

'HOW SHALL THEY BELIEVE IN HIM  
OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD?'

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Dear Bro'

Your favor of July 27<sup>th</sup> just received. Our faith is strengthened and our hearts filled with joy to hear of the proposed Missionary Meetings. Be assured that we shall daily pray earnestly that God will give you a very rich blessing in all your meetings. If every professing Christian within the bounds of your state and elsewhere should receive such a fullness of blessing that Christ would ever after hold the chief place in the heart and Christ's Kingdom in all lands be clearer than all else. The influence would soon be felt in every part of the world and multitudes would soon be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Shall we not pray for this? Shall we not have faith in God? Is anything too hard for him?

Our hearts are constantly made sad by the supreme indifference of the masses to the claims of the Gospel. At this moment in full

view from my window on immense cloud is standing in front a temple witnessing theatrical plays given in honor of the gods they worship - Only such places are crowded but few have ~~come~~ to hear the truths concerning Christ.

Occasionally the clouds lift and light appears to cheer our weak faith -

The following facts in connection with the work of U. P. Scott's mission in Moucheica have recently come to my knowledge

\* In one district where as yet there is no Christian church a number of leading men have been studying the truths of Christianity and are persuaded of its truth. They are telling their friends and acquaintances of their change of views and have resolved as soon as their number increases to one hundred to build a church - They are willing to receive instruction and baptism from the missionaries but wish to be entirely independent so far as pecuniary aid is concerned and do away with the reproach so often urged by the heathen that men are actuated by mercenary motives in accepting the Christian religion.

A man from another district put himself under

the care of the missionary physician for treatment for his eyes. He received some benefit. The great gain however was to his soul; while in the hospital the daily reading and explanation of the scriptures and the great kindness he received made a deep impression on his mind - After he returned to his home he went about from village <sup>to village</sup> telling what he had learned and plead with all to accept of Christ as their Saviour - Many laughed and spoke of him as demented others however became deeply interested and sent a request to the missionaries to send some one to teach them more fully. A preacher was sent - and after laboring there for a time the missionary followed and baptized thirty of the inquirers -

On the borders of China near the Korean line a number of Korean families live among the hills. Some <sup>one</sup> went among them with the Bible and told them of the Saviour and his power to save - It is said many of these simple minded people believe the truth and are anxiously waiting for missionaries to teach and baptize them -

During a late visit to Japan one of the missionaries of the Methodist Church told me that a man in his employ had visited his home about two miles distant and made such an impression that a friend had written several times earnestly pleading for some one to go and teach him, his family and friends the truths of Christianity. The evening before my arrival he sent a telegram to inquire why no one came?

Such instances, I trust, are but the drops become the coming shower of a great awakening when the valleys now full of dry bones shall be visited in mercy and power and all shall live and know & love the living and true God -

\* Enrich us by your constant prayers - I shall request all our native Christians to plead for special blessings upon your meetings

Very Truly  
Asister, C. Abbott

\* The indisputable fact that <sup>There are</sup> countless multitudes having no hope and without God in the world "it seems to me constitutes the true Macedonian cry rather than the call direct from the heathen who do not know their misery - Was not this the call that brought Jesus to this world to die for sinners?"