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A VISIT TO THE CHINESE.

One of the forms of heathenism in Toronto is that which has been imported from China; in striking contrast to that "disobedience to parents" which prevails throughout this Dominion, and the States, and which, according to the Apostle Paul, (2 Tim. iii. 3,) is one of the characteristics of "the last days;"—in contrast with this, the Chinese render their parents the most abject devotion while living, *and worship them when dead*: one of those who now assemble in an "upper room" in Shaftesbury Hall in the afternoon of each Lord's day, told his teacher, with hands uplifted, by way of suiting the action to the word, that he worshipped his father and mother once a month. There are certainly not a few in Toronto who if they have something to teach these poor fellows, have also a lesson to learn from them. There are also doubtless many who have cherished kindly feelings towards them, but who, owing to the barrier to intercourse with them presented by their knowing so little of our language, have been unable to manifest their sympathy: inasmuch however as "love" notoriously "laughs at locksmiths," one young man, and now several ladies, have discovered a means to overleap the barrier of language. Mr. David McLaren, an aspirant to the ministry, by persevering acts of kindness, contrived to secure the confidence of first one and then another of the Chinamen, and in teaching them to read the English language, soon sought means to acquaint himself in some measure, with the Chinese, and this he accomplished partly by availing himself of a Chinese New Testament which he procured from the depository of the Bible Society, and partly by availing himself of a dictionary and hymn book: he found that it was easy to pick up the doxology in the Chinese language, from the hymn book, which of course had the English side by side. The celestials, being eminently discriminating individu-