

FROM CONFUCIUS TO CHRIST

Steady Advances of Christianity in the Chinese Empire.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONVERTS

A Forceful Defense of the Much Maligned Race—Their Liberty, Devotion and Zeal—The Path of Progress—A Question Answered.

Can a Chinaman become a Christian? Rev. Frederick J. Masters, D.D., propounds the question in the current issue of the California Magazine, and presents an affirmative answer, coupled with an historical sketch of the Chinese and their progress from paganism to the Christian fold.

The question whether a Chinaman can be converted is often asked, says Dr. Masters, with cynical scorn, in the spirit of sympathetic appreciation of the immense difficulties that confront the missionary in his work.

In China the vastness of the field, the density of the population, the conservatism of the people, the tenacity with which they cling to national customs and traditions, the philosophical and religious systems that for forty centuries have saturated their thought and crystallized their habits; the tremendous influence of the clans and ancestral religion, etc., it must be admitted, conditions very unfavorable to the preparation of a new faith.

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Ministry. Much of the popular information about Chinese missions at home and abroad has been gathered from travelers, navy-officers and globe-trotters, who, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, have never seen a Chinese missionary church or school and are incompetent to give information of the results of Christian work in China as an average healthy Chinese man. Durers and impostors or Chinese sailors would be estimated the Christianity of America, judged by what he sees on the East Coast, or the number of white people who are seen going to church on Sundays.

Twenty Years' Work. In China nearly 50,000 men and women have made an open profession of the Christian faith, leaving a changed character of heart and life, and have been admitted to the churches of the different Protestant missions. In addition to this, it is estimated there are over a hundred thousand more who are regular attendants at the mission churches. All this is practically the result of only twenty-five years of Christian work in China.

Some of the Benefits. That many Chinese have been reached and permanently converted cannot be denied. To see men who were highlanders becoming peaceable and law-abiding; idolaters becoming intelligent and God-fearing men; gamblers and opium smokers becoming industrious, honest and upright men; opium smokers breaking away from the chains of an enslaving vice; and women freed from the bondage of the opium habit, town now domestic servants in American houses, or the mothers of Christian families training up their children in the path of religion and virtue, are surely transformations of character that are beyond dispute and are results that no hostile criticism can assail or ignore without disparaging.

An Incident. Judge N. G. Curtis of Sacramento, whose forensic eloquence has often thrilled our local courts, and whose profession has accustomed him to weigh evidence and read character, is very valuable witness. He has seen a young man, who he had known for many years ago to be a young Chinaman in his family who became a member of the Presbyterian church. For several years he watched that young man's life as he grew up, and judged it by the severest new testament tests. He says he found him devout, upright, honest and true; that he was devoted to the study of the scriptures. The judge's family became much attached to him on account of his singular refinement of character and his life.

Popular Errors. The steadfastness of Chinese Christians under persecution is a powerful evidence of the genuineness of their conversion. The popular opinion is that a Chinaman professes Christianity for mercenary ends and can be bought. It is difficult to discover what temporal gain attaches to the Christian profession of a man who has himself, cast out his family, alienated his property, been cursed as he walks down the streets, and counted as the fifth and outcast of the earth. During his nine years' residence in America, he has seen many who have been converted to the Christian faith, but he has never seen a Chinaman who has been converted to the Christian faith, but he has never seen a Chinaman who has been converted to the Christian faith.

Terrible Persecution. I knew a man who was baptized in the Methodist mission in San Francisco who intended to earn his living as a laborer. When he began to build his house he refused to consult the oracle, would not call in, the diviners, and refused to employ mediums to drive away the evil spirits. An epidemic of smallpox broke out in the village and was supposed to have been occasioned by the man's refusal to employ mediums. His fellow villagers threatened him with death, but he refused to make peace with the gods. The poor fellow's house was torn down and he was killed, and himself beaten till he dropped dead in a state of unconsciousness. I have seen these Christians suffer the loudest and destruction of their houses, but they would not subscribe to the festival of a heathen god. A small contribution of half a dollar was given to the missionaries and the missionaries were spared their pain and anguish, yet these brave men would suffer rather than the spoiling of their goods rather than compromise principle and violate conscience.

