

ries, two summer houses were put up at Wha Sang, and there the Rev. R. W. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart, and five children, and nurse, were spending the hot season. With them lodged Miss Nellie and Miss Topsy Saunders. In another house lived Miss Gordon, Miss Marshal, Miss Codrington, Miss Newcombe and Miss Stewart. Rev. Mr. Philips was living in a native house some five minutes' walk away, and within ten minutes' walk Miss Hartford lived in a native house. The massacre took place on the 1st of August at about half-past six in the morning. Mildred and Kathleen Stewart were out picking flowers for their brother Herbert, whose sixth birthday was to be honored by a picnic that day. While the children were so engaged, a band of men came upon them. One dragged Kathleen by the hair and stabbed her several times, but in some way the brave girl got away from them, and running into the house with her sister, called to her parents that the Vegetarians were coming. Mr. Stewart seems to have been in bed, perhaps asleep, at the time. Mrs. Stewart came to the door, and seeing the murderers in the house, closed it and directed the children to go into their own room. The girls saw their parents no more. At first it was thought they had escaped, but soon it was found that they had been burned to ashes after having been hacked to death by the cruel demons of the Vegetarian Society. One of the ruffians rushed into the room after the girls, and cut away at Mildred until he thought she was dead. Kathleen lay perfectly quiet under the bed, and so escaped. Another band attacked the house where most of the young ladies were. First they confined themselves to plundering the houses, and the ladies tried to escape, but found it impossible to do so. They implored the ruffians to spare their lives, and some were disposed to do so, until one, who was seemingly a leader, incited them by reminding them of their orders, which were "to kill outright." So they proceeded to do so. The small band was cut down. Miss Codrington, after falling, remained quiet, and thinking her dead, the murderers left. Thus died together Miss Gordon, Miss Marshal, Miss Stewart, and Miss Newcombe. They were all fearfully gashed, and in two cases the heads were almost severed from the bodies. Miss Hartford, who, as was said, lived close at hand, heard the noise, and coming out, was met by a rough man, who pointed a spear at her breast forthwith, saying as he did so, "Ah! here is a foreign woman." She turned the spear aside, but he knocked her down, and but for the Chinese servant who pulled him off, would probably have murdered her, too. This was almost the only case in which a Chinese servant acted like a Christian. The rest left the foreigners to their fate at once. It was very painful to us to find how little the Chinese here were moved by the news. I suppose they are so used to such atrocities that their feelings are deadened, or else they are not much