

The Religion of China.

Three Precious Ones. The moral code wine, charging interest on loans, speaking false of others, self-praise the Three Precious Ones.

The Buddhist church in Thibet has its pope, its cardinals, its bishops. priests and nuns, exactly as has the Roman Catholic church. And more, it has infant baptism, confirmation, candles, sacred water and processions.

The teachings of Buddha were reduced to writing 93 B. C. The entire canon of the faith was compiled in A. D. 400. In this Buddha is described as coming from heaven, being born of a virgin, welcomed by angels, received by an old saint, presented in a temple, baptized with water and later by fire. He is described as astonishing the doctors with his understanding, was later led into a wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil. and thereafter he went about doing wonders and preaching. He was a friend to the poor.

It seems doubtful when Buddhism was introduced into China. It is recorded, however, that in the year 63 A. D. the emperor, Han-Ming-Ti, had a vision wherein he saw a great golden image around whose head was a halo, and it was believed it meant themselves. It is impossible to say to her. Hong-Kong was ceded to truth. The emperor's brother, Prince Tsu, having heard of Buddhism from India, said the vision was nothing but the great Buddha. A mission was sent forth, which returned after some years. bringing back a wooden image, a counterpart of the golden one, one book and a Hindu priest.

The great temple at Pekin, called the Yung-Ho-Kung, or the Lama temple, is a Mongol Buddhist monastery, in which there are some 1,200 acting priests. Here the dogmas of Buddhism are taught under the con-

Buddhism is the principal religious noble traits of some man who has temple to pray for the recovery of her 1897. The legislature appropriated \$10.faith of the Chinese. Long as this lived in the past. Confucianism is son from smallpox. He recovered, but 000 on condition that friends of the religion has existed, it is little under- now well understood, and both Bud- was marked with the effects of the di- school would add \$10,000 more. This stood by Americans. Its founder, dhism and Taoism have been so thor-Buddha, was born 623 years before the oughly explored that it is hard to be- a great rage, put a coil of rope around \$20,000 worth of machinery and \$13,500 Christian era. His theory of deity lieve that anything of importance re- the idol's neck and soused it several of material was given it. The textile embraced a trinity, known as the lating thereto is to be discovered. At times in the river, saying: "I'll teach department, which is said to be one of of the religion contains ten prohibi- however, remains to be compiledtions-killing, stealing, lying, selling namely, a Chinese mythological dictionary. Such a work should contain an account of all the principal diviniand back-biting, parsimony and scof- ties actually worshiped by the Chinese, fing, uncorrected anger and reviling with authentic details of such as are historical, together with a record of the steps by which many of them have been promoted in the Chinese pantheon, until, like Kuan-Ti, the god of war, from very humble beginnings they have become "adjuvant of heaven." The number of these divinities is very large and includes many that have been continuously worshiped for over 1,000 years. Whether the Chinese have ever at any time in their long history had perception or conception of one true God. "Father and Creator of all things," is a question that has been long and learnedly discussed by scholarly students of their classical writings. It is still an open question. But there is no doubt at all that for many centuries past they have worshiped the sun, the moon, the stars and a host of ancestral deities. All the gods of China may be said to have been dead men, and, by the right of ancestral worship, it may be affirmed that in a sense all the dead men of China are gods. Temples are constantly erected, by the consent of coast opposite the island of Hainan, the emperor, to men who, while living, have in various ways distinguished trance of the bay were definitely ceded

that any one of these men may not, in Great Britain in 1841. the slow evolution of ages, rise to the highest place among the national divinities. There can, therefore, be no doubt whatever that as a nation the Chinese are polytheistic.

Chinese Superstition.

Similar in some respects to the celebration of Christmas in Christian countries is the observance of the devil's birthday in China. On this anniversary many costly gifts are laid upon the altar of the evil one. There are many other superstitions current. In sending the kitchen god to heaven every year, the Chinese housekeeper has to burn it and let the fumes ascend. It reports on the good deeds of the family for the year and brings good luck. Before burning it the housewife dips her finger in a jar of molasses and smears the upper and lower lip of the idol, so that when he arrives at the pearly city he may tell value of technical training as fitting a sweet tale on the family and thus in- a young man to become a successful sure benedictions. A family, when deities of the Chinese are not mythi- gambling, will cover the eyes of the the report of the Georgia School of because of their failure to pay the cal. Each of them is supposed to be idol until the card playing is through. Technology. The school, which is in state taxes.

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Cessions to Foreign Powers.

Each conflict in which China has engaged has resulted in a loss of territory. The principal cessions made by the Mongol government as the price of peace have been the following: The island of Formosa was ceded to Japan in 1895, after the war with China. In 1897 Germany seized the port of Kiou-Chou on the east coast of the Shantung peninsula, her excuse for so doing being a massacre of missionaries which had taken place there. Two months later she received from China. a ninety-nine year lease of the port and district. In 1898 Russia obtained from China a twenty-five-year lease of Port Arthur, Talienwan and their adjacent territories and waters. The lease can be extended by mutual agreement. The same year the Chinese government gave permission for Great Britain to occupy Wei-Hai-Wei for as long a period as Russia shall hold Port Arthur. To compensate six years. He was re-elected to the France for the concessions given to Senate by the Iowa legislature last Great Britain and Russia a ninetynine-year lease was given her of the bay of Kwang-Chau-Wan, on the and last year two islands at the en-

The Chinese Treaty.

