## AMONG THE GHINESE.

Fatuoaifon is not Neglected by the Almond-Ered Celestials.
In no country is education more higbly asteemed than in China, says the Nine eenth century. ggman, as a rule, cannol hope to gel tered through the cuntry are numberlese families, the members of which for less Camion after generation are alvars gendents and from whom as orule the officials come.
They have no knowledge of any business or trade. They corrfspond very cosely to what are, or used to be, called gentlemen in England, and preserve neir poaition with great tenrcity even when hard pressed by poverty.
Rich parvenues as a matter of course ongage tutors for their children; and in he bumblest ranks of life occasionaliy parents will stint themselves to give an pportunity to some son who has show marked intelligence at the village school Bat neither of these classes compete on aquality with those to whom learnin is an hereditary profession.
The cultivation and intellectual dis dipline in such families give their mem bers 8 marzed advantage over those who get no help of the kind at home, and who must, therefore, depend entirely on what they learn from their paid teachers The orthodox scheme of eduostion is ontirely concerned with the ancient literature of China. The original works which occnpy the student's attention were for the most part written bc fore the literature of either Greece or Rome had reachodits prime. But there are commentators belonging to later periods who must also be pert sed with di igence.

China has not seen an influx of new races, such as bave overrun Europe, since the days of cur classical authors; but still, from mere lapee of time, the language of the country has greatly changed, and the child beginning his studies cannot without explanation understand a single sentence, even if he has learned to read the words of the lesson which he has before him. The student makes himself acquainted as thorougbly as possible with these classical works.

He must get to know the different readings and different interpretations of diaputed passages, and, finally, he practices bimself in prose and verse composition. In prose he carefuly preserves he anoient phraseology, never admitting modern words, though there are certain technicalities of style which will prevent his productions from being an exact imitation of the anoient literature. His verses must be in close imitation of the old-time poets. They must follow elaborate rules as to rhylim, and the words must rbyme according to the clascical sounda, which are very different from those of to-dey.

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