

in God's mercy, his grace, in all that is his.

But there must be corroborative evidence of this inner witness to convince the world. If the Holy Spirit dwell in the soul, then shall a man bring forth the fruits of the Spirit and the graces of the Christian character. The Divine Paraclete is the Spirit of truth, of love, of sacrifice, of holiness. "If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." If He dwells within, the spirit of love, of sacrifice, and of heavenly-mindedness should be manifest to all—"the mind which weighs the things of earth in the scales of heaven, regarding wealth, and position, and power as gifts of God, to be used for the fulfilment of his gracious purposes, and not for enjoyment, or ease, or vainglory. It is a mind which views men, and the world, and all things as in the light of God, and lives continually as in His Presence." Professor Clark's notes on the Gift of Tongues and the Sin against the Holy Ghost are eminently judicious and convincing. The whole treatise is one whose lucid English makes it an intellectual pleasure to read, and whose practical teachings cannot fail to bring spiritual profit.

Village Life in China. A Study in Sociology. By ARTHUR H. SMITH, D.D., author of "Chinese Characteristics." With illustrations. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Company, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Price, \$2.00.

The Methodist people of Canada are much interested in everything that pertains to the people of China. Two thousand miles up the Yang-tse River, about as far as from Halifax to Winnipeg, but by a vastly more difficult road, is our Canadian Mission, where the agents of both the General and the Woman's Missionary Society are doing noble work. Dr. Smith's volume gives an insight into Chinese life such as we have not seen in any other. It is written from the sympathetic point of view of one who, as the author remarks, "has come to feel a profound respect for the numerous

admirable qualities of the Chinese, and to entertain for many of them a high personal esteem. An unexampled past," he adds, "lies behind this great race, and before it there may lie a wonderful future. China was never so much in the world's thought as to-day, nor is there any apparent likelihood that the position of this empire will be less conspicuous at the opening of the twentieth century. Whatever helps to a better understanding of the Chinese people, is an aid to a comprehension of the Chinese problem."

This book removes many erroneous impressions. We had the idea that a very large proportion of the people lived in the great cities; this, it seems, is incorrect. They live mostly in villages. The country is, of course, densely peopled, being from about the average of Belgium, 1,534 persons to the square mile, to over 2,000 to the square mile, not in cities, but in rural villages. This book is an endeavour to answer the questions, What are these incomputable millions of people thinking about? What is the quality of the life which they live? What is its content and its scope?

In a series of fascinating chapters our author discusses the village life, country roads, which are very wretched means of communication, and the village ferries, which are even worse. The village wells, shops, schools, temples, markets and fairs, theatres, weddings and funerals, and the like, are fully described. The family life forms the subject of a special section. Its monotony, vacuity, its unstable equilibrium, are set forth. One of the most important chapters is that on the regeneration of the Chinese village. In answer to the question, What can Christianity do for China? the author says, "It can call into existence a sympathy between parents and children, hitherto unknown, one of the greatest needs of the Chinese home. It will revolutionize the system of education. It will purify and sweeten the Chinese home, now always and everywhere liable to devastating hurricanes of passion, and too often filled with evil-speaking, bitterness and wrath. It will sanctify childhood, ennoble motherhood, dignify manhood, and purify every social condition."

No matter what the object of life,
Small work or large,—the making thrive a shop,
Or seeing that an empire take no harm,—
There are known fruits to judge obedience by.

—Browning.