



STUDIES FROM LIFE AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS: NO. XXIII.—TAWNY OWLS.

By Lascelles & Co., 13, Fitzroy Street, in 'Illustrated London News.'

The tawny owl is an inhabitant of the woods, and nests in holes of trees, as a rule; whereas its cousin, the barn-owl, is more civilized, and follows man as he clears the forest and builds his log cabin, with its accompanying mice and rats.

Tsui Ching's Great Idea

(By Theodora Marshall Inglis, in Presbyterian Banner.)

PART I.

Surely nothing in the atmosphere led Tsui Ching into his questionable line of thought. It was early in December, but

early December in North China is like few other seasons the world over. There is an absence of that crisp exhilaration found in colder climates perhaps, but it is balmy, mystical and delightful, nevertheless; few storms, rarer snows, only the silent change of foliage; the loosening petals of the rose clinging to its branch until late in Novem-

ber, mark the transition from fall to winter.

On this day, as on many preceding, the air was mild and clear; not the faintest breeze lifted the ever-ready dust in the court-yards or stirred among the faded oaks and evergreens. Outside the great Au Ting Gate and off the travelled roads