

A CHINESE BISHOP.

BISHOP RAIMONDI OF HONG KONG, CHINA, IN ST. LOUIS, MO—TWENTY-THREE YEARS A MISSIONARY AMONG THE CELESTIALS—INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE MISSIONARY WORK IN THE CHINESE EMPIRE.

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This might seem strange to a person not familiar with this work, and they would not know what saving the children meant. In China, the families are very large, from eight to ten children in each one. As the girls are considered incubances, if a man and wife have born to them too many females, they drown some, or if they choose, all of the girls. They also leave them in the streets or by-ways or in places where they are likely to perish. Dogs often come along and eat the children. The missionaries have commenced to rescue these poor unfortunate little ones, and save from thirty thousand to forty-thousand per year. About twelve per cent of them are enabled to keep alive.

“Does the government allow this whole sale abandonment and destruction of children?” asked the reporter.

“When we complain of the barbarous and brutal custom, the government issues a proclamation forbidding it, but that makes no difference.