hunting a vehicle, whether your journey be for five miles or a hundred. A servant must watch your gate by day and guard your house by night, that the welcome visitor may find admittance and the unwelcome be restrained.

He must wash and iron, for there is no laundry. Asiatic servants may be industrious, but they are slow and cannot be hurried. And finally be it understood that no missionary employs a host of servants merely for the fun of it. The fewest possible are employed, and you may trust to the common sense of the householder how many that shall be.

Not a few missionaries are large contributors to the cause they represent, besides giving their time to its development. Shall they be censured for living in comfort consistent with their private means? Let us not judge hastily in these matters. I have seen many comfortable missionary homes (and I thank God for it), but for mere living for worldly enjoyment the mission field is the last place to select.

This is not the age when the Gospel is most effective at the mouth of mendicant preachers, however devout and sincere they may be. The most successful missionaries of the last quarter-century are such as affect no artificial mode of life, but are filled with love for the souls of men. Though they gave their bodies to be burned, though they sold their goods for the benefit of the poor, and lacked this great essential, love, it had profited them nothing. *Church at Home and Abroad.*

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