

SHOPPING IN INDIA.

HOW does it differ from shopping in Canada?

Whatever the manner of it, there is one thing on sale there that we do not see here, and that is "gods."

How would it sound to hear father say some morning after worship, "Mother, I think we must get a new god, this old one is getting rather worn looking. John run over to Smith's and see if he has any new gods in, and bring over an illustrated catalogue with

You smile, perhaps. Is it not rather a matter for tears.

We do not wish to buy any idols, but can we not get something good out of an idol shop. Two things it has for us,

1. A Foreign Missionary lesson. How much it means of darkness and sin of dark hopelessness in this life and the next! What a call to do what we can to tell them of the true God.

2. It has also a Home Missionary lesson, not for the back woods and prairies, but for us.

Do we not sometimes go shopping for idols?



AN IDOL SHOP.

prices." Or how would it sound in the shop, "Well, what have you in gods to-day, and how are the prices?" "O we have them all sizes and all prices: here is one in ivory at \$200; one here in ebony at \$75; this one in wood \$20; here is a job lot in wood and earth at a dollar each, and out in the back shop there are a number slightly defaced and shop worn, some with the nose off while others have lost an arm, you can have your pick of them for 50 cts."

Perhaps the beautiful things that shops in our lands display, or other things not sold in shops have a larger place in some hearts than Christ has. Perhaps we think more about pleasing self than we do about pleasing Him, and such idolatry is more dishonoring to Him than is that of the poor Hindoo, for we know better.

While you send Christ to the heathen to take the place of their idols do not yourself reject Him.