

als, manifest the correctness of their judgment, by evincing a decided partiality for teachers of the opposite sex ; and certainly, it is not of the nature of flattery to observe that they could not be more privileged in regard to teachers than they are ; it is remarkable how circumstances have transpired, under the prospering hand of God, to further this unique and praiseworthy undertaking ; first, a comparatively advanced Chinese scholar crops up to help Mr. McLaren, then a gentleman who had spent eight years as a missionary in China, next a son of a Chinese missionary, who is himself being instructed in a Toronto school, and lastly a lady who has been actively engaged for a twelvemonth in one of two comparatively large classes of Chinese in Chicago ; this lady, in common with all who have endeavoured to benefit the Chinese, speaks of the heartfelt gratitude which they manifest toward their teachers ; prior to leaving Chicago, she was present at an entertainment given by the teachers to their scholars, and at a return festival given on the Chinese new year's day by the Chinamen to their teachers ; the pupils presented each of their teachers with a bouquet on this occasion ; the repast was of a most sumptuous description, was served by negro waiters, and "the little bill" in relation thereto amounted to \$500. The work of the little band of teachers in Toronto is pre-eminently a work of faith, and consists mainly in teaching their pupils the rudiments of English ; this they do, in the consciousness that the pupils have for the most part, no more lofty aspirations than those involved by an endeavor to facilitate the acquisition of the dollar ; that they may nevertheless be "caught by the guile" of the ladies, one may expect when one perceives their aptitude to teach ; one of them endeavored to explain to her pupil what a jug is, and when she illustrated it on a slate, the celestial exclaimed, "O, pitcher ;" in answer to her enquiry as to what gum is, being too gallant to mention

ladies in such a connexion, he replied, "what boys chew ;" another lady, in explaining to her pupil, the nature of a medal, adroitly connected her explanation with a prize medal for *starch*. As the pupils advance, they will be introduced to such lessons as the following, from a book prepared by Dr. Loomas of San Francisco ; Chinese proverbs are contrasted in the lesson-book with Scripture, in the following manner—Confucius said, "The doer of good, Heaven will reward him with blessings : the doer of what is not good, Heaven will recompense him with calamities." The Bible says ; "The wages of sin is death ; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Confucius said : "He who sins against Heaven, has none to whom he can pray." Jesus says : "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Chwang said : "He who does good to me, I must still do good to him." Jesus says : "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you, and persecute you." Mencius said : "If man does what is not good, he may acquire fame ; men may not hurt him, but Heaven will surely destroy him." The Bible says : "The triumphing of the wicked is short. God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." It is impossible to foretel the ultimate benefit that may arise from an effort so apparently insignificant as that of instructing some half-dozen Chinamen in the verities of Scripture, and this is of course the object of those who at present, can do little more than teach them the rudiments of the English language ; but it is encouraging to learn a little of what has come of efforts of a similar nature in New York, and in Chicago ; a Chinaman who had been instructed by a lady in New York, and through her instrumentality, had accepted the testimony of the Bible, set sail with the intention of going to New