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The ancestral worship is the greatest obstacle the missionary has to contend with in his effort to evangelize the Chinese. The converted Chinaman is looked upon with horror by his fellows, for has he not been guilty of the greatest ingratitude in forsaking the spirit of his father and leaving it to wander forever in want and misery?

In conclusion, let me say that I have been astonished to find how few even in British Columbia understand the significance of the Chinaman's queue. Many people think it has something to do with his religion. As a matter of fact it has a political and not a religious significance. When the present dynasty in China assumed the reins of power many of the Chinese were not pleased with the change, and rebellion was in the air. The Emperor of that day issued a decree requiring all loyal Chinamen to wear a queue. In this way the government would be able to find out its friends and its enemies. The queue rapidly became the fashion and has so remained to the present day.

Th fate of China! Who shall predict it? Japan has taken her place in the march of progress and civilization, but China still lingers behind, wrapped in the mantle of her conservatism. Who shall wake the sleeping giant of the Orient, free the minds of her people from their thralldom, and send through the arteries of her commercial, social, political and religious life the reviving blood of our modern Christian civilization? Let us have faith in the Gospel of Christ, and in the men and women who, amid many discouragements, are proclaiming it in that land of heathen civilization. We believe the heaven is working, and the day of China's regeneration may be nearer than most people imagine.

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MARRIAGES. WESTMAN-SINCLAIR.

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist Parsonage, Revelstoke, on December 27th, the contracting parties being Rev. J. P. Westman, the popular Methodist minister of Golden, and Miss Bessie Sinclair, who has been the first assessor on the public school staff of Golden. Miss Rita Thompson acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. W. H. Kinner, of Harrison Hot Springs, B. C., acted as best man.

CANFIELD - WELLS.—On New Year's Day, at the home of the bride's father, New Westminster, by Rev. J. M. Lader, Mr. Frank O. Canfield to Miss Ida Wells, daughter of Mr. Nelson Wells, of New Westminster.

KERMODIE - FOWLER.—On New Year's Day, January 1st, 1900, at the residence of the bride's father, Vancouver, by Rev. J. P. Betts, of New Westminster, Mr. Frank Kermode, of Victoria, to Miss Margaret A. Fowler, daughter of Dr. C. E. Fowler, of Vancouver.

ROACH-OATMAN.—On Wednesday evening, January 3rd, at the residence of Mr. Moffatt, Greenwood, B. C., by Rev. B. H. Balderstein, B.A., Mr. Sydney H. Roach to Miss Minnie Oatman, both of Greenwood.

FLEET-GUERIN.—On Monday, December 25th, at the Methodist Parsonage, Kamloops, by Rev. Chas. Ladner, Mr. John Fleet to Miss Mary J. Guerin, daughter of the late James Guerin, both of Kamloops.

BAPTIST-JOHNSON.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Revelstoke, on January 1st, 1900, Mr. John Baptist, of Nakusp, B. C., to Miss Maggie Johnson, of Calgary, N. W. T.

THOMPSON-SNOW.—On the 11th ult., at the parsonage, Princess street, Vancouver, by the Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., Miss Kate Snow, of Newfoundland, to R. W. Thompson, Esq., of the same place.

ADAMS-CRITCH.—On the 1st inst., at the residence of the bride's father, 930 Princess street, Vancouver, by the Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., Miss Wilhelma Critch to G. R. B. Adams, Esq., all of Vancouver.

WORTH MORE THAN A THOUGHT.

The following statement appeared recently in the Homiletic Review, and is worthy of the most earnest and serious consideration of every member of the church of Christ. To think that at the close of 1900 years of Christian history there are still ONE THOUSAND MILLIONS OF HEATHEN in the world; that it takes 40,000 Christians to send forth one missionary, and that each missionary sent is responsible for 100,000. While the churches in England and America spend so much upon mere appearances and personal gratification is surely enough to stir the soul of every child and to quicken his energies into more consecrated service for God, where He may appoint. Let these startling figures be prayerfully pondered by us with the earnest inward inquiry—"What is my personal responsibility in the matter?"

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