

business, and in its pages we read of the reasons why *women* receive such a distinguished honor. From a consideration of these we shall see that female virtue and its honoring are as different from the Christian view as light and darkness :—

(1) The governor of one province reports the receipt of a numerously signed petition, bringing to his notice a deserving case of filial piety. The lady who was left a widow at an early age devoted herself to her mother-in-law, for whose sake alone she refrained from committing suicide on her husband's death. Her own mother having fallen sick, she went home to nurse her, and finding she grew worse instead of better, the daughter, in the most commendable manner, cut flesh from her own arm to mix with her mother's medicine. The protracted illness of her mother so distressed her that she also took to her bed, from which she never rose. The Governor was requested to apply to His Majesty for the bestowal of a mark of imperial approbation. Granted, 1879.

(2) Li-Hung-Chang requests that some monument may be erected to the memory of a girl whose filial piety was the admiration of her native district. When her mother, who was a great invalid, was still alive, she spent her whole day in nursing her, and frequently passed nights without sleep. Being the only child, she refused to marry, but decided to remain at home to wait on her parents. When her mother lost all her teeth from age the daughter masticated the food and so kept her alive. On the death of her mother the girl performed the necessary devotions and displayed her grief as fully as a son would have done. Request for honor, granted 1878.

(3) The Governor requests honor for a woman who, after the death of her husband, became unconscious, and remained more or less in that state for nine years. She then suddenly seemed to come round, burst a blood-vessel and died. Request, etc., granted, 1878.

(4) Honor to a grandmother, *who had lived one hundred years.*

(5) In the case of an elderly couple, the husband was sick, past hope of recovery. The wife tended him with the most perfect self-forgetfulness, not having closed her eyes or loosed her girdle for more than a month. At last, seeing that the husband must die, and that shortly, she reasoned thus with herself : " I have