

great calamity to have a daughter born. The father perpetrates the deed immediately after birth, and meets with no punishment from the law of his country; on the contrary, it views him as the sovereign owner of his children, and gives him permission to extinguish their life at will.

Sometimes he destroys his little ones by drowning. An English bishop in China, when first he visited that country, was told by one father that, having had eight daughters, he had murdered *five*, by placing them in a tub of water as soon as they were born.

Sometimes he stifles the poor babe by means of a wet cloth over its mouth; sometimes he pinches its throat; sometimes he chokes it by putting a few grains of rice into its mouth. At other times he buries it alive, as is seen in our illustration, which is not an imaginary scene, but a sketch of the death of three infants, which was witnessed by an English captain, on the sea shore near the city of Pung-shau. He succeeded once in preventing the horrid deed, but shortly afterwards, by means of a telescope, observed its uninterrupted accomplishment at a distance from him.

Surely we, who know that in keeping God's commandments "there is great reward," should do something to proclaim amongst these benighted heathen, "Thou shalt do no Murder." Are we doing anything? If we are, can we say that we are doing all that it is in our power to do?

There is much to encourage us to labour on behalf of China. A little Chinese girl was asked, "Were you sure of dying to-morrow, what would you do to-day?" She was one of a class; The first who replied said, she would be getting her grave ready, which is a very important business among the Chinese: but this dear child answered, with a resolute countenance, "I would believe strongly in Jesus."

In the same school another girl asked for some books to take home, naming one of the short lives of the Saviour, and saying, "I want to tell my mother about Jesus, for I want her to believe in Jesus, that she may go to heaven with me."

Shall not we be like-minded with her, and wish to be the means of taking numbers of the Chinese "to heaven with us?" Surely, if our own hearts are intent upon spending our eternity with Jesus, we ought also to be intent upon making Him and His great salvation known to all who know him not. May we not be encouraged, especially to take the Chinese children away, and nurse them for Him, (as was