

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Written for this Paper.

## MASSACRE OF THE MISSIONARIES.

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THE investigation of the massacre of the missionaries at Ku Cheng will bring forth a vast amount of interesting news to the Christian world. China will not dare to resist the combined voices of England and America, and the prob-

ability is that the methods which have been going on among the Chinese literati during the past generation to create ill-feeling against the foreigners will be exposed.

All of the troubles in China are started by the scholars and the nobility, and not by the common people. The literati spread lies of all kinds concerning the missionaries, which they cause the ignorant to believe. Every great riot so far has been preceded by tracts and publications issued by them. That of Tien-Tsin, where the first great massacre occurred, was caused by a book called the "Deathblow to Corrupt Doctrines." Those of 1891 came from a set of obscene pictures known as "The Devil's Picture Book," a tract called the "Devil's Religion" and a great variety of obscene placards denouncing the missionaries, and back of the present trouble will be found similar work. During my first visit to China, six years ago, I found a Chinese magazine in Shanghai containing an illustrated article showing how the foreigners cut up Chinese bodies and boil them down into patent medicine. Last year, while I was in the country, I was many times called "a kidnaper of babies" by the children on the streets, and during my stay in the capital, Peking, placards were put up stating that the foreigners ought to be killed, and urging that they be driven out of the country. This matter was taken to the American minister at the time, and through him the placards were removed.

This was a series of cartoons which I got through the Rev. Griffith John in 1894, at Hankow, 700 miles in the interior of China. The collection lies before me as I write. Each cartoon is about half the size of a page of this newspaper. They are printed in colors, and they picture the missionaries engaged in all sorts of horrible crimes. In the cartoons the missionaries are represented as hogs and goats. The Chinese character for goat is the same as that for "foreigner," and the character for "hog" is the same as that for "Jesus." The literati of China have nicknamed the Christian religion "the faith of the crucified hog." One of these pictures represents a hog on the cross, with a Chinese mandarin directing his bowman to shoot arrows into it. Another hog on the cross has been gutted, and a number of Chinese men and women are on their knees before it. Some of the cartoons

represent the missionaries scooping out the eyes of dead and live Chinamen, in order to use these eyes for making photographic material. Others show them cutting up Chinese babies to make medicine out of them. One is a picture of a Buddhist hell, and it represents how the "pig goat devils," as they call the foreigners, will suffer there. Other pictures show how the foreigners ought to be treated. They are being burnt. They are tied to crosses and being whipped. They lie on the ground while Chinamen are pouring the vilest of slops into their mouths through funnels. The Chinese characters about the pictures describe the justice of treating the foreigners in this way, and incite the people to such actions. Some of the cartoons represent nude Chinese women tied to chairs, while villainous-looking missionaries are cutting off their breasts for use in the making of patent medicines. Many of the cartoons are so vile that I cannot describe them. They were gotten up by a man named Chou Han, an official of the province of Hunan, and they were circulated by the millions all over the country. They were carried in boat loads everywhere, and were pasted on the walls. Connected with them was poetry against the missionaries, which the children learned and sang upon the streets. I cannot describe the effect these pictures had upon the people. Contrary to the general idea, there are millions in China who cannot read or write, but as Boss Tweed said about Nast, "Any one can understand a picture," and the masses are in this way being educated against the foreigners. They believe these stories, and they actually think their children are in danger of being stolen and cut to pieces. This investigating committee will find that such publications are the real cause of the outrages, and that the trouble comes from the scholars, and not from the people.

The first of these horrible tracts I will write of further on. It is known as "The Deathblow to Corrupt Doctrine," and is the foundation of much of the literature being distributed now. But first, as to the Hunan publications, which will probably be found to have been republished and recirculated. Note how they characterize Christianity. The worship of Jesus is represented as the worship of licentiousness. The religion of the Lord of heaven is written. "The Squeak of the Celestial Hog," and foreigners and missionaries are characterized as "goat-men" or "pig-goat devils." The chief of these publications is entitled "Death to the Devil's Religion." It cost about thirty cents a thousand to distribute it, and the fund for this purpose was raised by popular subscription among the rich. This book is written in the best of Mandarin Chinese, but it is so simple that the commonest Chinaman can understand it.

This book was circulated among the students at the examinations. These examinations are held every year at the main centers of the empire, and they form the centers of sedition and anti-foreign influence.

One of the greatest of these examination points is Nanking. Tens of thousands of students attend the examinations there, and I was told that there

are usually about 100,000 strangers in this city at such times. About a year or so ago a broad sheet, roughly printed on thin paper, was circulated among these students. This denounced the missionaries generally, and especially the Roman Catholics. The Chinese do not understand the difference of sects, and in all of these tracts what is asserted against the Catholics holds equally good as against the Protestants. Some parts of this tract are too indecent to print, but one section of it as translated reads as follows:

"The Roman Catholic religion had its origin from Jesus, and is practiced by all the western countries and taught by them to others. It exhorts men to virtue. The founder was nailed by wicked men on a cross and cut to death. When these people marry they use no go-betweens and make no distinctions between old and young. \* \* \* Two wives may not be taken, they say, because heaven created one man and one woman at first. In these countries, therefore, concubinage is not practiced, but no unchastity in other directions is forbidden. When a father dies, his son may marry the mother who bore him. When a son dies, his father may marry the son's wife and even his own daughter. Brothers, uncles and nieces may intermarry promiscuously. Brothers and sisters of same parents also marry together."

Following the above are some attested facts showing how the missionaries act. I quote a few:

"Chang Chow Tsai was a boat tracker on the Hun river. A man named Liu informed him that by kidnaping little children and scooping out their hearts and eyes he could earn \$50 a set."

"A foreign devil (a missionary) at Canton went dropping poison into the well at night. Every one fell ill of a strange disease which could only be cured by foreign doctors. Untold numbers died. At last it was found out. Thirty of these men were arrested and put to death.

"At Tien-Tsin these men used constantly to beguile and entice away young children in order to scoop out the eyes and hearts. When the people discovered it they tore down their tall foreign houses and found heaped up inside bodies of kidnaped children, boys and girls.

"All these facts should make us careful not to incur similar dangers. We should unite hands and hearts to keep out the evil that is upon us."

In many of these tracts the statement is made that the missionaries and the priests give pills to the Chinese which make them forget their ancestors, and bring them entirely under the control of the priests. Here again I cannot quote fully on account of the indecency of the language and charges made. In some places quotations are given from the public documents of China, and one of these is as follows:

"There was one man who entered this (Christian sect) with a view to testing the truth of what had been said of their doings. He pretended not to eat for several days, and, the priest being informed that he was dead, came in with a small knife in his hand. He was just about to take out his eyes when the man jumped up and seized the knife and ran away. The foreigners want the eyes because from 100 ounces of western lead eight ounces of silver may be extracted,