

for whom but little hitherto has ever been done.

Mr. McMorine and myself called on Mr. Ogiltree, with the view of ascertaining data, as to when and how we should visit those bands of Indians, whom we had been unable to see, when at the Portage last winter. Mr. Ogiltree informed us that efforts had been made (some recent) to reach those Indians, but without success. He was of opinion, however, that visiting them with a knowledge of their language, and more especially now that the old man who had opposed religion was dead, would be much more hopeful, and he kindly promised to arrange for a visit upon which he would accompany Mr. McMorine, and myself, to these Reservations. At present the Indians being away from the Reserve it would be unwise to make the attempt. Arrangements are to be made for a visit as early as possible.

In the Chinese Empire we have one of the largest domains ever swayed by a single power in any age or any part of the world. According to the most careful estimate it comprises a continuous area of more than five and a quarter million square miles. It is nearly half larger than the United States with Alaska thrown in. It forms one-third of the entire Continent of Asia—one-tenth of the habitable globe. In extent it is

equal to a Europe and a half. Next to Russia it is the largest empire that has ever existed.

The population of China is, beyond all question, enormous, "constituting by far the greatest assemblage of human beings, using one speech, ever congregated under one monarch."

According to the lowest estimate the population of China is one-fourth of the human race, six times as many people as there are in the entire United States 350,000,000 souls, men with moral accountability, intellectual activity, and immortal destiny. It is a number inconceivable in its vastness, and so great that it staggers the imagination. Think of it, Christian men and women!

China is unique in her antiquity. Her authentic history dates back more than 4,000 years—303 years subsequent to the deluge, 47 years before the death of Noah. If you were to undertake to write the history of China you would have to take the tenth chapter of Genesis for the first chapter of your history of the wonderful sons of Ham. It is a nation hoary with antiquity and marvellous



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in its preservation. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, all the great nations of antiquity, arose, flourished, entered the charnel-house of departed empires and there moulded into almost utter forgetfulness, and China alone remains.—*Missionary Review of the World.*