

the observance of etiquette and decorum, and an injunction to repair to certain quarters for vaccination." There are twenty books published by the royal authority, though it does not appear that others are prohibited. Of these two are an imperfect translation of the Old and New Testament. "Their ideas of the Deity are exceedingly imperfect. Though they declare plainly that there is 'Only one true God,' yet the inspiration of the Scriptures, the equality of the Son with the Father, and many other doctrines generally received by Protestant Christians as being clearly revealed in the Bible, are by them wholly ignored." It seems they are Unitarians, but only imperfect in their doctrine as Christians. They regard the prophecy of the gift of the Holy Spirit as fulfilled in their secondary King Yang, whom they call the Paraclete. "Our Saturday we found observed by them as a Sabbath day; but they appeared not to have any hours for public worship, nor any Christian teachers—ministers of the Gospel properly so called. Forms of domestic worship, forms of prayer, of thanksgiving, etc., they have, and all their people, even such as cannot read, are required to learn and use these. We saw them repeatedly at their devotions. Some of them were exceedingly devout, others quite the reverse." "A form of baptism was spoken of by them, but no allusion was made by them to the Lord's Supper. We found them discarding the old notions of lucky places, times, etc."

What seems most to horrify the English reporters is the statement that the "Heavenly Father," in one of his recent revelations to their "Heavenly King," commanded him to receive forty strokes with the bamboo. This seems to be spoken of as blasphemous, and to be regarded as