

The
S.P.G.
in
North China.



Chinese child in full dress.

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When China is spoken of, that portion known as the "Eighteen Provinces," and chiefly inhabited by the pure Chinese race, is usually understood, although Manchuria and Turkestan have been directly incorporated, and officially China is now known as "Twenty-two Provinces." The area of the Eighteen Provinces is 17 times that of Britain, and is inhabited by a population estimated at 300 to 400 million, or 10 times the number of the inhabitants of Great Britain. Beyond and surrounding this central region, lie the outlying dependencies—Manchuria, Mongolia, Turkestan and Tibet, together aggregating double the area of China proper, to which they bear much the same relation as do our own colonies and dependencies to their mother country.

The population is and has been from time immemorial united as a family working out its own ideas in independence of foreign influence, and singularly free from foreign immigration.

As for religion—"Buddhism is dead," "Taoism is dead," "Confucianism is in peril." The Moslems number perhaps 10 millions, but are quite a class apart. China is imbibing occidental learning at a feverish pace. But this strange land has not yet decided whether it will have any religion in the future.

The present need. Not quantity, but quality. Teachers, doctors, nurses, saints; people who can influence and can show the true way of progress.

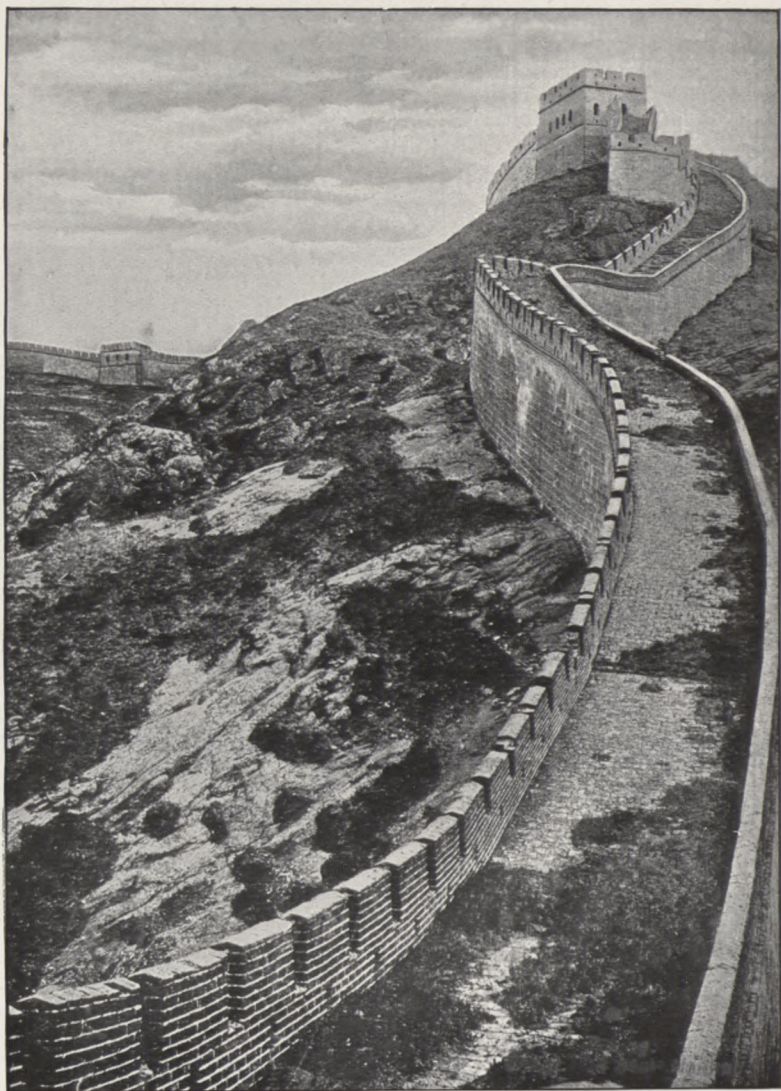
The Society's connection with China practically commenced in the year 1874, although it maintained a medical missionary for a short time in Peking in 1863. In 1874 it sent the Revs. C. P. Scott and M. Greenwood to Chefoo; the former is now Bishop of North China. In 1880 the Mission became a diocese, which covered the six northern provinces of the Empire. At this time the C.M.S. withdrew from Peking, and the Society adopted the Mission and accepted the services of one of the missionaries. Peking, Yungching, Chichou, Hochien, Taianfu, Pingyin, Yenchow, and many outlying places have their stations old or new. There are about 2,000 Christians. There is a growing system of schools and colleges leading right up to University work. Mission Hospitals are producing good results. Classes have been established at Peking and Chefoo from time to time for training native catechists and clergy. Women's work is growing, and full of encouragement. In Peking a new central church, now the Cathedral, was opened in 1907; at Taianfu a Cathedral is being built. For in 1903 the Diocese was divided, Bishop G. D. Iliff taking the Province of Shantung (as Bishop White, for the Canadian Church, took Honan in 1909). In 1914, Bishop F. L. Norris succeeded Bishop Scott in the North China Diocese. In the three westward provinces, the Mission has not yet begun work.

China is looking abroad to learn the way of progress. Napoleon said of China—"There sleeps a giant. Let him sleep. When he moves, he will move the world." The giant sleeps no more.—1914.



