

the daughters in our Christian families leading at present comparative idle, profitless lives who can be got to spend their strength in the service of Christ and of their less fortunate sisters?

Although the history of the foreign mission work of our Church is brief compared with that of other churches and other Missionary Societies, it is a history for which we have reason for heartfelt gratitude. Who that is familiar with the record can fail to recognize the hand of God in the selection of the missionaries, and in their faithful and fruitful service, in the case of some of them—even to the death. Discouragements there doubtless have been, as was the case last year in the expulsion of our missionaries from Honan. Obstacles, however, have only temporarily hindered, not hurt the work, just as in China, where there is again to-day an open door, a door wider open than has ever been known in that vast kingdom, and where there is a general expectation upon behalf of the missionaries on the field, that the time for a glorious ingathering is come, when converts to the faith of Christ will gladden alike the heart of the missionaries, and those supporting them in the home lands.

Money Needed

To maintain in efficiency the work of the Church in all its departments, money is needed. Comparing ourselves with other churches, we are doing well in the matter of giving. So far as I have been able to gather information, our Church stands, with one, or it may be two, exceptions, in the very fore-