

The Chinese Problem.

A somewhat remarkable address on the influence of the Chinese on our moral and religious institutions was delivered recently by the Rev. Mr. Blakeslee before the Congregational convention, in Sacramento. The address is remarkable not more from the line of argument followed than from the fact that it sharply antagonizes the precepts and practices of other Christian denominations as previously recorded. Conscientious Christians who were convinced of the evils attending Chinese immigration have experienced doubts if we, as a Christian nation, might refuse the opportunity to Christianize them, which their coming presented to us. It has been argued that their coming was a part of God's plan to bring all the world under Christian teachings, and that in turning them back we were opposing the will of God. The Rev. Mr. Blakeslee is not troubled with any such misgivings. He does not place a high estimate on the opportunity which their coming here affords to make Christians of them. Our efforts in that direction so far have reached effectively only about one in a thousand. The other nine hundred and ninety-nine remain heathens, "conduct themselves, their business and religion after their own notions," having laws even to the death penalty based upon their religious, or rather pagan, ideas. In reply to the argument that it was a part of God's plan of salvation that these pagans should come to this Christian land, Mr. Blakeslee said:

These hordes, as with the Africans, came not by their own means, but by the aid of unfeeling capitalists. In both cases Christians have argued that God had a plan in their coming, and that we should let them come. We know the result as to slavery, and how the Christians were mistaken and how slavery was wiped out in blood.

The admission of Mr. Blakeslee that the Christians were mistaken as to the divine inception of slavery opens a wide field for observation and reflection. It is possible, says the Call, that ardent Christians are too apt to see God's hand in the direction of human events, and, in consequence, disregard the conclusions of the human mind as to the inevitable effect of measures in which it was thought the divine hand appeared. For example, the early opponents of slavery were rebuked for their action on the ground that the coming of the African was a part of the plan by which Africa was to be civilized and Christianized. This kind of argument was dealt out from many a pulpit, and for a long time paralyzed the efforts of earnest men who saw that slavery was incompatible with the natural rights of the human race, and, in consequence, could never have been ordained by God. As Mr. Blakeslee now admits, the Christians of that day were mistaken. The slavery problem has worked itself out, and its bloody solution fills many a red page in our country's history. The Chinese problem is as yet easy of solution; not one drop of blood need be shed to banish from our national sky whatever of menace it now carries. If we deal with it on common sense principles, made the more clear and well defined by the experience we have passed through, there will be no trouble.

The menace lies not in the Chinese that are here, but in those who will come if the present agitation subsides without placing an obstacle in their way. A hundred thousand and odd Chinamen on this vast coast are only a temporary inconvenience—not a permanent evil. If the incoming tide is checked, those now here will pass out of observation in a few years—some through death, some through voluntary return to their own country, and others into minor pursuits, where their influence in small numbers will not be perceptible. Mr. Blakeslee has taken ground which removes one of the objections to such legislation as is needed to stop Chinese immigration. In his opinion it is not our duty as Christians to encourage their coming. Their conversion to Christianity is not to be accomplished by any such means. It

is more likely, as Mr. Blakeslee says, that they will convert our youth to practical heathenism. The point is well taken. Experience has shown that the contact and association of heathens with Christians does not make converts of the former. Sentimentality must be eliminated from this discussion. We must be guided by the demonstrations of every-day life, which show the Chinaman is no less a heathen in America than in China.

NEWS OF THE MORNING.

—Gen. Howard arrived in Chicago on Wednesday.

—A bill to appropriate \$25,000 for a lighthouse at Umpqua has been introduced in Congress.

—Miss Blaine got to fooling with a pistol Saturday evening, and the ball entered between her eyes.

—A bill to change the name of the steamship George W. Elder to Columbia, has been introduced into Congress.

—A bill to enable settlers on public lands to purchase timber tracts, has been introduced in the Senate. It has special reference to Oregon and Washington territory.

—Sitting Bull and his forces have moved out to their new camp. A place will be found for them in the dirt hills region. He says he will live quietly on Canadian soil.

—Gen. Sheridan speaks of Gen. Howard as having laid himself liable to dismissal from the service for publishing in the Chicago Tribune his report to Gen. Sheridan, without the knowledge of the latter.

—The latest engine of destruction is the Gardiner gun. It is a weapon in size of an ordinary musket, to be carried on a man's shoulder. It has but one barrel, but three times the ordinary strength. At the end is a little brass box of thirteen by five inches, with a thickness of two and a half inches, having a crank at the side for powder and a hopper on the top for cartridges. Two men can maintain a continuous fire of 200 shots a minute, without anything operating on the weapon, such as heat or fouling, to check the fusilade. The cartridges can be supplied by a man faster than they can be fired. It weighs but forty pounds, and has fewer pieces than a Remington rifle.

Yaquina Bay Indians.

From the Alta, October 16th.

EDITORS ALTA: A few days since I furnished a statement to the city papers in regard to certain Indians on the coast of Oregon. I gave it more as a matter of news than an appeal for charity. All that I stated in reference to them was true, as I could have no motive in making a misstatement.

To-day the papers publish a dispatch from Portland contradicting the whole thing. The correspondent furnishing this news could not have visited the place referred to in the interval. In fact, his dispatch shows that he does not even know where Yaquina bay is, as he places it in Polk county, while it is in Benton. I did not state that they were actually dying by starvation, so he has overstated the case. I was well aware, perhaps, as himself, that the Indians eat whale when they can get it. I spoke of the whale merely to show that they were even begrudged this at times. But I do complain that the correspondent should undertake to deny my statements while he had no knowledge of the locality or facts.

In conclusion, I will give the names of several gentlemen living at the Bay who are thoroughly acquainted with the condition of these Indians, having lived among them for the last fifteen years, and I feel safe in referring to them for corroboration of my story. They are: Hon. R. A. Bensell, Samuel Case, William Hammond, George Megginson and George Collins. I could extend the list, as I am personally acquainted with every white man in the place, and this ought to be proof that I know whereof I speak.

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