The Cathedral Church of Our Saviour, Peking.
The Lady Chapel is the Deaconess Jessie Ransome Memorial.
Consecrated on October 28th, 1907.

(See "Mission Field," August 1914.)



The Great Wall of China.



Eating rice.

Rice is the staple food of large parts of the country.



Bishop Montgomery on the Great Wall of China.



Peking from the wall.

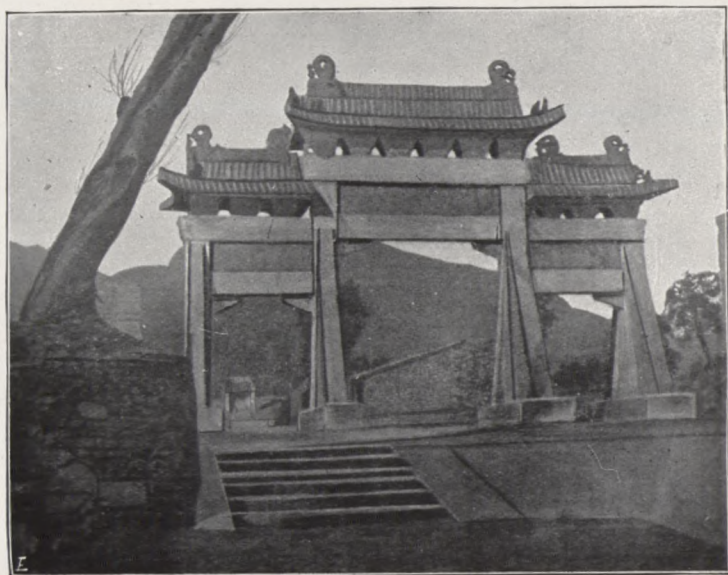


The gods of thunder and rain.
In a temple near the quarries from which the stone to build S. Stephen's Church,
Ping Yin, came.



Ancestral worship.

The father and the mother are counting the prayers with their beads; the bigger boys are beating the gong and bell at stated times; the little fellow is praying. The tablets should be in the middle, behind the little boy.



Sacred mountain of Tai Shan; First archway of ascent.



Buddhist Monks.



Smoking opium.

Opium smoking has been the curse of China, and during the last century has enfeebled myriads of her people. China is now making strenuous efforts to abolish the habit.



Gambling.

The Chinese are very fond of games of hazard, and many fall into the evil habit of gambling.



Chinese Inn Yard: Bishop Scott and Bishop Montgomery about to start in chairs.



A wheelbarrow with Bishop Scott and Bishop Montgomery at Ching-Chou-Fu



S.P.G. Mission School, Peking, as it was before enlargement by the Pan-Anglican Thankoffering.



Mission school boys at play.



A Chinese Christian family attached to the S.P.G. Mission in North China. During the Boxer persecution of the Christians the girl Aitzu, standing up on the left, and her two brothers, Changyu and Changshun, standing in the centre and on the right, were massacred.



The grave of Confucius at Chü fu.



Monument on the spot where Sydney Brooks was killed
by the Boxers, December 30th, 1899.



Chinese Bible Woman

An S.P.G. Chinese Bible Woman.



The Bishop of Shantung travelling in a wheelbarrow.



T'ai An school.

S.P.G.: ITS WORK AND ITS AIMS.

The Society was founded in 1701 in pursuance of Resolutions passed by Convocation and by the action of the Crown.

The Society has had the privilege of sending the *first* ministers of our Church into many of our Colonies, and with the exception of the Falkland Islands, EVERY COLONY OF THE EMPIRE has at some time or other received its aid. While from the first it has had direct Missions to the heathen (and as early as 1741 had brought "great multitudes of negroes and Indians . . . over to the Christian Faith"), the Society has adopted "the surer way of spreading the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth" by "building up the Colonial Churches as missionary centres." As a result, there are now organised Churches in the United States, Canada, Africa, the West Indies, Australia, and New Zealand, which are not only self-supporting, but are, in turn, helping in the evangelisation of the world.

The Colonial and Missionary dioceses in connection with the Church of England number 118, all but 17 of which contain Missions which were planted or supported by S.P.G. The native clergy on the Society's list has increased in this time from 50 to 284.

The Society knows no bounds to its Mission-field, and the prayers and alms of all Churchpeople are earnestly desired for the maintenance and extension of its world-wide work.

LIST OF S.P.G. MISSIONARIES.

There are (1913) in all 1,291 missionaries on the Society's list. *Ordained* (including ten Bishops) 941—in Asia, 355; in Africa, 299; in Australia and the Pacific, 20; in North America, 158; in the West Indies and Central and South America, 77; and 32 Chaplains in Europe. Of the Ordained Missionaries 284 are natives—177 in Asia; 104 in Africa; 2 in Guiana; and 1 East Indian in Trinidad. *Laymen*, 47—36 in Asia; 5 in Carpentaria, Australia; 1 in Polynesia; 2 in North America; 2 in Antigua; and 1 in Guiana. Of these 15 are natives—10 in Asia; 3 in Carpentaria; 1 in Polynesia; and 1 Chinese Catechist in New Westminster. *Women*, 303, of whom 58 are natives—251 in Asia; 45 in Africa; and 7 in the West Indies. There are also in the various Missions about 3,000 Lay Teachers, 3,200 Students in the Society's Colleges, and about 67,000 children in the Mission Schools in Asia and Africa.

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