

traordinarily difficult for them to renounce superstition in every form, when everything about them is steeped in superstition, not easy to be open and honorable, pure and clean, where everybody is just the opposite. We must first convince ourselves whether there is any Christian life at all in them, and then we must follow the example of the great apostle of the Gentiles, and have confidence that this inner life will grow, and that God is faithful, through whom they have been called into the fellowship of His Son. He will fulfil His work among the Chinese, as He fulfilled it among the Corinthians. The Gospel is A POWER of God; and so long as it abides among a congregation, this will also reveal this power in the renewal of the heart and life of every member."—Dr. ERNEST FABER, *retranslated from Zeitschrift für Missionskunde.*

—Pfarrer KRANZ remarks that a man who can both speak and read the Chinese of cultivated conversation (Kuan-hoa) is no nearer ability to read the written classical Chinese (Wenli) than a man who can speak and read French fluently, is able to read Latin, of which the French is a profound modification. There are, moreover, three grades of Wenli, the most compressed of which cannot be read without a commentary. The least compressed is that of novels, which seem to be as popular in China as with us. The middle Wenli is official and commercial.

English Notes.

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Church Missionary Society.—Details have arrived from Fuh-chow of the Ku-cheng massacre, which were delivered in London at mid-day on Saturday, September 14th. Happily the actual murders had not combined with them the nameless horrors suggested by some of the wild telegrams. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were not burnt alive, but were killed instantly in their bed-

room, the house being then set on fire. "The nurse and Miss Nellie Saunders died endeavoring to protect the children, and their bodies also were left in the burning house." By the heroism of the second girl, Kathleen, the eldest girl, who was badly wounded, and the three young ones were rescued from the flames, being carried or dragged to the house where the American lady, Miss Hartford, was staying. "The younger Miss Saunders was killed outside; and the five C. E. Z. M. S. ladies were attacked outside their own house, Miss Codrington alone escaping death.

Since apparently all is quiet now at Fuh-kien, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Martin, and Miss Boileau return to the mission at once, and the two new men appointed to it, the Revs. F. E. Bland and J. A. Cutten, accompany them. For the present the nine new ladies designated for the work are detained, tho it is hoped they may yet sail this year.

In response chiefly to urgent requests from Ireland, where Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were so well known, a *Ku-cheng Memorial Fund* has been opened. Funds have freely come in: but no appeal for money has been made or will be made.

West Indies.—According to the Bishop of Sierra Leone, who has just returned from the West Indies, good openings exist there for the enlistment of missionary recruits for Africa from the negro population. An earnest appeal for Europeans to lead parties of African evangelists into the Temni and Mendi countries has been received, and the committee of the Church Missionary Society would welcome three or four men of suitable gifts should they be led to offer themselves for this extensive work.

West Africa.—In sequence to what we have just written, it is pleasing to find that as the result of a missionary recruiting campaign undertaken by the Rev. W. E. Humphrey, Principal of the Fourah Bay College, and the tutor, the Rev. E. T. Cole, about 100 young