

too, that they are despised by the teacher class, and yet the lower classes willingly become the dupes of those above them, and without question carry out whatever evil they cunningly plan for them. A man without education embraces Christianity, and the teacher class will at once say that he is a "coarse fool" and an "idiot," and that you cannot expect anything better from him. On the other hand, if a man of learning follows the new doctrine they say that he has been bewitched, and that he has some other object in view, or that the foreigner's money is the attraction. Sad to say the latter suggestion is too often true, and many missionaries are several years in China before they are convinced that such a consideration has any influence in increasing the roll of Church members.

There are some half dozen terms in common use among the Chinese denoting wrongdoing, but not one, or all the terms combined, adequately express the Christian idea of sin. Add to this the fact that it is so hard to reach a Chinaman's conscience, that at times a person questions whether he has a conscience or not, and you will form some idea of the difficulties in the way in presenting the truths of the Gospel.

You ask me about my studies. My time has been so fully occupied that I have had no time for systematic study for over two years. I have a fair knowledge of the spoken language, and I have no trouble in conversation. I can read the New Testament fairly well, and, of course, I am always adding a few characters. I have tried to study this people from a few of the many standpoints from which they can be viewed, and I think that the study of the people is even more necessary than the study of the language. At any rate without a knowledge of the people the best linguist will be a failure as a missionary.

The Freshman year held a regular meeting on March 16th, at which a very interesting programme was presented. Misses Dupuis and Fowlds sang a duet, the Glee Club sang several pieces, and the class poet read an original poem.

The Senior Philosophy students are beginning to organise grind classes, a token that exams are coming near.

COLLEGE NEWS.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADDRESSES.

THE address on Sunday Afternoon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ross. His subject was: Matt. xi., 3—"Are Christ and His teaching superseded?"

Many perplexed souls earnestly ask to-day the same question as John. Some have settled the question by believing that Christ was merely a great teacher, of wide vision, possessing ideas of individual and social life far in advance of His generation. Science is stripping from Christ his supernatural garb, and the theory of development is presented as the proper explanation of the origin of the manifold forms of existence. The knowledge of the laws of nature has been and is doing much to alter the condition of the world. Political Science is revealing the evils of society and pointing out remedies.

In human life, too, there is much that is unlovely, and to alter this, art with its Gospel of the Beautiful, is preached.

That all those have done much to better man's condition is a blessed fact, but it is as handmaids of religion that they have done so. Science and art cannot heal the diseased soul or set man in right relation to his Maker and Judge.

The spirit and teaching of the life of Christ give expression to the fact of human brotherhood, and the duties arising out of the relationship. The life of Christ presents also the unselfish devotion to duty so much needed to-day. Let every man be influenced by the unselfishness taught in the sermon on the Mount, and we should have the ideal state. Christ's life emphasises, too, reverence for the spiritual and unseen, a part of His teaching which requires to be particularly impressed upon the world at present.

The individual and social life of the Gospel are possible only in a regenerated social state. Is not the Christian Church to blame that this state is not here already? Has not the "imitation of Christ" been merely a pious sentiment and the imitation of the world the principle of action with those who compose His church? Let the church carry out truly the method and secret of Jesus, and its efforts to reach and uplift the millions will be more effective.