

is clean. The Pagan lies, and delights in lying. The Christian becomes truthful. The Pagan treats his wife as a slave. The Christian treats her as an immortal being. The Pagan regards the birth of a daughter as a calamity. The Christian welcomes the little girl, gives her to God in baptism, and tries to prepare her for a useful life.

One of our native Christians at Foochow went on Saturday to an American mercantile house with samples of tea. The agent in charge said: "Come to-morrow." The native replied: "To-morrow is Sunday, and I never transact business on God's day!" (Some incidents of this kind may go far to account for the asserted fact that "merchants do not expect great things from the missionaries.")

When Li Cha Mi, a few weeks ago, was stoned by persecutors until he was nearly dead, and afterward, in attempting to elude his pursuers, fell over a precipice twenty feet high, while he was falling, he prayed: "Lord have mercy upon them, and forgive them."

After Ling Ching Ting had been beaten with two thousand stripes, as soon as he was able to move, he returned to the place where he had been beaten, and preached the Gospel so faithfully that some of the very men who brought that trial upon him were converted.

When Hii Yong Mi was driven from his home by a mob, and his wife cruelly outraged, they both held steadfast to their faith in Christ, emulating the spirit of Job: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

When old Father Ling, at Ku-cheng, was told by heathen friends: "You must not try to give up opium smoking now, after forty years' practice. It will kill you." His reply was: "I belong to Jesus. I have promised to give up every sin. I would rather die trying to conquer this sin than live an opium smoker."

I speak only of men I have personally known, whose Christian character commands my admiration, and whose Christian lives are evidence of the genuineness of their profession.

IV. What is the rank of Christian converts in Chinese society?

As yet, "not many mighty, not many noble are called." It is still true that "this sect is everywhere spoken against" by the haughty literati, by wicked Pagans, and by licentious foreign traders. Yet in China, as everywhere else, Christianity elevates its subjects. They grow not only in grace, but in knowledge, in influence, in relative position; and, if God still chooses "the foolish things of the world to confound the wise," and "the weak things of the world to confound the mighty," in order "that no flesh should glory in His presence," why, the best thing we can do is to fall in with his arrangement.

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