

apparently an appeal to chance, its answer—Fatalism.

Surely there is a power pent up in that subtle, puzzle-loving Chinese brain, with its morale of patient endurance, which the power of Divine love could touch, and the Holy Spirit of God unlock! The very love of the puzzle, the chance of the uplifted straw, bespeaks a question still unanswered—a consciousness of incompleteness upon which the Chinese mind might be reached and led to higher things.

Within a recent date a mission was started and failed, the missionary not even knowing the language of those he sought to win.

Is there no call to redeem the past and reach our Chinese brother where his own questions fail, by one versed in the intricacies of his language, traditions, and sympathies—a Chinese-Gordon?

How wonderingly this colony of Chinese living in Christian Victoria must hear of England's fresh young girlhood venturing, in the enthusiasm of the missionary's great love, into the fastnesses of Chinese cruelty and superstition, sprinkling their land with a martyr's blood, and know that they are living within a whisper of this saving message; touching the skirts of this new life day by day; performing the household duties of its priesthood—and yet passed by! When once awakened, what apology can be offered to the Chinese neighbor, at our very door? Surely our men and our money are more wisely spent in the duty which lies nearest home—where the field of missionary work can be inspected and improved upon so as to fit into the special wants of remarkable people.

May the Church of England in Canada consider this weighty responsibility, and so be led to organize such a mission as shall reveal the simplicity of the love of God, unravelling to the puzzle-loving Chinese life's saving mystery, that, with God's blessing, its first fruits shall be the springing into life of a native ministry among the thousands of Chinese in Victoria who may ere long be sent—as the best of all missionaries—to their own kith and kin.

### Books and Periodicals Department.

(1) *The Sunday at Home*. (2) *The Leisure Hour*. (3) *The Boy's Own* and (4) *The Girl's Own Paper*. (5) *The Cotager and Artisan*. (6) *The Friendly Visitor*, etc.

Bishop Newnham and his diocese of Moosonee form the subject of an illustrated article in *The Sunday at Home* for October. An Indian encampment on a dreary waste, the Bishop's house, Moose Fort, factory, and church, a sketch map of the huge diocese skirting the shores of Hudson Bay, the officers' quarters of the Hudson Bay Co. at the break-up of the ice in May, 1893, Glass Fall, Missanabie River, the Bishop himself with snowshoes near by, and rifle in hand, men portaging a canoe, are shown in the illustrations, accompanied by a very interesting article by Miss E. L. Newnham, descriptive of the different scenes and of the life that has to be lived by those who work in their midst. *The Leisure Hour* has a "tale of three mariners," called "Ice-

bound," which reads like a page from Fenimore Cooper's "Sea Lions." "Scenes in Norway," an article on "Rienzi in Romance and History," and other matters, "Echoes from the Dungeon of Vincennes," and the serial tale, "Forest-wyk," being continued, make up a good average number.

*The Homiletic Review*. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Co.

The October number contains a capital outline of the Old Testament, showing the development of the divine religion of salvation in old and typical form. It gives a bird's-eye view of the whole book by a careful classification of its different parts. This two-page "Outline" is worth more than many a ponderous volume on the Old Testament. While to the clergyman we regard *The Homiletic Review* as always helpful because, giving him a view of the whole homiletic horizon, we think, if possible, it is more than ever so now, because of its present representative work in helping the ministry in the work of rousing Christendom to a great forward movement as we are entering upon the twentieth century. We reprinted last month an earnest appeal from this periodical on that important subject.

*The Missionary Review of the World*. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$2.50 a year.

In the October number there are articles on "Gospel Work in Persia," by the Rev. S. G. Wilson, of Tabriz, Persia; "The Star Worshipers of Mesopotamia," by Rev. S. M. Zwemer, of Busrah, Arabia; "The Russian Stundists," by Prof. G. Godet; "Bible Motives in Missions," by Rev. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky.; "The Malabar Syrians—A Forgotten Chapter in Indian Missions," by Rev. John Rutherford, of Lewes, England; besides articles in the International department and the "Field of Monthly Survey," several good editorial notes, and general missionary intelligence.

*The Review of Reviews*. 13 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The frontispiece of the October *Review of Reviews* is a portrait of Sir Joseph Lister, the eminent British surgeon, whose discovery of the value of antiseptics has so revolutionized modern surgical methods, and who was honored, last year, by election to the presidency of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Another interesting picture in the October *Review* is a photograph of Mr. Gladstone and Li Hung Chang.

(1) *The Expositor*. (2) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London: Hodder & Stoughton.

In *The Expositor* for October the subject of "The Incarnation" is continued by Dr. Gifford. The Rev. Dr. Denny contributes a suggestive paper on "The Dissolution of Religion." It is a lesson drawn chiefly from our Lord's denunciations of the Scribes and Pharisees. Principal Fairbairn, in "Christ's Attitude to His Own Death," gives some helpful thoughts on that sublime subject. In *The Clergyman's Magazine* for October Professor Moule continues his "Lessons in Faith and Love," and the Rev. H. H. Gowen, of New Westminster, B.C., his "Revelation of the Things that Are." Many useful hints are also given for sermons and Bible lessons.

*The American Church Sunday School Magazine*, Philadelphia.

Besides the useful Sunday-school lessons this periodical, as usual, has some very excellent reading matter.

(1) *Germania*. (2) *L'Etudiant*. A.W. Spanhoofd, Manchester, N.H.

These are well-arranged periodicals for instruction in German and French respectively. A study of these each month will repay anyone who wishes to keep up or acquire a knowledge of these languages.