

of attention." The present work is to gather out the elect remnant.

—"Speaking at a meeting of the College of Medicine for Chinese, Hong Kong, in July, Dr. Cantlie, dean of the college, said: 'Any one who knows the Chinese even but slightly is well aware that steadiness of purpose is, perhaps, their most constant characteristic. In their national history, be it in the overthrowing of usurping rulers or beating forth their enemies, their constancy of purpose has always prevailed. Time shakes them not from their intent, nor weakens the ardor of their understandings. The passing away of one generation but endows the theme with the sacred fire of heredity; the register of a century past in any attempt but affords time for its development and growth, and brings it into fuller fruition and purpose. It is with the sons of such a people that we have to do, and having once taken up a subject, be it science or war, it is not in their nature to retract.'"—*The Chronicle*.

FORMOSA.

—"Dr. Mackay reports: 'Fourteen years ago I arrived here. All was dark around. Idolatry was rampant. The people were bitter toward any foreigner. There were no churches, no hospitals, no students, no friends. Year after year passed away rapidly, but of the persecutions, trials, woes; of the sleepless nights; of the travelling barefoot, drenched with wet; of the nights in ox stables, dram huts, and filthy, small, dark rooms; of the days with students in wet grass, on the mountain tops, and by the seaside; of the visits in a savage country among the aborigines, you will never fully know. Fourteen years of toil have passed away. Yesterday 1273 rejoiced in singing praises to the Lord God Almighty. There are now hospitals as well as churches, native clergymen as well as teachers, colleges as well as primary schools in Formosa, and the native

Christians largely aid them.'"—*Gospel Missionary*.

—"In a Chinese tract the following comprehensive objections are urged against Christendom:

"It is presumptuous in the barbarians to endeavor to improve the inhabitants of the Celestial Empire, inasmuch as they themselves stand so sorely in need of improvement. They have shown a lack of BENEVOLENCE by importing among the Chinese a poisonous drug, and thus injuring others for the sake of personal gain. They have sent fleets and armies to bereave other nations of their possessions, to which they have absolutely no right; therefore they cannot lay claim to be regarded as upright. They allow men and women to associate together and to walk arm in arm in the streets; therefore they condemn themselves as falling short in a sense of propriety. By rejecting the ancient doctrines they have shown themselves to be possessed of little wisdom. Veracity appears to be the only good quality which they can in any measure boast of. Therefore, lacking as they do four of the five cardinal virtues, how should they be able to improve others? Besides, they have shown lack of reverence for the inventors of the art of printing by recklessly treading on printed paper, while others have spent much money to circulate books for the amelioration of the age. Moreover, these self-constituted exhorters of the world are void also of filial piety. They forget their ancestors as soon as they are dead, put them into simple boxes, which are only an inch thick, and do not sacrifice to their souls; nay, they will not so much as burn a strip or two of gold foil for their future welfare. Finally, they admit persons that have the advantages of wealth and rank to office without examination, and do not leave open the way for the promotion of the poor and lowly born. On all these accounts these foreigners appear to be inferior to the Chinese, and, therefore, in no way competent to instruct them in better ways.'"—*Dutch Missions-Blad*.