

good news to some who were still in the darkness they had known so long. The teacher told them of the women of Korea without a Bible, and from their deep poverty they gave little ornaments and long hoarded treasures that they might be sold to help in sending them the Book of Life. Do you ask if the sum realized was large? Scarcely thirteen dollars, but it was for Him who weighs not the gold only, but the love that carries it.

Turn a moment with me to the beautiful story in the second chapter of St. John's gospel. Note the advice the mother of our Lord gave to the servants: "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." And when the divine command came, how simple it was, only to "fill the water pots with water," but we do not read that the servants hesitated, that they urged it was wine that was wanted and not water, they simply obeyed "and they filled them up to the brim." That was their part, the rest belonged to their Master. It was by His approving smile upon their cheerful service that the astonished wedding guests tasted such wine as never before.

And yesterday, to-day and forever He is the same! His smile still transforms our humble service and is the secret of its power.

Beloved, whose eye rests upon this little page, has the Lord bidden you to do anything for Korea? If so, lose no time in bringing what you have to offer, although the gift be but as the stone vessel filled only with water. And when the day comes that you drink the new wine in the kingdom of God you shall share it with some from that far-off land, and to their song of endless praise will be added a note of thanksgiving that you heard and obeyed the Master's voice.

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HELP FOR KOREA.

WHEN we read in the word of God that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day," we cease to question why miraculous highways for the gospel are not opened in all lands, and we learn to labor, and to wait.

And now in God's time comes the call from Korea. Long shut out from the world while the Gospel was making its way in China and in Japan, she is at length brought into diplomatic relations with our own country. It is well that statesmen should study to protect her from powerful foes—well that both Russia and France should be held in check, but shall the open door in Korea mean this only?

Shall not the children of light also be wise in their generation and offer "the glorious liberty of the sons of God?" It is for this that the centuries have wrought their slow work. Papal missionaries in the past and the persecutions which followed on their teaching all did their

part in the work of preparing Korea for the truth. Fragments of Christian teachings brought by stealth from Japan sank deep into one earnest heart, and after years of waiting, Rijutei, by saving the Queen's life, earned a favor from the King. At once he went to Japan to learn the way to Christ, and since then he has devoted his life to giving the New Testament to his brethren in their own language.

Almost miraculously has the way been opened for our own missionaries in the Korean capitol. Less than a year since the Presbyterian Board sent out a medical missionary, not knowing if he would be received. Simply tolerated at first as a physician, he was instrumental during a revolt which broke out soon after his arrival in saving the life of a high official, the King's nephew.

During these disturbances, while it was thought prudent for all foreigners to withdraw to the nearest sea-port, Dr. Allen remained, though having with him his wife and child. Taking possession of the American legation and under protection of our stars and stripes he con-

tinued unharmed, caring devotedly for the sick and wounded of all parties. "We have heard," he writes, "the 'whiz' of the bullets close to our heads and have repeatedly gone to sleep, not knowing if we should see the morning, but we trusted our Heavenly Father and have been miraculously spared."

By his ministrations many valuable lives were saved, and so greatly were the people impressed that he was told by Min Yong Ik, the King's nephew, that they "thought he had been sent from Heaven to cure the wounded." Now that peace is restored he enjoys in full measure the royal favor. A Government hospital has, through his influence, been established, which has been named by the King, Hay Min Lo, the House of Civilized Virtue. This has been placed under the care of the Presbyterian Mission and under Dr. Allen's special supervision.

Our Presbyterian Board recognizes the prestige and influence thus secured, knows the value of the present opportunity and realizes that work promptly done is twice done. It has now sent out another physician to the aid of

Dr. Allen, while one ordained missionary is already on the ground striving diligently to master the language, that he may scatter the good tidings; but who at home will "hold the ropes?"

Some buildings have already been purchased, but the necessary expenses for the further establishment of the mission will cost this year at least \$10,000. This sum the Board of Foreign Missions, with its hands crippled by the consciousness of the debt of the past year, asks of the women and children of our church, in addition to that for which they stand already pledged for other objects, and the officers of the Women's Societies, confident of those to whom they have appealed, have assured them that with God's help it shall be theirs.

We shall not be the first women in the field with our gifts and our prayers. We must sit at the feet of a little group of converted Persian women at Hamadan and learn what self-denial for the Master's sake means. They had heard from their teacher week by week the wonderful story of Christ's love for them, and when Christmas day came they longed to send the