

while the remaining ninety-two ounces are as good as ever. But this silver can only be gotten by using Chinamen's eyes. The eyes of foreigners are of no use in such cases."

"These (Christian) priests go through the length and breadth of every province, and if they find any who will not believe they secretly administer medicine to them in tea or cakes, after which their nature is completely changed. In this way they cause women to become thoroughly licentious."

The following is a quotation from a literal translation of a placard posted up in the city of Wuhu, on the Yangtse, during the riots of 1891. It shows how the people are incited to massacre the foreigners:

"The country is betrayed and the people are ruined! Human beings are trampled down and reduced to dust! Such being the state of affairs, we humbly beg to state the following: Wuhu is a treaty port, thickly populated with foreigners, who cause people injury to an extent that it is impossible to fully describe. Every convert to their religion is paid a monthly sum of \$6, and by such means ignorant males and females are led to enter the churches, where men and women congregate together without discrimination. This breach of morality and custom is in itself a violation of the fixed laws of the state. These foreigners have procured women from other places, who were paid to abduct children, whose eyes and intestines are taken out, and whose heart and kidneys are cut off. What crimes have these innocent children committed that they should suffer such horrible deaths? What makes it more lamentable is that when a child is stolen the child's family also perish—quick apoplexy or suicide generally follows. On the third of this moon two female child thieves went to the suburb of Honan and abducted a child by drugging him. The child's mother saw the act and called out to the child. The people on apprehending the two abductresses, discovered on their persons two bottles containing drugs for stupefying and killing. The female child thieves were taken to the magistrate's vamen. The foreign priests, hearing of the matter, at once sent a bribe of 600 taels (about \$400) to the magistrate, who thereupon returned the abductresses in sedan chairs to the church. These priests steal and kill Chinese children, and their crimes should have been expiated with death punishment, but the God of Wealth bought off their lives. Money is superior to law. The precious code and the golden rule are misapplied. The day following this Li Shen-shuen lost a child of three years and Wang Wan-fah a child of five years. But this is more marvelous: A one-year-old child belonging to a woman by the name of Shen was lying in a cradle in the room, and it disappeared in the twinkling of an eye, cradle and all, without leaving behind the slightest trace. These devilish tricks are so numerous that people are in despair of protecting their lives. * * * Now, you tens of thousands of the people of Wuhu, do you on the 20th day, with united hearts and combined strength, destroy the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant Church, and all the properties owned by them. Chase out all the barbarian thieves, then can we arise and ascend the mats. Drive away the evil, so that the good may remain in peace."

"The Death Blow to corrupt Doctrines" is the most notorious anti-Christian document ever published. It is written in the finest of the Mandarin Chinese, and is entitled "A Plain Statement of Facts," "Published by the Gentry and the People." It was as I have said, the cause of the Tientsin massacre, and from it come most of the lies which are circulated against the foreigners. It specifies the Roman Catholics, but the Chinese know no sects among the foreigners, and under this title denounces all forms of Christianity. It pretends to give a description of the Christian religion, and it opens with an ecit from the emperor, making itself thereby thoroughly respected by the people.

This book speaks of the Christian religion as the religion of Tienchu. It describes it as follows: "The religion of Tienchu originated with Jesus. Its adherents falsely assert that Jesus was endowed with divine gifts. He was able to speak various languages. He commenced propagating his doctrines by exhorting men to be virtuous. His disciples call his religion that of Tienchu or the Lord of Heaven, and regarded Christ as having had an existence prior to his appearance on earth. They fabricated a book very artfully devised, which they called a 'Revelation From Heaven.' * * * This religion has two general names, one 'Baptism' and the other 'The Holy Supper.' It's priests are for the most part educated to their profession from their childhood. * * * They seldom become such after maturity. Every seventh day they perform worship which they call 'mass'. All work is suspended, and old and young, men and women, assemble in church. The leader of the service takes the principal seat, extols the virtues of the religion, the whole crowd muttering prayers."

* * * When a couple are married, the bride is required to spend the first night with her religious teacher. * * * In social intercourse men show their respect by removing their hats. They do not kneel, never bending the knee even before their king. They kneel only before God. When friends meet, they inquire after each other's wives, but never about parents. They regard parents as belonging to a past period. * * * These people have an outward show of gentility, but their hearts are full of deceit. Their appearance is such as to easily deceive. They depend on their skill in constructing curious and ingenious machinery, and on their knowledge of mathematics and astronomy, making use of occult and dangerous arts, and practicing alchemy. Great numbers are deceived by them. They say that the followers of this religion will be permitted to ascend to heaven, and will forever escape the punishment of hell, and that whatever they ask for, whether happiness or long life or prosperity, they are sure to obtain it. By such assertions they excite the cupidity of the ignorant. They also bewitch them by magical arts and incantations, so that they joyfully enter the sect. * * * Those who follow their instructions become their abject slaves. The harm which they are accomplishing by their unrestrained lawlessness far exceeds what we have ever known before."

(From the False Religion of Tienchu)

"When a person enters this religion the teacher gives him four ounces of silver and a pill. When he has taken

the pill his mind is confused and darkened, so that he destroys his ancestral tablets, and only worships an image of a naked child, which points one finger toward heaven and the other toward earth. They say this is the Prince Jesus. They sometimes make use of a red paper, on which they describe an elliptical figure, within which they represent a cross, swords, spears and other instruments. This they call the holy cross, and place it over their doors or in the shrine.

"As those who wish to enter their chapel, whether men or women, the teacher in charge first washes their bodies. They call this purifying the body. Families having daughters, on entering this religion, restrain one of them from marriage. These are the guardians of the locks and keys of the chest containing magical spells and incantations. They are called 'The Old Women who Open the Chest.' * * *

"When persons are sick, they never take the medicines ordinarily made use of by others. They must necessarily be prescribed for and treated by some of their religious teachers. Women must present themselves for examination in a state of nudity. If a patient does not recover, the body and head are cut open in order to investigate the cause of the disease, thus adding to the medical knowledge of those who come after. Adherents of this religion whose bodies are dismembered after death are called saints of the first class. Those who have only their heads cut off are called saints of the middle class, while those who have their ears and noses cut off are the inferior saints. (From Death Blow to Corrupt Doctrines.)

"In case of funerals the religious teachers reject all the friends and relatives from the house, and the corpse is put into the coffin with closed doors. Both eyes are secretly taken out, and the orifice sealed up with a plaster. This they call 'sealing the eyes for the western journey.' (The reason for extracting the eyes is the same as that above given, viz., the extracting of silver from lead.) But the article goes on to say that the Christians also use them for making photographic material.

This chapter closes with giving some of the horrible practices of the foreigners. The vileness and indecency of some of their statements are such that they cannot be republished. The least of them are following:

"They are able to impart a magical power to water, to send abroad charms on the wings of the wind, and to take captive the spirits of living persons for evil purposes. They also, by obtaining the hair and nail parings of women and placing them under the bedding, acquire the power to compel their presence. They take the horoscopes of children of either sex and utter incantations over them, and in this way can gain possession of their spirits. * * * They use different methods to obtain the brains, hearts and livers of children, and commit all sorts of horrible crimes. If we seek for their general motive, it is a fixed determination to befoul our people, and under a false pretense of religion to exterminate them. It is thus they wish to take possession of the middle kingdom. What infatuation to embrace such a religion as this! I have, by extensive searching of ancient books, and by accurate observation and inquiry been able thus to disclose their wickedness, and to sound the alarm so as to give you timely warning."