

Zealand; the vessel which bore him put in at the Mauritius, where he found seven thousand coolies from China in a state of heathenism, who up to that time had been unapproachable; the Bishop of the Episcopal church had longingly desired to reach them, and when the converted Chinaman arrived, that bond which the individual love of Christ alone can cement, united these otherwise divergent natures, and the seven thousand coolies are as a consequence, listening for the first time, to the marvellous story, conveyed to them in their own tongue, of the mercy of God, as displayed in the mission of his Son; that this (to us) familiar narrative should be embraced, as it is by thousands of the heathen, and should produce its necessary effect in changing the whole tenor of their lives, converting the wolf into the lamb, &c., affords perhaps one of the most striking testimonies to its Divine origin; "see how these Christians love one another," was the involuntary testimony of the early heathen, before the church had sold itself to the world, and wallowed in corruption. One of two schools for the Chinese in Chicago is attended by sixty scholars; and the celestials, who have no idea of singing, until they have been instructed in the art, have shown their appreciation of this branch of their tuition by presenting the school with a parlor organ; a class of forty Chinamen is accommodated in a Methodist Sunday school in the city; one result of the efforts to benefit these orientals in Chicago is that a missionary from China, who has also had some experience in San Francisco, has been secured to labour among the Chinamen in Chicago. That the fair sex of that Queen City of the West is as much appreciated by their pupils, as it is in our own, is manifest from the circumstance of one of their pupils, having absented himself on a certain occasion; on the previous week, he had been taught by a gentleman; when interrogated as to the cause

of his absence, he replied he "had no teacher last week, man teach him." The writer hopes to visit the Toronto school again shortly, and consequently to say more about the Chinese.

## THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

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Had Chillingworth's famous sentiment—"The Bible and the Bible alone is the religion of Protestants," been reduced to practice, much wrangling would have been avoided in the past, and doubtless would be in the future also, but so surely as men begin to daub with their own untempered mortar, the structure of the living God, do they open the way to boundless and fruitless contention. It is probable that the founders of the sect whose public worship is the subject of the present notice, were actuated by sentiments similar to those just enunciated, when they decided to adopt the designation which figures above, and they were not deterred from their selection of the title, by any implication it might appear to cast on other Christians who revere the Bible. The community which has adopted the designation of Bible Christians is one of the outgrowths of Methodism, and arose, as did primitive Methodism, out of an ardent desire on the part of a certain "local preacher" to exceed the limits prescribed by "the Conference," in the interest of the denizens of a coal mine. One of the incidental consequences of such an origin is the comparatively humble degree of attainment required on the part of the community, of its ministers; an average miner in the early days of Methodism, differed only from the heathen in that he was not a cannibal; a knowledge of the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin languages on the part of the men who sought "the highways" of the mine was therefore not indispensable; to the present day, no one of those languages is deemed requisite, by this community, as a qualification for its ministers; the demand on