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China, the Amazing

By The Rev. C. F. Aked, D. D., LL. D.

China continues to surprise us. News has just been received that the government of a great province in the interior of China has asked an American missionary society to take entire charge of the public school system of a large section of the country. Shansi is the name of the province. It was here that so many American missionaries were murdered during the Boxer rising in 1900. Within the last few weeks the provincial government has made this amazing request of the representatives of the American Board of Foreign Missions. The government offers to furnish the schoolhouses and to equip them. The government guarantees a certain yearly cash subsidy. It guarantees, as well, full religious liberty. The Bible and the Christian religion may be taught in the schools.

Such a story seems incredible. It goes far out beyond our dreams. But it is perfectly true. The information comes direct from the authorities of the missionary board concerned.

The "Memoirs of Li Hung Chang" have recently been published. They have the interest of an absorbing drama. The glamor of romance is over them. Two men in history would have delighted in them, Shakespeare and Robert Browning. The play of character, the development of a great mind, its emergency into imperial conditions, and its influence in world-business would have delighted the soul of either of these two supreme students of human nature.

The editor of these "Memoirs" is an American newspaper man who was privileged to interview the Chinese statesman and convey to the world his sense of obligation to the American people. He prints as introduction to the "Memoirs" a sketch of Li Hung Chang contributed by another pen.

With pardonable hero-worship this writer speaks of Li Hung Chang as not only the greatest man the Chinese race has produced in modern times, but, in a combination of qualities, the most unique personality of the past century amongst all the nations of the world.

And he proceeds to explain this extraordinary eulogy.

Li Hung Chang was a soldier, scholar, statesman and diplomat--and in each capacity one of the world's masters. "He was distinguished as a man of letters: as a soldier in important campaigns he rendered valuable services to his country; as a statesman for thirty years he maintained a recognized pre-eminence over his countrymen in the oldest and most populous nation of the earth; and as a diplomat his achievements entitle him to a front rank in the international relations of all history.

The editor of the "Memoirs" does well to bring into prominence the friendship displayed by the United States for China in the day of her trouble, and the abiding gratitude of Li Hung Chang. "All the foreign nations are against us," the statesman writes at one time. "No, there is an exception, and the exception may prove our salvation." The exception, of course, is the United States.

The powers had decreed the partition of China, what Li Hung Chang described as "slicing up China like a watermelon," America held out against any such cynical policy. The European nations might think first of plunder. The United States thought first of justice. "I have received assurance from the American commander," he writes, "and from the Washington Government that the United States will oppose morally, and physically if necessary, the partition of China." And later, in joy over the deliverance of his country from the threatened disruption, and in gratitude: "The position taken by the American nation means the integrity of China. The United States has won over the other powers to her way of thinking."

The volume is a gold mine of information and of interest. There are hundreds of paragraphs one would love to quote. The editor says truly that amongst them all nothing is more entertaining than the great man's views concerning Christians and Christianity. First of all, while still a young man

of twenty-six, having taken his M. A. degree and at the moment studying for his LL. D., he conceives that it would be "a noble and glorious career, highly pleasing to the sacred gods and his ancestors," to expose the teaching of the "foreign devils," and refute their "sacrilegious utterances." He is satisfied that the foreign devils come to the country for no good purpose. He believes that every one of the black-robed individuals is "the paid agent of some foreign power," only present in the country to spy upon its government!

Of the teaching of the "foreign devils" he cannot speak in terms of contempt sufficiently contemptuous. He understands that it is a part of their teaching that "the Heavenly Father allowed His Son to come to earth to die for wicked people," to him this is palpably absurd. He could understand it if it were said that He died for good people. But "if the gods are good and want men to be good, will they allow members of their families to be killed like criminals for the sake of criminals?" And he is satisfied that "the crazy fad" will die out!

We read on. Twenty-one years later he has become a great general and a great statesman. His mind has been growing all the time. His eyes have opened to a thousand facts. In 1870 he writes:

"It cannot be said, even by my worst foes, that I have been a bosom friend to the foreigner, either the man that comes to force his trade upon us, or the fellow who would cram his religion down our throats. . . yet in spite of all our dislikes, if we truly have the best interests of China at heart, we will no longer oppose the coming of the foreigner, whether he be trader, missionary, or tourist."

He is ready for toleration: "When last I saw Tseng-kofan we spent several hours in full discussion of this great problem. . . Tsou-kofan, like myself has changed his views exceedingly in the past five or six years, and is no longer a hater of the Christians. He told me that it was his intention some of these days to memorialize the throne to issue an edict of complete toleration for all foreigners of whatever profession or occupation, and I told him that I would gladly join in such a memorial if he would so desire."

His latest recorded views were written in 1883. Whether he ever went beyond the position reached at that time there is no evidence to show. But the ground then taken is simply marvelous. He concludes that there is no reason for hating Christians. Devoted as he is, mind and spirit, but sentiment and by reason, to the teachings of Confucius, he is now ready to place Jesus Christ on the same exalted level as that of China's hero-sage. He affirms that in America or Europe he would be a follower of Jesus, as in China he follows Confucius. He says that even in China there are thousands, perhaps millions, of his countrymen who would be the better for Christianity. He declares that he must never again be thought of as unfriendly to the people of the west, whether they come to China as merchants or missionaries, or whether they do not come at all. And, finally, that it is time China--China from the south to the north--recognizes that some Christians are better than some Taoists and some followers of Buddha.

The missionaries who poured the blood out for China and for Christ did not die in vain.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the county school superintendent of Marion county, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at the East school, corner of Twelfth and Center streets, Salem, Oregon, as follows:

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STATE DESERT BOARD IS DIVIDED ON CENTRAL PLAN
(UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.)

Possibilities of a division on the State Desert Land board with relation to the state taking over and reclaiming with the assistance of the government a unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Project have been disclosed. There are 34,000 acres in the Unit, and the company offers to relinquish it for \$300,000. An additional \$450,000 will be required to complete it. State Treasurer Kay de-

clared that with the present high taxes he did not regard the scheme as feasible and Secretary of State Olcott, and Attorney General Crawford seemed to share his view. Governor West and State Engineer Lewis regarded it as feasible. The question of taking over the unit will be decided at the next meeting. All the board could do at the present would be to recommend that the interior department and legislature appropriate money to reclaim the lands in the unit.



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- Thursday afternoon--Grammar, geography, American literature, physics, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.
- Friday forenoon--Theory and practice, orthography, English literature, chemistry.
- Friday afternoon--School law, geology, algebra, civil government.
- Saturday forenoon--Geometry, botany.
- Saturday afternoon--General history, bookkeeping.
- Subjects for the thesis for primary certificates are as follows:
1. Picture study.
 2. The story hour.
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