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CHINESE LITERATURE.

If you wish to be acquainted with the past and the present you must read five cartloads of books.—Chinese saying.

The Chinese are famous along literary lines, and exceptional in long making official preferment to depend upon an educational test, while later—a most important educational era was developed in China. The rage for western knowledge led even to an edict to have all existing colleges turned into schools of Western learning, and to the establishment of others, and to a proposed confiscation of Buddhist temples in that behalf. And better this is not only a movement towards Western civilization, the handmaid of Christianity; but religious literature is earnestly read, many finding in Christianity the secret of Western greatness and acknowledging like a Chinese ambassador, that to the missionaries belongs to the major portion of the credit for China's 'open door.' Year before last even the Central China R. T. Society issued 1,700,000 volumes, except for the distribution at the triennial examinations of several provincial capitals all were sold, and last year it is Chinese readers for books and papers estimated \$250,000 was expended by teaching the wisdom of Christendom. An interesting feature in missionary literature is the extent to which the Romanized is coming into vogue, and Japan appointed a commission on Romanization of the Japanese, whither also many Chinese are fleeing for education along Western lines, 3,000 attending Tokio University, and from remote parts of China.

Students and progressive Chinese would gladly come to Canada and the United States, but for our short-sighted legislation. However, many Chinese having previously entered, are anxious to be taught, and being all Cantonese it is desirable that the literature procured should be suitable.

A list is appended in response to inquiries of the most useful books for such teaching. Any list of Chinese tract literature might be indefinitely extended beyond the realms of religion to history, natural science, including higher mathematics, physics, chemistry, medicine, sanitation, etc., etc., procurable from China, specially from the famous Shanghai "Mission Press" begun at Macao, in 1844, and just celebrating its cycle of existence. Many newspapers are now also published in Chinese, often inspired by the Japanese, and the Reform Society at home and abroad, as in Canada and the United States. Referring to two periodicals as important in this connection, the Chinese Christian Review having wide circulation in the Empire for the instruction of native Christian leaders of all denominations informing them regarding all the leading institutions at work in the world for the uplifting of humanity; and the "Chinese Review of the Times" for the enlightenment of non-Christian Chinese upon the great movement going on throughout the world. Ancient inqui-

tion. We may travel continents in search of some place where it will not be, but in vain. It is useless to withdraw from the world to seek relief. Temptation is here and there, ubiquitous, and omnipresent like air we breathe.

Rev. Wm. Shearer: "I am going away from Sherbrooke, and I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to God for what He has enabled me to do in this city. He has used me as a humble instrument to help some people. It has been marvellous, sometimes, the way in which the Lord has used me, as I have had it from the mouth of those who have been helped. My ministry has not been in vain in Sherbrooke."

W. A. MacKav, D. D.—That the man was not successful who acquired most, but rather he who makes most of himself. Being rich was not incompatible with true success, in fact the man who achieved true success was likely to get riches. But if riches were made the test of success, there were few to be classed as successful, for, in the nature of things, only a few could become rich. But true success, the attainment of character, was within the reach of all.

Rev. E. R. Drummond: "I am the bread of life." A great injustice is done to the Lord by people thinking of this bread as medicine only. Medicine ordinarily suggests that which is distasteful, something that we want to give up taking as soon as possible. That is the last suggestion that He would want, that His word is something distasteful, something that we want to get rid of. It would be a thousand pities if the parents in the home, the teachers in the Sunday schools, and all who teach His word, would give that idea to the children. If it was medicine that these hungry people needed, He would have given it to them; but it was food they needed, and He gave it to them. There are many proofs of the value of His word. Wherever it is read, there is found life that is sturdier, better, and healthier; intelligence replaces, superstition and fear; there is less selfishness, more care of the poor, more benevolence, larger liberties; life and property are safer; there is larger, nobler and truer life. Surely this ought to be evidence of the value of His word. He is food to the mind by means of the truth he brings. The mind lives on truth, as the body on food; just as soon as truth is imperfect, then we become dissatisfied."

Rev. Dr. MacNish, Cornwall, is lecturing at Queen's University on the Celtic language and literature. Queen's is the first Canadian university to add this course to its curriculum; and the work could not be placed in better hands. Dr. MacNish is an enthusiastic Gael; and in this country he stands pre-eminent in Celtic scholarship.

Owing to illness Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox church, Hamilton, was unable to preach, and Rev. Dr. Talling took his services.

ries it will not be amiss to suggest several of many books for the missionaries' or teachers' studies, as K. Select Phrases in the Canton Dialect Romanized, Batts, "How to speak Cantonese;" and "How to write tonese," all published by Kelly Walsh, Hong Kong, China.

CHINESE S. S. SUPPLIES.

The figures in last column is the postage on these books.

1. Condit's English and Chinese Reader.....1
2. Condit's English and Chinese Reader and Dictionary.....1
3. Condit's English and Chinese Second Reader.....1
4. Condit's English and Chinese Dictionary.....1
6. Pocket English and Chinese Dictionary.....1
7. New Testament, English and Chinese
8. Four Gospels, English and Chinese....
9. New Testament, Chinese Pocket....
10. Four Gospels, English and Chinese..
11. Four Gospels, English and
12. Four Gospels, Chinese, paper.....
12. New Testament, English "marked"....
13. Four Gospels, English, 10, 15.....
14. Four Gospels, English.....
15. Anglo-Chinese, "Great Truths,"—Bible Catechism.....
16. Anglo-Chinese Leaflets and cards—10 Com. Lord's Prayer, Creed, Songs, calendars, etc.....
17. Chinese Tracts, various subjects and prices.....
18. Chinese Song Book, with tunes.....
19. Song Book, words only.....
20. Chinese News, Ill'd, monthly.....
21. Chinese Child's Paper monthly.....
22. Chinese Christian Review.....
23. Chinese Review of Times.....

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The Welsh Bible class, St. Andrew's church has decided to follow the International Mr. Griffith Jones has been elected teacher this quarter.

The first annual meeting of the Elm church was presided over by Rev. Mr. McLean. The total receipts were \$3,022.01, a balance was shown over disbursements of towards church furnishings; and the school receipts were \$81.30.

Rev. R. J. Glassford, of Guelph, who was legate to the World's S. S. convention at Salem, last summer, lectured on "Mission impressions of the East" in Ratho church Tuesday evening last.

First Church, St. Marys (Rev. A. Maliam, pastor,) reports a prosperous year. Special reference was made to the excellent being done by the vigorous Young People society, recently organized, to the large increase in the attendance at the services on the 1st Day, and the prayer-meeting, to the increase the general revenue by nearly \$800 during past six months, also an increase of \$100 to schemes of the church during the same. There is no debt on the church. The man improved at a cost of over two thousand dollars during the past year. Provision was to wipe off this debt at once.

The reports submitted at the twenty-first annual meeting of the Deer Park Church of substantial and encouraging character. The church is growing in numbers and in activity under the ministry of Rev. Donald C. Sack. The meeting was therefore of an especially pleasant and harmonious character. The session reported a total membership of 22 net increase for the year of 49. The total receipts were \$4,100. A pleasant incident of the evening was the presentation of an upholstered chair to Mr. John Scott, who for seven years superintended the Sunday school, and is going through ill-health. The following were elected Managers for three years: James N. S. Robertson, John Keith, A. H. S. Marks, W. Ellis and B. Sinclair.