MISSION FIELD.

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THE MISSIONARY PROBLEM IN CHINA.

The dimensions and significance of the Missionary problem in China grow upon the thought of the Christian world from year to year. All things considered, this is the field of supreme difficulty, and at the same time it is the field of supreme inter-The Chinese are manifestly the governing race of eastern and central Asia; their national qualities and their geographical position make them so; they evidently hold the key to the future of almost one half the unevaugelized peoples of the giobe; so long as they remain with out the Gospel the great bulk of Asia will be pagan; when they are evangelized, the continent will be Christian and the world will be won.

Special attention has been called to these considerations, and added weight has been attached to them by the Missionary conference at Shanghai, last May. There were in attendance at this co ference 430 representatives of all the missionary societies established in China and for more than two weeks the pre-ent state and future prospects of this work were under discussion. Probably never has a more notable ga hering been held on missionary ground, and it affords plain proof both of the importance of the work in hand and of the ability of the men who have it in charge. This conference, besides doing much else that is of great value, united in calling for an addition to the present force of 1,000 new laborers within the next five years, and sent the appeal broadcast throughout Christer dom May the cry be heard and he laborers rally even beyind the measure of this brave appeal!-Rev Dr. Judson Smith, -:00:-

THE WAIL OF MISERY AND HELPLESSNESS.

During the last 25 years by the growth of geographical discovery by the intropid work of the Mesionary, and by the advance of linguistic science, tr bes and nations hitherto unknown have been brought before

nd their social and religious condition presented with a vividuess which was before impossible Every year also adds considerably to the stock of our knowledge, so that the Church, by the very orcums ances of her position, is being made in-creasingly conscious of the awful state of the hea hen world. In former years we might have pleaded ignorance, but now the wail of human mise y and helplessness, with multiplied intensity, seems borne upon the ear, and the vision of the night is not simply, as in St. Paul's case, that of a single suppl ant of Macedonia, but an appalling picture of crowding millions who are the slaves of hideous superstitions, of nameless cruelty, and of un-peak able degradation. They seem to rise visibly before the mind; they haunt us with their piteous expres sion of spiritual hunger, and amid the outplay of his Christian man-



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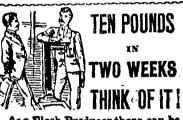
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> -:0:-FIDELITY TO TRUST.

The Rev. Dr. Battershall, in a communication in the " Churchman," pays a well deserved tribute to the business world for the honor which it puts upon fidelity to trust in transactions among men, and he makes good use of this theme in carrying it still higher and claiming that this law, which a business man observes in regard to his fellows, he should no less observe in regard to Gd The summing up of Dr Battershall's argument is in this sen tence: 'The possession of faculty and the possession of wealth bring a man under the law of stewardship He holds them in trust for God's uses. To have a power and use it se fishly, in the Christian conception, 18 a forfe ture of trust. One has no more right to make or spend money, ignoring the law or claim of God, than he has a right to break his bargain on the exchange,' and he adds; 'Many honest men have need to revise their moral code on this point. The world and the Church call for men who recognize to the full the law of fidelity to trust, and who wear unsullied the spurs of their Christian soldiership. In short the Christian in business will carry into it the most imperative touch and the widest sweep of the law of Whatever his place and Christ. work in the world, he will use it for

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