

Confucius, by Alexander Armstrong, F. R. G. S., published by James Nisbet & Co., of London. Within 147 small octavo pages, Mr. Armstrong gives an account of his travels through Shangtung, a north-eastern and maritime province of China, to visit Chufou-hsien, the city of Confucius. Incidents of travel, the manners and customs of the natives, descriptions of towns, antiquarian lore, traits of natural scenery, and a variety of interesting materials, are combined with notes on various missions, such as the American Presbyterian at Wei-hsien, the English Baptist at Ching-chou-fu, the Roman Catholic at Chi-nan-fu, the Church of England at Tai-an-fu, and the American Southern Baptist at Huang-hsien. Although Mr. Armstrong expresses his delight at being back in the Collegiate School of Chefoo, he would, doubtless, not care to part with his thirty-six days' experience, the record of which he has pleasantly told. The ninth chapter, that deals with Confucius is well worth reading. The interest of the book is enlivened with several excellent illustrations, unique in character.

While upon the subject of China, Messrs. Drysdale's last book, *The Sister Martyrs of Ku-Cheng*, must not be forgotten. It is an illustrated volume of 308 octavo pages, and like the book last mentioned, is published by Nisbet & Co. Eleanor and Elizabeth Saunders of Melbourne, Australia, went to China in October, 1893, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society. They labored at Ku-Cheng, in the province of Fuh-kien, just opposite Formosa, under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. Less than two years later they, with the Stewarts and five Zenana ladies, were murdered by a mob of Vegetarians, and so obtained the martyr's crown. The editor of the volume is the Rev. D. M. Berry, M.A., Canon of Melbourne, whose work has largely been to make selections from the letters of the sisters, chiefly to their mother. They seem to have been bright and cheerful, as well as very devoted, Christians, and their language is so thoroughly free from all affectation as to be at times almost worthy of the adjective "slangy." It is curious to find such speech alongside of