

CHINESE CULTIVATION AND IMPLEMENTS.—We passed the batteries which had so recently been the scene of such a dreadful slaughter, and, stemming a strong current, proceeded rapidly up the river. The country through which it wound its way was a perfect as far as the eye could reach, and in as high a state of cultivation as the market-gardens around London; small farm-houses stood in every direction, neatly encircled with flower gardens, the whole presenting a perfect picture of wealth, fertility, industry, and comfort: and when we were informed—a circumstance we have every reason to believe perfectly true—that the same state of things existed throughout the whole of all the neighbouring provinces, any one of which, as regards extent, would make a handsome kingdom for an European potentate, some slight idea may be formed of the endless internal agricultural wealth of the Chinese empire, and the little concern the Emperor of this mighty country has been accustomed to bestow on foreign nations, their commerce, trade, or anything else concerning them. Numerous implements of agriculture, which we supposed only to be known to the most scientific and highly instructed European nations, were discovered in great numbers, and in constant use among them, from the plough and common harrow, to the winnow and thrashing machine, with which, scarcely any farm-house, however small, was unprovided. Added to which for the purpose of irrigation, scarcely any considerable field that did not possess its chain pump, for the purpose of irrigating their crops by drawing water from the lower levels with comparatively small labour to themselves; from which models I have not the least doubt those at present in use in our navy or merchantmen were taken.—*Captain Cunningham's Recollections of Service.*

The devil tempts every man, but the idle man tempts the devil.

If sensuality is a pleasure, beasts are happier than men.

A libertine's life is not a life of liberty.

We ought to eat and drink to live, not live to eat and drink.

Passion is the threshold of madness and insanity.

Pleasures, while they flatter a man, sting him to death.

Men make themselves ridiculous, not by the qualities they have, but by the affectation of those they have not.

Revenge begins in anger, and ends in repentance.

The great step to greatness is to be honest.

To the community sedition is fever, corruption is a gangrene, and idleness is an atrophy.

Every earthly evil but death and dishonour may become a blessing by comparison.

Whoever mocketh the poor, reproacheth his Maker.

Innocence and mystery seldom live long together.

Teach nothing which you do not truly believe.

The most necessary of all the sciences is to learn to protect one's self from the contagion of bad example.

Let not adversity destroy the wings of hope, nor prosperity obscure the light of prudence.

The prerogative of infancy is innocence; of childhood, reverence; of manhood, maturity; and of old age, wisdom.

He that is wise in small matters will not be foolish in large ones.

Inattention makes a trifling mind, and is a most unpardonable rudeness.

No evil actions can be well done; but a good action may be ill done.

Where wit is ready, good sense should be nigh at hand.

Buy with ready money, if you wish to live in peace.

Before we passionately desire what another enjoys, we should examine into the happiness of its present possessor.

A wise man, even when his hand is full of truths, will often content himself with opening his little finger.

Though everybody knows that an hour is sixty minutes, yet few seem to know that sixty of these brief portions of time make an hour.

Whether you attempt little or much, let every hour have its employment, in business, study, social converse, or diversion.

Those who possess any real excellence, think and say the least about it.

The active only have the true relish of life.

Love all, trust few, do wrong to none.

Light injuries are made lighter by not regarding them.

No man sympathizes with the sorrows of vanity.

Law cannot persuade where it cannot punish.

Life is too short to afford time for enmities.

Employment is necessary to man; if agreeable, it is a pleasure; if useful, a happiness.

Nothing is wanted where prudence is the guide.

No man is free who cannot command himself.

In a solitary state no creature is more timid than man; in society, none more bold.

We gain nothing by falsehood, but the disadvantage of not being believed when we speak the truth.

The pleasure of the senses is a flower whose perfume quickly evaporates, and whose brilliancy fades in the hand that gathers it.

A TRUTH.—It is only when the rich are sick, that they fully feel the impotence of wealth.—*Colton.*

Suspicious heads are easily supplied with causes of complaint.

Who shows thinks before he sets out, thriveth before he thinks.

Not to be useful to any is to be hurtful to all.

Superabundance is a trouble, want a misery, and an exalted station a great burden; but competency is true happiness.

It is a virtue to avoid vice; and the first step to wisdom is to be free from folly.

When the mind is weary the body should be active.

Knowledge without virtue is but learned ignorance.

He that is not above an injury is below himself.

From the moment we cease to be of use we become a burden to ourselves: who, then, would be an idler?

Repentance is the spring of virtue.

Courage consists not in hazarding without fear, but in being resolutely minded in a just cause.

The body is the shell of the soul, and dress the husk of that shell; but the husk often tells what the kernel is.

Considering the unforeseen events of this world, we should be taught that no human condition should inspire man with absolute despair.

Refuse no pardon to others, unless you need no pardon yourself.

The wit of a fool is like an edged tool in the hands of a child.

Profusion is generally nearer allied to avarice than generosity.

He that will lose his friend for a jest, deserves to die a beggar by the bargain.

All is hollow where the heart bears not a part, and all is peril where principle is not the guide.