It is the ambition and the desire of our Catholic Truth Society to send to these missionaries books and pamphlets which might help them in their work. However, we are unable to undertake this important work on an adequate scale owing to lack of funds.

We feel confident that your readers will fully understand and appreciate the importance of this work, and we hope that they will extend their generous help to suffering China which needs the enlightenment of Catholic Truth as much as it needs food and help for its suffering population.

The Catholic Truth Society of Hong Kong will undertake, therefore, with your support, to supply this need. To the full extent of every donation received, Chinese Catholic literature, acquired at cost price, will be distributed free of all charge to missionaries in China. As this literature is produced at a cost that is small according to foreign standards, even the smallest donation will help and will be gladly received. One American dollar will supply from forty to sixty pamphlets, and one shilling from eight to twelve.

Hoping to receive a favourable reply, we beg to convey to you and your readers our anticipated thanks.

Yours sincerely (on behalf of the Committee),

(Rev.) N. Maestrini, *Hon. Secretary.*

WILLIAM MURDOCH

Sir,—This year celebrates the centenary of the death of William Murdoch, the first man to find a practical way of using gas for lighting and the inventor of the first road locomotive.

The William Murdoch Memorial Committee has entrusted me with the task of preparing a life of Murdoch. If any of your readers can assist me by the loan of documents concerning the early history of gas or by suggesting sources of information on Murdoch's work in this and other fields, I should be most grateful. All documents, etc., will be carefully preserved and returned to their senders.—Yours, etc.,

Bernard Drummond.

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