

TELL IT OUT.

"Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King."—Psa. 116 : 10. Prayer Book version.

Tell it out among the nations that the Saviour reigns,
Tell it out ! tell it out !
Tell it out among the heathen, bid them burst their chains,
Tell it out ! tell it out !
Tell it out among the weeping ones that Jesus lives ;
Tell it out among the weary ones what rest He gives ;
Tell it out among the sinners that He came to save ;
Tell it out among the dying that He triumphed o'er the grave.
Tell it out ! Tell it out !
Tell it out among the heathen, Jesus reigns above !
Tell it out ! tell it out !
Tell it out among the heathen, that His name is Love !
Tell it out ! tell it out !
Tell it out among the highways and the lanes at home ;
Let it ring across the mountains, and the ocean foam ;
Like the sound of many waters let our glad shout be,
Till it echo and re echo from the islands of the sea.
Tell it out ! tell it out !

F. R. H.

FIELD STUDY FOR MAY.

WEST CHINA MISSION.

ALL through the year I am sure that many of the Band members have been following the work of our heroic missionaries in China. Good reason have we to feel proud of such Christians, of such Canadians.

In January, 1896, eight months after the riot, Mr. Hartwell and others from our General Missionary Society, were back again, ready to repair the ruins. Our workers, Miss Ford, Miss Brackbill, and Dr. Gifford Kilborn, arrived in April. The work of re-building was pushed rapidly—expenses all being paid by the Chinese Government. Instead of leasing land as formerly, they are now able to buy. The compound of our ladies is about half a mile from the other station ; so they have two centres of influence.

The only other Protestant Mission in the city is the Methodist Episcopal. At the opening of the Church in August, their missionaries were present and took part in the service. It must have been a most interesting one, and encouraging. Also, the first convert was baptized, and the names of seventeen enquirers were taken. Mr. Hartwell says :

"Our public preaching services every Sunday morning, are crowded with men, women and children, the majority of whom are our near neighbors ; some are passers by, attracted by the singing. They nearly stand on top of each other in their efforts to see and hear, but withal are very orderly and attentive. Pray for them ! Pray for us ! that wisdom and grace and power may be given in measure sufficient for our opportunities."

One of the new buildings is a book-store. It is managed by a convert :

"The book-store has been open for several weeks now, and is proving a most decided success. Every

day scores of people, often more than a hundred, visit the place, study the maps on the walls, read monthly or weekly paper published in Shanghai, or, best of all, read and buy the tracts and Scripture portions which are spread out in full view of all. At the same time the book-seller takes or makes many opportunities to preach the Gospel to those who come in."

Dr. Hart, who is now on his way back to Chentu, is taking with him a printing press. Many volumes have been destroyed on their way up the Yangtse in the uncertain house boats. With Dr. Hart are Dr. Maud Killam, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and Miss Brooks, of Hastings, Ontario. These, with Miss Foster, who left Canada last September, will give us a force of six workers—two doctors, two trained nurses, and two teachers. Dr. Gifford Kilborn and Miss Ford are working now in their dispensary, but the in-wards are not yet ready.

The latest news is, that Miss Brackbill has two babies to care for. Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn pay for the support of one of these. The other baby—a girl of two months old, was picked up in a ditch, and brought to them by a servant. Some of the most valuable workers in the Methodist Episcopal Mission in China were secured in this way.

So by preaching, by teaching, by healing, even by trading, they are all things to all men, that by all means they may win some.

May our fervent prayers join theirs that "this little candle" may do good work among the forty millions of Sz Chuen.

E. D.

QUESTIONS FOR MAY.

How soon did some of the Missionaries go back to China after the riots? Ready for what?

When did our workers go?

Who paid the expenses of re-building, and what advantage have the missionaries now?

What is said of the Ladies' Compound, and what does it give them?

What other Protestant Mission in that city?

What is said of their united service?

What does Mr. Hartwell say of the public preaching services there?

What attracts passers by?

How anxious are these Chinese people to see and hear, and how do they behave?

What does Mr. H. ask us to do for them?

What is one of the new buildings, and how is it managed?

Is it proving a success? Will you tell all you know about it?

What is Dr. Hart taking back with him to China?

How have many volumes been destroyed?

What new missionaries of ours are on the way with Dr. Hart?

Describe our force when they arrive?

What are Dr. Gifford Kilborn and Miss Ford doing now?

What is the latest news from Miss Brackbill?

How did the babies get there?

What reason have we to think that by and bye these little ones may become valuable workers?

By what different means is God's work done in China?

How many million people in Sz-Chuen, and what can we do for them?