

is not to lay the foundations of a church, but to assist in building up and guiding a church already established. He would have learned that in his work he must stand by the side of native preachers who read English with ease and Japanese and Chinese better than he can ever hope to do; and whatever influence he exercises on this growing church must be personal rather than official; mental, moral, and spiritual rather than ecclesiastical and formal.

And then, if he is the sensible man he is likely to be, he will say to himself; "If to be a doctor, or a lawyer, or a dentist, or a dressmaker is worth years of special study and untiring effort, how swiftly and gladly will the months and years go by which prepare me to take part in the building up of a Christian nation!"

#### NEW GUINEA GODS.

At nine p. m. Avea took me quietly into his house. An old man following gave orders to a man outside to close the door, and to prevent any one coming up the ladder. A bag made from the sago palm was taken down, and I was asked in a whisper if I would like to see the maker of heaven and earth, thunder and lightning, south-east and north-west winds. I whispered back, 'Yes, certainly.' Out they came, a small figure of a man and another of a woman, both coarsely carved. Out came another, which I should call a carved shuttlecock. 'Well, Avea, and how is it managed? He places the man and woman side by side, and if thunder is wanted, or if it is thundering too much, he holds up the shuttlecock, and the thing is done. For wind, he alters the position of the man and woman, placing them according to the required wind, and holding the shuttlecock in a different way. I asked Avea to sell them; but he would sooner part with everything he had than with these ancient articles. For long generations they have been in the family.' *Work and Adventure in New Guinea.* By Chalmers and Gill.

The new Morning Star, of the American Board, which recently arrived at Honolulu from Boston, does credit to the versatility of her Yankee projectors and owners. She can be a steamer or a sailing vessel as the case may require, can shift her steering gear from bow to stern, *o. vice versa*, and use the same hollow shaft for smoke-pipe or mast, according to circumstances. On reaching the stormy Straits of Magellan, she folded up her

broad white wings, and, changing her steering apparatus to the bow, pushed through the stormy passage against a strong head wind as a steamer, spreading her wings again when she reached the broad Pacific. 'All things to all men for Christ's sake was Paul's motto, and it is hers.

It is a popular maxim that experience is the best teacher. This is true—and false. Did you ever know a moth that had been singed by the flame, fail to dash directly to the flame the moment that it could use its wings again? How large a proportion of those who have learned by bitter personal experience what the vice of drunkenness (or any other vice) is, turns from that sin on account of that experience? There are, in fact, many teachers concerning evil better than experience of evil. The warnings of a father, the gentle leadings of a mother, the holy precepts of a Sunday-school teacher, if heeded, are better far than the lessons of experience, in the direction of those warnings; for these teach through defending and preserving, while experience teaches too often through loss and destruction.—*S. S. Times.*

Every step toward Christ kills a doubt  
Every thought, word and deed for Him  
carries you away from discouragement.—  
*Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

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