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there are going to be point after point in your life when you will need to keep your eyes open, be watching, gathering information, examing its meaning and applying it to the question of how you can go forward in the Lord's work. When the founder of the CIM ~~was~~ went to China and tried to open up inner China the -- he went there and most of the missionary work was just in a few port cities at that time. He went into China and he came into a great province and he came into a little village, and when he came into the little village the people that were with him say, Look at all these people here that have never heard the Gospel. We can stop here and we can spend 2 or 3 yrs. here and reach everyone in this village with the message of the Gospel. And he said, No, we are going on ^{further} fururther to a larger town. And they left the village, and went on to a large town and they came into quite a sizeable town. And they said to Hudson Taylor, Lets stop here. They said, We could spend two or three yrs. before we reach the people in this town. Why go on further? And he said, No we are going on to the provincial capital. And they said, Why do you go on to the provincial capital? Why don't you stop here? Well Hudson Taylor had already learned something about the attitude of the Chinese there. And Hudson Taylor said, If I stop in this little village here, If I stop in this smaller town here and work and toil and give the message of Christ and we win many to Him here, he said, then when we go up to the larger place and people say, Who are these people, Where have they come from/ Oh, they've been preaching down in that little place there. There is quite a group of people down there that think they have really an important message. Oh, they said, What do those people down there know? But he said, We go up to the Provincial Capital and there we start in, and we try to reach people for the Lord. And we spend a yr. or 2 there and we get a good congregation started, we get people there who trust in the Lord and believe in Him, and we send some of them out as missionaries down here to the smaller town. And people say, What's this you are bringing? Where is this from/ Oh they say, We got a church up in the grt. capital city there, and there are people there that believe this. Oh, there are? Well then that must be something worth listening to. They have it up in this big important place there. Well of course it's really nonsense, but ^{it is} the attitude you will find in relation to people's ideas in all sorts of places and conditions.