

Chinese in California and elsewhere in the States, is very complete, and, what is more, very encouraging. He cites many cases of genuine Chinese Christianity, and is hopeful that the return of sincere converts to their native land will yet lead to an abundant Christian harvest. As everyone just now is interested in the Chinese problem, the appearance of this book is very opportune. It is well worth careful perusal, and its story is so pleasingly told, that such perusal will prove no burden but an intellectual treat.

A large Svo. volume of 476 pages and over 300 illustrations, bound in cloth gilt, is "Progress of Invention in the Nineteenth Century," by Edward W. Byrn, A.M., published by Munn and Co., of New York, and sold by Mr. Drysdale for three dollars. This goodly volume, worthy of a place in any library, is historical in character, thoroughly scientific, yet written in such a way that the merest tyro in mechanics can understand and appreciate it, amply illustrated, and withal the work of a Christian man, who is not ashamed to avow, without obtrusion, his religious sentiments in a purely technical study. Any one who wishes to know how invention has progressed with giant strides during the past century in all civilized lands, yet with special reference, doubtless, to the United States, will find his desire fully gratified in Mr. Byrn's admirable book. It begins with Volta's Chemical Battery for producing Electricity in 1800, and ends with The Grande Lunette Telescope of the Paris Exposition in 1900. Electricity first claims attention, in the forms of the telegraph, the cable, the dynamo, the motor, the electric light, the telephone, and miscellaneous applications. Then follows Steam, in the engine, and the locomotive on land and water. Chapters are devoted to Printing, the Type-writer, the Sewing Machine, the Reaper, and Vulcanized Rubber. Chemistry has a chapter to itself, as have Food and Drink, and Medicine, Surgery and Sanitation. The headings of the remaining chapters are The Bicycle and Automobile, The Phonograph, Optics, Photography, The X Rays, Gas-Lighting, Civil Engineering, Woodworking, Metalworking, Fire Arms and Explosives, Textiles, Ice-Machines, Liquid-Air, and Minor Inventions. The whole triumphal