

mission field to-day as it was in the days of Tertullian.

On the whole, the general feeling in favour of missions steadily grows stronger. Even cold, dispassionate observers recognise the good work that is being done, and some, not Christians themselves, see in missions a means by which the brotherhood of man is being more fully realised. Each year, a larger proportion of the members of all the different denominations are led to take a more living interest in foreign missions, and to feel that the responsibility for them rests with the Church as a whole, and not only with a small section of interested persons. At the same time, with greater knowledge and wider experience, there is a growing sense of the difficulty of the task, of the need for careful preparation for it, and for earnest study of its problems. Few missionary societies at present think that any person of zeal and devotion who offers as a candidate is fit to be sent at once to the foreign mission field. Tests of increasing stringency are applied to candidates, and more and more time spent in preparation and training is demanded from them. It is