

and features in human life—the high courage, the heroic endurance, the significant triumph, the spiritual tragedy. What is needed is the reporter with the true newspaper instinct, and the happenings of the mission field would be woven into a newspaper story. And the day is coming when the genius of the fiction writer will discover and utilize the wealth of material provided in the conflict of Christianity with heathenism. What Ralph Connor has done for the lumber camps of the Ottawa, the ranches of the Foothills and the mining towns of the Rockies some one will yet do for the mission fields of Africa and the Orient. And if meanwhile we newspaper editors in America, in the rush and strain of our crowded lives, are slow to recognize the newspaper value of foreign mission incidents, we can comfort ourselves with the reflection that the great publishing houses of the United States declined Ralph Connor's first book because of its religious and missionary qualities; and you friends of missions may be encouraged to hope for our enlightenment and conversion when you reflect that "Black Rock," although refused at first, has been published by nearly every respectable pirate house in the United States in successive editions ranging from 50,000 to half a million each. Book publishers as well as newspaper editors come to learn that the great human heart is incurably interested in the age-long and world-wide human struggle.

(2) I have also said that the news of foreign mis-