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### THE BIBLE IN CHINA.

The present age is fertile in large schemes for the advancement of the Gospel, whatever else may characterize it. One of the most recent of these, and one which we view with much favour, is the effort originated by the Rev. J. A. James, and adopted at once by the British and Foreign Bible Society, to send a million of Bibles into China. A door is at length in the ways of Providence opened into that long benighted country; and it was a noble thought thus to inundate it, as it were, with a stream of light from this Blessed Book. We trust it may be successful, and, should the Bible be thus sown broadcast in China, we cannot doubt but that God's blessing will permit the good seed to take root in the hearts of many of the benighted Chinese, and bring forth fruit abundantly. Humanly speaking, the opening is a manifest one—now when the insurgents, adopting a spurious form of Christianity, are making such headway in that country, and when the Tartar dynasty comes tottering to its fall. The Bible Society, we understand, offer the Bible for this effort at 4d. sig. or 5d. cs. each copy, and look to the religious public to defray the low cost. We trust many of our readers will appropriate of their abundance to so desirable a purpose. While on this lauded subject, we may mention that the Pagan's Progress has been translated into the language of the Chinese, and circulated in their country.

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#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

We learn with pleasure the arrival at Kingston, from Scotland, of the Revd. Mr. Weir, appointed to the chair of Classical Literature in this deserving Institution. We also learn that the Revd. Mr. George has entered upon the duties of the Professorship of Logic, Mental and Moral philosophy, having resigned his charge. We believe that the Managers of the College contemplate the acquisition of suitable buildings. The attendance of Students this session is good; and amongst the first year students, we are informed, there are two from the Lower Provinces. We doubt not this number will hereafter be largely increased, as year by year the facilities of intercourse with the sister colonies are extending. We rejoice to believe that the College is steadily progressing, and, while it shall continue to afford the youth of this country a sound, substantial education, we trust it also will prove a faithful nursery of our branch of the Church.

### ORDINATION AT THORAH.

The Presbytery of Toronto met, according to appointment, at Thorah on Wednesday, the 31st August, for the ordination of Rev. D. Watson to the pastoral charge of the congregation there. Owing to the distance, the attendance of members was rather limited. The church, which is a large and substantial stone edifice, is situated about two miles inland from Beaverton, a village on the shore of Lake Simcoe. The weather was delightful, and, although harvest-work claimed attention in the fields, farm operations were suspended for the day, and the large muster of the adherents of the Church indicated the lively interest taken in so auspicious an event as the first settlement of a minister of the Scotch Church in this Township, which contains among its population a large number of Scottish families. From the gray-haired patriarchs (the original settlers who had penetrated the forest a quarter of a century before, and whose anxieties and prayers for the services of a minister of the *Guld Kirl* in this their new home had been so long doomed to disappointment) down to the striplings for whom heretofore there had been but few opportunities of entering the House of God, and whose knowledge of the blessings of the regular enjoyment of public ordinances was derived mainly from the detailed memories of Scottish Sabbaths, which the older settlers do yet so fondly cherish, and on which they full oft discourse in the family circle—the numerous groups afoot, on horseback, and in waggon were to be seen from an early hour when