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Knights of the Red Cross

The Canadian Staff in India now includes thirty men, forty-three single ladies and twenty-five married women—ninety-eight in all.

A Man's Job

Our policy is like this: one missionary family on each field. We have twenty-two fields. Each field is on an average about 25 miles long and 25 broad. The town where the missionary lives has a population ranging from 5,000 to 45,000. Outside his home town and scattered thickly over his large field there is another 300 villages, more or less, and varying in population from 300 to 3,000. If for each such field we have but one man, you will readily see that each man has a man's job. Then there are the High Schools at Vizag and Cocanada. One missionary for each of these calls for two more men. A third man is needed for the Industrial work and a fourth for the Union Theological Seminary at Ramapatam.

One Man for One Job

This means twenty-six men in India at one time, each with an acquired language upon his tongue, a topee upon his head, his feet shod with the sandals of peace, his heart filled with the love of Christ and his mind fortified with grace, grit and gumption.

One man in 4,800

Suppose to these twenty-six men needed in India at one time we add four men who will be home on furlough, then we have a total of thirty men. We have in Canada 1,200 churches and 144,000 communicants. Does it seem too great a thing to ask 1,200 churches and 144,000 members to supply thirty men for India? Canada enlisted for France during the Great War one man out of every sixteen of her population and England one out of

every seven. Thirty men out of 144,000 Baptists is one man out of 4,800 members.

Seven Men in Ten

There is a rural Baptist church in Nova Scotia which sent seven men overseas out of an available number of ten, and four of these, each between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five made the supreme sacrifice. This same church has not sent a single man to India in forty-eight years. It is liberal beyond the average in its gifts of money, but where are the men? We ask for seventy per cent. of the total young man life in our church for France and get them easily—quickly. We ask for one in 4,800 for India and do not get them. Do we ask and receive not because we ask amiss? And, do we ask amiss because we do not ask large enough?

What Would Jesus Do?

Dr. Grenfell tells us in his autobiography that one evening near the close of his medical course he walked down the street in London and turned into a gospel tent meeting. Somebody was praying when he entered. The leader said, "While our brother finishes his prayer we will sing a hymn." The prayer and the hymn were finished and the preacher preached. It happened to be one of the meetings conducted by Moody and Sankey in their remarkable series in London. Dr. Grenfell tells us that when he left that meeting, as he walked down the street, he said to himself, "Henceforth Christianity can only mean one of two things to me. I must either renounce it altogether or make an honest attempt to do the thing that I believe Jesus would do if He were