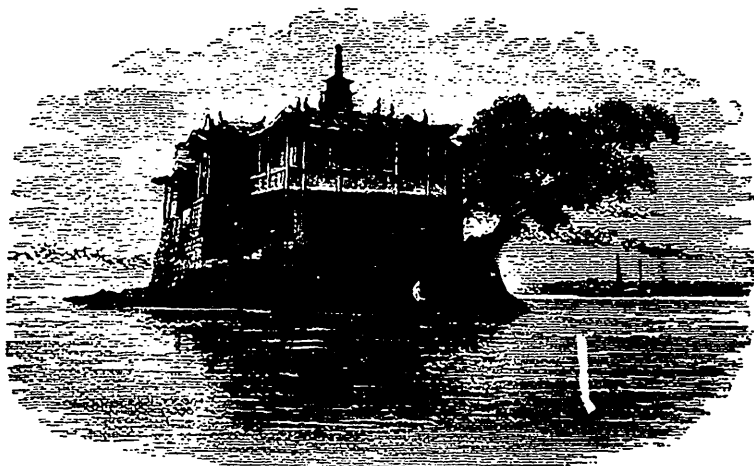


THE REV. DR. HART'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY IN WESTERN CHINA.

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CHRISTIAN missionaries have all along been among the truest pathfinders of empire. They are to-day mapping out many new nations whose magnificent future is not far off. They are tracing the lineaments of a vast and permanent renaissance in the old and oldest civilizations of the world.

We owe a debt of gratitude to one of these heroes, the Rev. Dr. Hart, whose book on "Western China and Mount Omei" has recently been issued from the American press. This is a vivid picture of China's "Far West"—a portion of the Flowery Land until recently hermetically sealed to foreign knowledge. This charming book becomes specially interesting to Canadian Methodists when it is remembered that the region it so graphically describes is the chosen field for the latest venture in missionary enterprise of Canadian Methodism, and the eloquent writer is at this moment leading a noble band to begin the work in that remote province of China. The narration of the journey to Western China describes the route in large part by which our Canadian contingent will reach their field of labour.*

*In the accompanying map of China the large star indicates the part of the country in which it is intended to open up the work of the Canadian Methodist Mission. Some idea of the distance our missionaries will have to travel to reach their destination may be gained from the fact that after