Liberty of the Converts. Their liberality to the church is another evidence of the sincerity of their profession of the Christian religion. Taking into account their heavy means and the large part of their income which is sent home for the support of parents and families in China, their liberality is unsurpassed by any body of Christians in the world.

Devotion of the Converts. The devotion of these people to their religion is another feature of their character. Such prodigality of gratitude and such constancy of friendship were never seen as in the relation of flock to pastor in China. They are ready to give to the cause of their religion more than they have just returned from China, was at Wuhu during the recent riots and tells how nobly the native Christians stood by him and his wife, and how they were persecuted.

Objections Answered. "Well, now, suppose you give me an example of what you call fertility?" "All right," said he. "Multiply 3946 by 721."

Very well, said he. "Now add seven to that, and the result is 1,422,540, and tell me what you get."

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about to be ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian church. Mention must be made, too, of Gee Gam, one of the oldest and most respected Chinese Christians in California, for twenty years court interpreter at Oakland, who spends his spare time in evangelizing work in connection with the Congregational mission. There is, also, Lee Tong Hay, the Methodist local preacher, who, among other things, reads in English and Chinese, and is so full of pith and humor that some have called him the Chinese Sam Jones. Many other instances might be given, but these will suffice to show that Chinamen can not only become sincere Christian believers, but also preachers of the gospel, as intelligent, fair, honest and unimpeachable as can be found in the pulpits of our own churches.

Have destroyed immense amounts of property, but time and interest devour more. If you suffered from Indian depredations twenty years ago you have lost more than you got out of the use of your money for that length of time than you lost by the original raid. This interest drain is going on all the time. The property of the churches is being lost. Why not have your case pushed at once by THE BEE Bureau of Claims? Unless you do soon the chance will be gone for ever.

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CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE BOYS' SUITS.

Saturday will be our Great Bargain day in the Boys' Department

\$3.50 Suits--- 150 suits of brown plaid cheviot all wool, cut double breasted, in sizes from 6 to 14; at \$3.50, don't miss them.

\$4.00 Suits--- 125 gray plaid cheviot suits, absolutely all wool, warranted not to rip, just the thing for school wear, at \$4.00; cut double breasted. Sizes up to 14.

\$5.00 Suits--- The biggest value is 400 suits of fine cheviot, in three shades, at \$5.00 each. We leave you to judge their value. All cut in the popular double breasted shape.

\$2.50 Suits--- We will sell 200 school suits, in serviceable cassimer goods, at \$2.50; all that is left of this lot SATURDAY EVENING at 7 WILL BE CLOSED OUT at \$1.50 EACH.

HATS. HATS.

25c and 50c. Cloth and Felt Hats, all shapes, for Saturday at 25c and 50c.

To avoid the afternoon crowd come Saturday morning early to

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES FOR CHANGE OF GRADE. To the owners of all lots, parts of lots and real estate along 13th street from Harrison street to Leavenworth street, 34th street from Half Street to Jones street and 35th street from Howard to Jones street and in the block bounded by said streets, as follows:

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NOTICE OF THE SITTING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS A BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

To the owners of the lots, parts of lots and real estate abutting on or adjacent to the streets, alleys or avenues, hereinafter specified, in the city of Omaha, notice is hereby notified that the city council of the city of Omaha will sit as a Board of Equalization, at the office of the Clerk, in the City Hall, on Friday the 25th day of October, 1892, for the purpose of considering and adjusting the several special taxes and assessments as shown by the proposed Plan of Assessment, now on file in the office of the Clerk, and of correcting any errors therein, and of hearing and determining upon any objections thereto, so to be assessed and taxed may make said special taxes and assessments proposed to be levied and collected, to cover the cost of the several improvements daily authorized to be made in the city, as follows:

To cover the cost of paving and curbing Poppleton street, from 33rd street to 34th street, in the block bounded by said streets, amounting to the sum of \$2,750.00, which said sum is proposed to be assessed on the property fronting said streets, according to the usual scaling back process, in proportion to the depth of the lots, as follows: Lot 1 block 24, Omaha \$1,200.00; Lot 2 block 24, Omaha \$1,550.00.

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