The treaty between the United States and China negotiated in 1858 and proclaimed in 1860 provided that the Chinese government should guarantee protection to the American minister in his journeys to and from Pekin, and should protect him and his of the clearest-headed business memsuite while in Pekin. The treaty of bers. He was a member of the ways 1868, negotiated by William H. Seward and means committee in the Fiftyand Anson Burlingame, provides for First Congress, which framed the Mcthe protection of American citizens, Kinley tariff bill, and his knowledge American property, and American of business affairs made him one of In article 1 it is declared: trade. "Nothing in this article shall be con- Kinley, who intrusted to him the framstrued to prevent the United States ing of the free-sugar clause in that from resisting an attack by any hostile power or party upon their citizens or their property."

ture of education in Georgia, and one that became popular at once. Instruction is given in manufacture of all grades of cotton goods, in manual training, chemistry, dyeing, designing, and engineering. The report of the institution states that of the ninety-four living graduates all but nine are employed in pursuits for which they have been fitted by their training at the school. They are mechanical engineers, superintendents of cotton mills, in machine shops, chemical factories, oil mills, and other establishments of the same kind, nearly all being in positions of authority and commanding good wages. No better evidence of the practical value of practical training could be asked than this.

The Late Senator Gear.

The late Senator Gear was one of the most familiar figures at the capital, having been a member of the Fiftieth, Fifty-First and Fifty-Second Congress, and a senator for the last winter, but the present term will not

expire until next March. He was also assistant secretary of the treasury under President Harrison, after he was defeated for re-election to the Fifty-Second Congress. In the House of Representatives he was one of the most Senator Gear. industrious mem-

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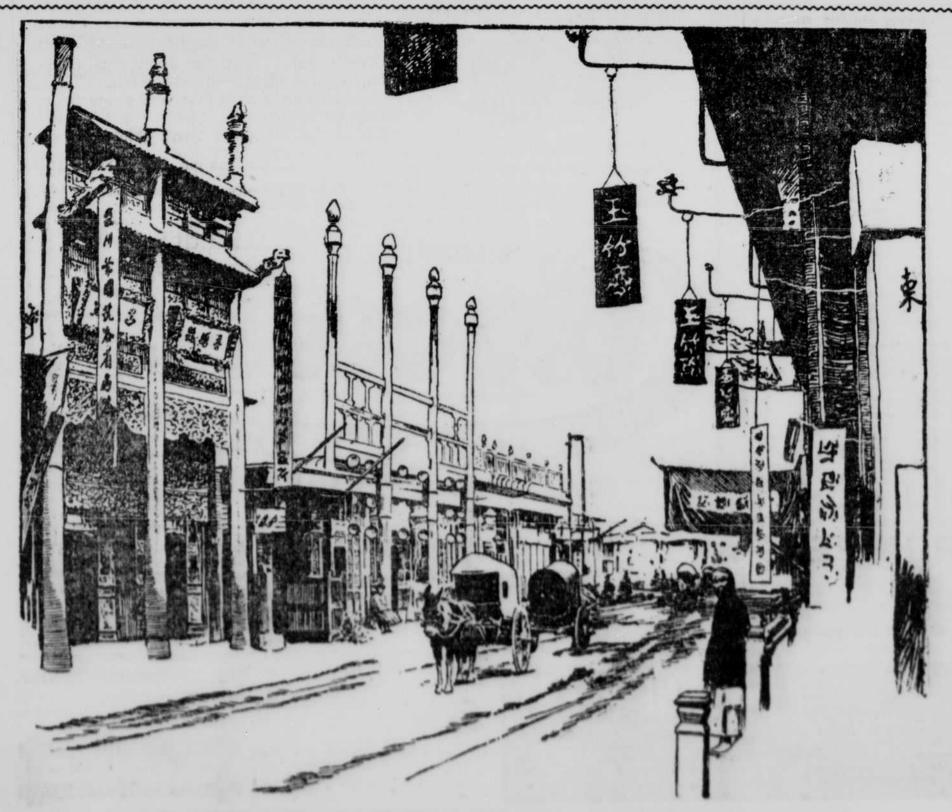
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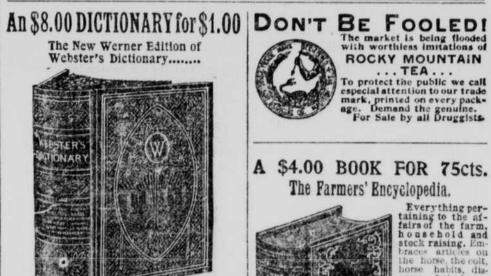


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