

last subject. It encroaches on the domains of astronomy and physics, and had better be studied in connexion with the text-books of these sciences.

Both the publishers and authors are to be highly complimented on the general character of the series, and it can only be wished that its circulation will ultimately justify them in their undertaking. It is so cheap that almost any one can afford to purchase all the books in his department, and, so far as we have examined them, they will be found in every case to be modern productions, incorporating the best knowledge of the age.¹

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NOTES.

The readers of *The Open Court* will remember the correspondence published some time ago from the Rev. Peter Rijnhart, Christian missionary among the robber tribes near the border of Tibet. A dispatch, which has recently gone the rounds of the daily papers, announced his assassination and the flight of Mrs. Rijnhart to more civilised parts of China. The Rev. Chas. T. Paul, pastor of the Church of Christ, Toronto, Canada, an intimate friend of Mr. Rijnhart, writes, in reply to an inquiry, as follows:

"Up to the present I do not feel at all compelled to believe that he was killed. The dispatches say he left his wife to visit a camp at an hour's distance, but never returned. His wife then fled to Ta-chien-lu, being pursued by brigands, and believing of course that her husband had been murdered.

"I have received a telegram and two letters from Mrs. Rijnhart's sister, Dr. Jennie Carson, of Chatham, Ont., in which I am informed that no such news of any kind has come to Mrs. Rijnhart's home. I think, too, that some message would have come to me if things were as bad as stated in the dispatches.

"Strange to say, this morning's mail brings me a letter from Fort Wayne Ind., stating that Mrs. Rijnhart's friends in that city have heard direct from her. She writes from Ta-chien-lu, China, under date of December 1. She believes her husband dead and is now on her way to America. I am making up a purse of money to bring her from Shanghai to Canada. My Fort Wayne correspondent adds:

"Mr. Rijnhart may be alive; he may have been taken prisoner and escaped in another direction, and we may hear from him again when he reaches some civilised place; we cannot believe he is dead."

"My last news from Mr. Rijnhart was dated in May, 1898. He was just then leaving on a long journey to the interior. He expected to cross the Kuenlun Mountains and make his way gradually toward the capital. He had ample supplies for a year and a considerable company of men. Among other purposes of the journey was that of doing medical mission work and distributing New Testaments *en route*.

"Mr. Rijnhart is good as gold, simple in faith, and heroic in deed."

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