







Religionism.

A Visit to Lung-who-tah, OR, THE DRAGON'S FLOWERY TOWER.

We'll go to Ego-da, in glory grown old, And list if you choose to its story long told, Of nation, age, kindred, or ancestral name, Continually chiming its own fading fame!

The Chinese Empire.

This land, so peculiar in its past history and its present condition, to which the eyes of Christians have long been directed with much interest, as they have watched the varied movements which have a bearing upon the progress of the missionary work, God is still, in his providence, overturning and overturning.

ENGLISH INFLUENCE AND POWER.

Speaking of the existing contest with English officials, the bishop expressed the feeling that it would be unjust "to accuse any man or any body of men, of a cruel, violent, and aggressive policy in the East."

THE REVOLUTION—ITS PROGRESS.

The bishop proceeded to speak of the Taeping revolutionary movement in its several stages, as to its external military progress, and its internal religious development, as follows: "For the last ten years the rebel chief seems to have aimed especially at the consolidation and concentration of his military power in Nankin and the neighborhood."

oment of the movement, you will remember how, in the first stage of its course, the nations of the West were startled by the intelligence that in a country like China,—a country so shut out from the rays of western civilization; a country at whose doors the statesmen of different western lands had knocked for admission, and knocked in vain; a country which science had vainly attempted to raise,—that in the same country a mere handful of Protestant missionaries, laboring but for one generation near the coasts, had been the means, in the hands of God, of diffusing the Holy Scriptures so that they had been fermenting in the minds of the native population in the interior, and had resulted in a movement which had grafted upon the Confucian system of China some of the more prominent truths of Bible and Christian history.

A PRAYER AND HYMN.

This hostile critic also alludes to the offering of a certain prayer, morning and evening, "Moreover," he says, "these chief rebels are accustomed, morning and evening, to lead on all their associates in rehearsing theologies and hymns of praise prepared by Fung Yunshan."

God's Will be Done.

"Do you mean to live in this world for ever, Hugh?" "O, Aunt!" "Nay, don't call me 'Aunt,' just call me 'Winny,' as my dear children up at the Park do. Well, you would not like to live on here for ever?"

ing things better than Him that causes us to fear death—it is the unwillingness to be parted from them that makes us unwilling to leave this world. If we do but give Him our hearts, we shall be able to say as David did, 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.'

Walking in Fire.

Some very interesting experiments have recently been made in Paris upon the preservation of firemen from the effects of the flames, the importance of which will be apparent to all.

Smiles.

Nothing on earth can smile but a man! Gems may flash reflected light but what is a diamond-flash compared to an eye-flash and mirth-flash? Flowers cannot smile. This is a charm which even they cannot claim.

He could undoubtedly have remained much longer, had he not been frightened, from the fact that one of the straps holding the basket to the man's shoulders having slipped a little, he saw the flames, and was afraid of falling. In a few minutes after, he was as playful as ever, and experienced no inconvenience whatever.

Civilization under Water.

Professor Agassiz, of Harvard, is one of the most useful and indefatigable of our men of science, and we extract from a late report on Fishes, which he has made to the 'Academy of Arts and Sciences,' a curious passage descriptive of an American fish, which corresponds, he says, to the *Glanis* of Aristotle.

The First Celebration of Independence in Boston.

[From the *New England Chronicle*, published by Edward E. Powers and Nathaniel Willis, Queen Street, Boston, July 25, 1776.] Thursday last, pursuant to the Order of the Honorable Council, was proclaimed from the Balcony of the State House in this Town, the DECLARATION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, ABSOLVING THE UNITED COLONIES from their Allegiance to the British Crown, and declaring them FREE and INDEPENDENT STATES.

How ALE STRENGTHENED HIM.

A student of one of our State Colleges had a barrel of ale deposited in his room—contrary, of course, to the rule and usage. He received a summons to appear before the President who said: "Sir, I am informed that you have a barrel of ale in your room."

that cannot blossom and dries up on the stock. Languor is a day, and sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, more bewitching than either. But all smiles are not alike. The cheerfulness of vanity is not like the smile of love. The smile of gratified pride is not like the radiance of goodness and truth.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE IN ROMAN CHARACTERS.

Bishop Boone of the American Episcopal Missionary Society, who is settled at Shanghai, states that there are books in preparation to teach the natives to read their dialect by means of the Roman alphabet.

THE VATICAN.

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