

been scholars in our missionary institutions in Canton Province, besides two more that have been baptized, and I met with many of my former Chinese acquaintances.—Hwang Apo, the boy who clandestinely left our school at Canton, is engaged with a brother as a merchant. He is acting as an agent for the sale of goods among the mines. Not long since he was in the city, but I have not seen him yet.

Visits to the sick Chinese—Inquiries as to a school, chapel, &c.

Among my most interesting employments, has been afternoon visits, as often as possible, to the sick Chinese in the State Hospital. They have received them gracefully and joyfully; the books distributed have been read. Some of the patients are men of quickness, and take an interest that I trust, will not be unblest after they have quitted this place.

Inquiries have been made as to a suitable location for a school and chapel, and some consultation has been held with Christian brethren and Chinese friends; but no site has yet been fixed upon. I am in hopes funds may be raised here to defray the expenses of the buildings necessary, and to purchase suitable apparatus. There is much interest expressed in the enterprise by various denominations.

Visits cannot be made to the Chinese engaged in mining without much expense and fatigue, until the rainy season is over. But I have occasional opportunities of sending tracts and gospels to them.

We are boarding yet, and probably as cheaply as we can comfortably, or as we could keep house, while the price of some articles of provision is so exorbitant. We must continue as we are till spring.

Chinese in California—Christian views of the Mission.

We add to the preceding statements an extract from the "The Pacific," a San Francisco newspaper, of November 19.—This paper, we understand, is conducted by our brethren of the New-school Presbyterian Church.

Over against Canton open the portals of the golden gate. Within this gate our challenge ships have landed from those shores, hundreds at a time in five short weeks! About ten thousand Chinese have, sooner or later, sought among us a temporary home. Some have returned, but only to bring more. Many of them have died. Multitudes will remain. Some have already become citizens, or declared their intention of so doing. They have settlements in all our principal places of trade. They are fast becoming a permanent portion of our population. They are usually peaceable and industrious. They gradually cut off their cue, and assume the dress of Americans. They gradually learn our language. They slowly partake of our energy also.—They have shown themselves men. On

many public occasions they have appeared to great advantage. Some jealousy has at times arisen among Americans to expel them from the mines, but public sentiment has frowned on such selfishness, and given over the evil of foreign labour, if evil it be, to cure itself. They now are permitted, like other men, to pursue their gains. But few Chinese women have yet come over, and those few have come for the gains of vice.

But, as yet, no attempt has been made by this people to establish among them idolatrous worship. We hope they never may. Such an event would pain the heart of the Christian world. Most devoutly is it to be hoped that as they are gradually assuming our dress and manners, and acquiring our language, so they will gradually fall into our religious views and forms, or at least, drop those of their native land. It seems a remarkable providence that has diverted them, hitherto, from the establishment of their own worship. May it not be an indication of the divine intention towards their nation? Seems it not like the way of the Lord for the opening to them of a better temple than their father's gods? Is it not because the great Head of the Church intended to follow them hither with one of their former missionaries? We believe it, *That missionary, long hoped for by the Churches, has come.* Welcome, thrice welcome to our shores! * * * Let the churches of California assume the support of this mission, and so enter at once on the wide career of usefulness opening before them.

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BIRR MISSION.

MRS. CARLILE.

It has not been our practice to insert obituaries, but when we remind our readers of the close connection in which Mrs. Carlile stood for years to the above mission, and the important services which she was enabled to render it, no apology will be deemed necessary for giving a place to the subjoined notice of the life and death of one whose memory is sweet to many.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints; and it becomes the children of his family to sympathise with their heavenly Father in his estimate of this event. In conformity with this principle, it is most fitting that we reflect on the death, and for illustration of it, on the life of one who has obtained mercy of the Lord, to be faithful, as did the subject of this obituary. The writer's intimate acquaintance with Mrs. Carlile, during the last four years of her life, induces him to attempt a slight sketch of her character, as it came under his notice.

The impression conveyed on just making her acquaintance, was that of benevolence, beaming mildly through a gentle