

ed—whether it was that his limbs had grown hardened, or that he had contracted the criminal habit of drawing them back before the chastisement descended, it was not long before he felt the necessity of another invention. And so, every evening before lying down, he tied to his arm a strong cord, which at the fatal hour, stretch itself on a sudden, and jerked him out of bed.

At this point he had arrived. What fresh somnical projects he was turning over in his head heaven knows, when he found himself falling asleep forever. Asleep! No, the fervent Christian judged not thus; and in spite of his little sin of sloth full of confidence in Him who pardons, “Ah!” he cried, “I am waking up at last.

The building committee of a church recently finished in New Jersey wanted a stone slab over the door, with the name of the church and a scriptural motto. It occurred to them that nothing could be neater than “My house shall be called a house of prayer.” So one of the committee men, who was in a great hurry, told the stonecutter to chisel on the slab the thirteenth verse of the twenty-first chapter of Mathew. He thought the verse ended with the words he wanted to use. The stonecutter took the whole verse from the Bible, and faithfully copied it to the end. Imagine the horror of the committee-men when the stone was delivered! It read: “My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have have made it a den of thieves.” The stonecutter insisted that he had orders. But the committeemen insisted that the motto he had inscribed was not what they wanted, and that it would be of no particular use to them. That slab is now in the stonecutter’s yard, and anybody who wants it for a tombstone can probably buy it cheap.

PROTESTANT CHINAMEN.

Some time ago an investigation was held by a Chinese investigating Committee as to the effect of the gospel on Chinamen in California. The Sacramento chief of police was examined and he answered as follows:

Q.—What is the character, as to truth and veracity, of these Christianized Chinamen?