

older, say at the age of four or six, begins the great contrast between the life of the boy and the girl. The boy is sent to school; the girl has her feet bound. Doubtless you all know about the Chinese foot-binding, how the poor little toes are folded under the foot, the big toe being left free, and the bone of the instep pressed up toward the ankle and ultimately broken. Often the poor little children cry for nights, and their feet have to be suspended by ropes a little higher than their bodies on account of the throbbing in the inflamed feet. The inflammation and abscesses form a part of the foot-binding which must be gone through with, and it is in this stage that often proves fatal. Just think, children, no climbing of trees, no running, no hop-scootch, not even straight walking, for they have to walk on the back of their heels, like we all do for fun when we are children. Of course, after they are older, and their feet settle down to certain sizes, they walk better. They often have such pained expressions on their faces, and when we remember how an uncomfortable shoe takes away all pleasure in life, we ought not to be surprised.—*The Children's Missionary.*

DRIVING OUT THE DEVIL.

BY MISS E. B. SALK (CANTON).

The people in the house opposite us are very busy this evening driving out the devil. Judging from the sounds they are having a pretty hard job of it; the devil must be rather a determined fellow.

It began while we were at tea. Such a beating of brass gongs that we could scarcely hear each other speak. We asked the cook what was the matter, and he replied: "Oh, they are only driving out the devil! Some one in the house is sick."

When one is sick, of course that is a sign that a devil is tormenting him, and the only cure is to frighten the evil spirit away. They have tried several plans this evening. Besides beating the gongs, they have played something that sounds like a Scotch bag-pipe, and ought to alarm any devil, I should say; the priests chanted, and enough fire-works were set off to make a Fourth of July. Every now and then they stop. They also place tempting dishes outside the door, and politely invite the devil to come out and feast. The servants say they will keep up this noise all night, stopping only to drink tea!

If we were heathen we should be afraid that the devil might come into our house when it leaves the other. To prevent this, we would place a knife and a broom across the door, besides hanging clothes around all the beds.

I have been sitting here thinking what a pity it is these people would not try to drive him out of the hearts of his slaves, or rather to tell of One hard to drive out the real devil, who has ruled so long in this city. We are here who is able to set them free. You may be sure that the devil does not like that at all, and does all he can to hinder us. Isn't it a glorious thing that our Captain is mightier than the devil and all his angels? How many boys and girls are willing to help us drive the devil out of Ng Chau? *Foreign Missionary Journal.*

THE WAY CHILDREN GROW.

A little rain and a little sun,
And a little pearly dew,
And a pushing up and a reaching out,
Then leaves and tendrils all about—
Ah, that's the way the flowers grow,
Don't you know?

A little work and a little play,
And lots of quiet sleep;
A cheerful heart and a sunny face,
And lessons learned and things in place—
Ah, that's the way the children grow,
Don't you know?

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