

Knowledge," which has its headquarters at Shanghai, publishes two monthly magazines, *The Review of the Times* and the *Missionary Review*; also quite a large number of works, the titles filling fourteen pages, treating of religion and missions, biography of great reformers who became converted to Christianity, and historical and scientific treatises.

No missionary body in the world, it is said, can point to a more complete list of books which it has prepared for the people among whom it labors. Writing on this subject, Dr. Henry W. Boone, of our mission at Shanghai, says:

"Many years ago the imperial government at Peking found it necessary to establish the Imperial University at Peking in order to train men for use in its foreign office and diplomatic work. The president of this university was Rev. Dr. Martin, a missionary who has been and is to-day a tower of strength to the rulers at Peking. The Rev. Timothy Richard, after long years of service in the interior as a missionary was called to Shanghai to succeed the late Dr. Williamson as superintendent of the "Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge" amongst the people. Under Dr. Richard's able supervision, amongst other books, many works have gone out which show to the educated Chinese how faulty their methods of agriculture, mining, transportation, revenue, manufacture, and river conservancy are, and how famines and floods can be averted and mitigated. They show what progress has been made in these and kindred matters by Western nations, and by a carefully prepared system of comparative statistics, they show how very great the advantage would be to China if she would adopt such methods and reap the benefits to be gained by the adaptation of Western science and industrial arts to her own daily needs.

"So great was the respect in which the Rev. Mr. Richard was held by the rulers of the nation that during the late war between China and Japan, the viceroy of the province in which Shanghai is situated sent for him twice to go to Nankin and advise him about certain matters. Since the war, Mr. Richard has lived in Peking, and he has been on the friendliest terms with the great viceroy, Li Hung Chang, and other officials of the highest rank.

"Without multiplying names or giving more instances, it can be truly said that there is hardly a province in the Empire of China where there are not one or more missionaries at work who are the leaders of thought in their districts. The literature, both Christian and general, which is published and sold to the more thoughtful amongst the Chinese people, is the greatest agency at work to-day for the advancement of this nation."

But not only is there an extensive intellectual awakening in China, there is, what is far better, a spiritual awakening in many parts of this great empire. At Kucheng, for instance, where ten English missionaries were murdered two years ago, there have been no less than 5,000 converts during the past year. A single one of our own missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Ingle, has baptized in the same time 142 persons. Even in the extremely hostile province of Hunan, where the people have boasted that they have succeeded in keeping out foreigners and Christianity, there are persons now seeking and obtaining baptism, though they know that they are endangering their lives by so doing. Natives of this province who have been converted have returned, and have been laboring for the conversion of the Hunanese, and at their solicitation, the Rev. Dr. John, the veteran English missionary at Hankow, has, with great peril to himself, visited the province and baptized some eager applicants for the rite.—*Am. Ch. S.S. Magazine.*

#### DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE.

ARCHDEACON and Mrs. Lofthouse of the Diocese of Moosonee have gone on furlough to England. At the various points at which he stopped on his journey from Winnipeg to New York, where he took the steamer in the first week of December, he availed himself of every possible opportunity for offering information touching the vast Diocese of Moosonee, the field of his earnest and self-denying labors for fifteen years past. He addressed the Womans' Auxiliary in Toronto and in Montreal, he also preached in St. George's Church, Montreal, and delivered an interesting address before the Young Men's Society of that Parish on the evening of the 2nd December and on the 3rd to the members of the Cathedral Branch of the W. A. All this notwithstanding a severe attack of illness whilst in Toronto. The following report of his address before the W. A. Montreal under the presidency of the venerable Bishop of that Diocese is taken from one of the local papers.

The Archdeacon spoke a good word for the natives, telling how anxious they were to receive the Gospel, touched on their warm hospitality, though the domestic surroundings were not always of the pleasantest to those other than native born.

He told the story of the establishing of the Churchill mission, where he is stationed, his parish covering about 450,000 square miles, and in the most unostentatious manner touched on the difficulties that attended the building of the mission house, telling how the lumber was carried by the Government, from the settled