

They frequently make parents pay money for their so-called offence, and if they are imprisoned, they manage to buy themselves out." The bishop then went on

#### TO TELL ABOUT THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN.

They are put in the hands of the pious sisters and when they become old enough are sent to school. There is a school or seminary in each mission. The boys are received at the age of twelve years. They are first taught in the Chinese by a native and then given instruction in Latin if they expect to become priests. They learn the Latin language in about three years. Afterwards they are instructed in philosophy, theology, etc., the course being twelve years in preparation for the priesthood. They never teach Latin to those who are not to be priests.

#### SPEAKING OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT,

the bishop said it was not exactly against the missionaries. The emperor and the higher officials know they cannot afford to sanction persecutions, and do not encourage them, nor are the higher classes of the natives willing to countenance persecutions on account of professions of religion. The mandarins will occasionally allow local insurrection. These officers are about the same as governors, mayors, and magistrates in America having different degrees of rank. Three years ago five Christians were burnt alive. After complaint was made,