

## CONSULTING THE ORACLE.

Their faces and cues, their clothing and shoes, tell that these men are Chinese. The name of the picture shows what they are doing. But what is an oracle? It is a way in which they think their gods speak to them. In this case you see a pot with smoke rising

god is supposed to answer by making the sticks arrange themselves in a certain way.

How much better is the book which we look into when we want to know God's message to us? In the Bible He speaks to us His words that will guide us safely and happily through this world and take us to Himself at last.

These poor men have no such guide. They



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from it, incense burning, which they think will please their god.

One man is on his knees praying for a good answer. Another has a dish with sticks or straws in it. He shakes them up, watches how they arrange themselves and tells it to the third man who stands looking into a book where he reads what the different arrangements mean, and thus gets the answer. The

wander through life in darkness and sin and go down to a dark and hopeless eternity. As we look at them we can almost hear a voice from the picture saying "Come over and help us." Give us that oracle which teaches us of the true God and the way of Life. Let each boy and girl ask self the question, What have I done, what am I doing, what can I do, to answer that call for help?