

brethren and a valuable educational agency for the development of the talent of the writers of that Church."

A monument will soon be erected to the late Dr. Moffat, the African missionary, in his native village of Ormiston, near Tranent, in East Lothian, Scotland.

He sat in his easy chair before the blazing hearth, and thus he communed with himself: "Times are awful hard. I must reduce expenses somehow. What shall I give up? Tobacco? Coffee? Sugar? Oh, no. I must have all these. Let me see. I can stop the *Advocate*; that'll save \$2. And I'll stop the *Record*; that'll save me 50 cents. And I won't pay but half my quarterage; that'll save me \$10. And I won't give anything to the Conference collections this year; that'll save me \$5. So I can save \$15 or \$20 anyway. Bless the Lord. Wife, come in and let's have prayers."—*Church Record*.

Dr. Young J. Allan, superintendent

of the China Mission, reports that the Anglo-Chinese University at Shanghai pays current expenses, and that already more than ten per cent. of the pupils are applicants for membership in the Christian Church.

A few weeks ago a native minister was murdered but a short distance from Mexico City, when he was attempting to hold a religious service. Mr. Butler's native workers are constantly telling him of the persecutions they have to endure, sometimes risking their lives for the faith. But still the work goes on.

Dr. Haygood explains his sister's going to China as a missionary in this way: "If you ask," said he, "why my sister goes as a missionary to China, I answer, Because she had a Methodist father and mother and Methodist grandparents." In another report of his speech it appears that he described them as Methodists after the pattern of the "General Rules."

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*In the Lena Delta: A Narrative of the Search for Lieut.-Commander DeLong and his Companions, An account of the Greely Relief Expedition, And a Proposed Method of Reaching the North Pole.* By GEORGE W. MELVILLE, Chief Engineer U.S.N. Edited by MELVILLE PHILIPS. With Maps and illustrations. 8vo. Pp. 498. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$2.50.

The record of Arctic Exploration is one long Iliad of most heroic achievement and most tragical disaster. Yet again and again undaunted adventurers essay, with all the resources of science and civilization,

To pluck its secret from the brooding years,  
To pierce the mystery of the Boreal pole.

None of the many Arctic Expeditions,

save perhaps the search expeditions for Sir John Franklin, exhibit loftier heroism and possess a more pathetic interest than those described in this book—the search for DeLong and his companions, and expedition for the relief of Lieutenant Greely and his party.

The author first gives an account of the ill-fated voyage of the *Jeanette*, the first vessel to attempt a polar expedition by way of Behring Strait. It will be remembered that she was crushed in the ice June 12, 1881. Then began the weary journey of 500 miles in boats and on sleds to the delta of the Lena, a great river of Siberia. In a tremendous storm the boats containing DeLong and Melville were separated, but by different routes they reached land. Again and again the faithful Melville explored the frozen marshes of the Lena in search of his commander, suffering the most excruciating hard-