

of which is devoted to the production of food for man alone.

"In China," observes Mr Medhurst, "the natives make no use of butter or cheese, and very seldom of milk; the principal animal food is pork, which is generally home-fed; they have few horses for travelling, pomp, or war, and the only cattle they keep are such as are needed in husbandry; hence, there are no grazing farms, no meadows, and very little pasture; while every acre of ground capable of cultivation is turned up by the spade or plough, in order to afford sustenance for the teeming inhabitants. A common is quite unusual throughout the eastern half of China; while parks and pleasure grounds are proportionably scarce, as the anxiety to satisfy the appetite prevails over the desire for amusement."

The great staple article of food is rice, of which there are two crops annually, but besides this, in some districts, the Chinese agriculturist cultivates barley, maize, millet, wheat, peas, beans, and other garden vegetables not indigenous to Europe. In the culture of the first mentioned article, which is their staff of life, the growers display great industry and ingenuity in their system of irrigation, and their economy of water, which is indispensable to its produce.

Have you Found your Brother?

"He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We found the Messiah; which is being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Je-us."

"Philip findeth Nathaniel, and saith unto him, We have found him of whom Moses, in the law and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth."

So it ever has been: so it is now. The poor blind sinner is led to Jesus: the eyes of his understanding are enlightened with the light of life; and straightway, with gratitude and joy, he cries:

"O that all the blind but knew him,
And would be advised by me;
Surely they would hasten to him,
He would cause them all to see."

The sinner, discovering the plague of his heart, is induced to try the balm of Gilead, and the physician there; and as spiritual health begins to rejoice his soul, he exclaims to his dying brother:—

"There is a great Physician near,
Look up, O fainting soul, and live;
Seen in his heavenly smiles appear
Such ease as nature cannot give."

Some weeks ago a man and his wife being tenderly admonished by a Christian friend were persuaded to visit the long neglected house of prayer. The spirit of Christ opened their eyes, and they were led to see the need of mercy, and sought and found a God ready to forgive. With thankfulness and love, in conjunction with the friend before alluded to, these new converts sought to bring other careless ones to the sanctuary; and the Lord has been pleased graciously to own and bless these efforts, and two other couples have united themselves with the people of God.

That was a blessed Sabbath, when this Christian friend, with these six souls, sat at the table of the Lord, to commemorate his dying love. O who can tell the far reaching results of this simple Christian effort? This friend did no more than every disciple can do. Who cannot say to his brother, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel?"

"Would you win a soul to God?
Tell him of the Saviour's blood,
Once for dying sinners spilt,
To atone for all their guilt."

These converts are heads of families: all of them have little children to train up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." There are now three more family alters in the world: the world is richer, brighter, and purer for these; and when we can estimate the usefulness of a Doddridge,