

WELCOME AND VISITORS

Do unto others
As Ye Would
That They
Should
Do unto
You.

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Reception Room, Chinese Mansion.

THE Chinese are a very hospitable, and a very polite people. They are very fond of entertaining their friends and the rich folk entertain them very magnificently. They are very profuse in their salutations and compliments.

The mansions of the rich are often situated in the midst of elegant gardens, and are adorned with very great taste. In the engraving we are shown the interior of one of these mansions. It will be observed from the size of the figures how lofty and spacious the apartment is. Through the latticed doorway and the large oval windows, without glass, is caught a glimpse of the beautiful gardens without. The numerous and elegant lanterns hanging from the ceiling will attract attention. When these are all lighted at night the effect must be very beautiful. The sentences inscribed in gold or vermilion letters are for the most part moral maxims or proverbs, of which the Chinese are very fond. An artist will be seen copying the extraordinary looking dragon on the screen to the left of the picture. The grave and dignified figures with their bald heads and pig-tails and rat moustaches and almond eyes are very queer looking. It is sad to think that one-third of the human race living in China have never heard the Gospel of Jesus, for there are only 100 missionaries in the whole country, which is as if there was only one preacher in the whole of the Dominion. This seems to me a strong

argument in favour of Methodist union—that of the surplus ministers in Canada some might go to the perishing millions of pagan lands who are dying without the knowledge of the true God. Let us do all we can to send the gospel to these vast multitudes who have it not.

day, very early in the morning, and after the agony in Gethsemane, Judas betrayed the Master to his foes. While it was not yet day Jesus was arraigned before the high-priest and the council, and not long after before Pilate, then before Herod, and again before Pilate, and by noon he hung a bleeding victim

disciples, thoroughly disheartened and affrighted, were scattered about the city, not expecting ever to see the Lord again in the body in which they had known him; for though he had said to them that he should be crucified, and on the third day he should rise again, they did not comprehend the meaning of his words.

But now came the third day. It was the day after the Sabbath. And now, having kept sacredly the holy day, the women went to the tomb to complete the embalming which the haste of Friday evening did not permit. How great was their surprise on coming to the tomb to find it empty, and a vision of angels to tell them that Jesus was not there, but was risen as he said. The great stone was rolled away from the mouth of the sepulchre. The soldiers had been overwhelmed by a power they had never before known, and had fallen to the earth as if smitten in battle. The linen clothes in which Jesus had been wrapped, and the napkin that was



RECEPTION ROOM, CHINESE MANSION.

The Easter-Tide.

AND now comes again this beautiful and most interesting anniversary, the day which marks the resurrection of our Lord. It is a quiet day, not filled with the jubilation and merriment of the Christmas-tide. It is not marked with the giving of presents to any considerable extent, nor with the multiplied demonstrations of joy that belong to Christmas. And yet how wonderful is the event it commemorates.

On the Friday previous occurred the dark scenes of the crucifixion. On that

on the dreadful cross. Then followed the darkness, when for three hours the sun refused to look upon the scene on Calvary, and when the earthquake shook the mountain on which Jerusalem stood, and the vail of the temple was rent in twain. And when on that Friday evening the sun was setting the friends of Jesus were laying his dead body to rest in the earth. Then came Jewish officials to put a seal upon the tomb, and a guard of Roman soldiers kept watch about it that his disciples might not take the body away. The

wound about his head, were all that now remained to tell that he had lain in the earth. Jesus had broken the power of death and was alive again.

Soon after this Mary Magdalene saw the Lord. Toward the evening he walked with two disciples to Emmaus. Then he appeared to ten, Thomas being absent. After this he was seen again of all the disciples, and once by more than five hundred. Then, forty days after the resurrection, he led the eleven to the brow of Mount Olivet, and having blessed them ascended to heaven.