## OUR LADY OF ZO-SE.

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Has anyone ever heard of Our Lady of Zo-se? Where is Zo-se? It may not be quite satisfactory to the reader to answer the latter is a hill of porphyric rock, about twelve miles north of Song kinng, in the old delta plain of the Yang-tse-kiang. For though this river will be recognized as the noble stream of central China, the name of Song-kiang, may not be so familiar. Yet there was a time when Song-kiang was not unknown to the Western public. Marco Polo visited it in the thirteenth century, and the Jesuit missionaries in the sixteenth. Father Duhalde, in his monumental work on China, described Song kiang as one of the most flourishing cities of the empire.

In those palmy days Song-kinng was the sister city of Soo-chow, which for its prosperity and elegance, as well as for the accomplishment and the beauty of its inhabitants, was ranked with Hangchow as the terrestrial paradise. A graceful little rhyme, which has been happily translated, states that:

"Above there's paradise, 'tis true, But here below are Hang and Soo." Soo-chow and Song-kiang are not what they were, both have suffered from the ravages of war, and their commercial importance has been absorbed by Shanghai.

Zo-se, then, is about twenty-five miles southwest of Shanghai, and it is the largest of a little group of hills which rise out of the unbroken extent of rice fields, and which are known to foreign residents as simply the Hills. Our Lady of Zo-se is the title of the pilgrimage chaps! on the summit of the hill, dedicated to Our Lady, Help of Christians. Pilgrimages are made and was used as a retreat for the to the chapel, twice a year, once in missionaries when prostrated by May, on the patronal feast of the fatigue or sickness. Seven or eight chapel, and once in November, on a day chosen as the patronage of Our the Father to the foot of the hill Lady of Zo-se.

Christian shrine of special devotion on | till he had reached the little chapel on s spot once escred to Buddha, may the summit, three hundred feet above well excite surprise and curlosity. A the surrounding rice fields. There, pilgrimage shrine, one is inclined to kneeling down before Our Lady's think should be ballowed by the statue, "My dear Mother," he prayed, devotion of centuries or else it should | "our mission is in danger. Save us, be commended to the Faithful in these and I promise to build you here a latter days by wonderful manifesta- | beautiful church in place of this little tions of Divine power and mercy. The chapel." The vow was made and Our shrine of Zo-se has no venerable Lady took the mission under her

reck but little of the scowls and market and was to sell it for a thou under presers of sullining some of the not without the triate but petiter to threats, the insults, and the blows sand copper coins. She could huy material in constructing fourperson there and the blows sand copper coins. had entrusted the harrassed flock.

A hundred missionaries depending noon his orders, thousands of Christians entrusted to his curo, the lives of devoted religious women and of innocent children demanding protection-such was the barden weighing J., then Superior of the mission of Nankin. The Vicar Apostolic of the mission. Bishop Languillat, S.J., had gone to Rome for the Vatican Council, and all the care and responsibilities of that hour of danger fell solely upon Father Della Corte. The walls of Shanghai, where he resided, were placarded with inflammatory denunciations of the missionaries, and alarming reports were coming in from all parts of the mission. The principle mandarin in Shanghai was known to favor the anti-foreign fury. counternart of the tragedy at Tien-tain might have been precipitated by the alightest untoward event. What was the good Father to do in his anxiety and helplessness? What could he do for the safety of the mission and for the protection of the precious lives entrusted to him? What could he do of Christians—to her whose meroy Catholics the world over daily' commemorate in the words of her sweet-tongu J servant, St. Bernard: "Never was it know that any one who

fled to the protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unsided."

Early in the morning, July 4, 1870 Father Della Corte got into his boat and directed the boatman to Zo-se. A part of the bill had for several years been in the possession of the mission. hours in the winding canals brought Regardless of the noon-day sun he A pilgrimage chapel in China, a began the rocky ascont, nor stopped

which stiended his steps. Not so, many press mile a thousand quarters for the officers. The tion, we may appear months story of however, the Superiors to whom God copper coins, for though they only missionsties' residence stands near the Zone. Quries the four just closed 

many as thousand. However, she there are two approaches; one direct, recent letters state that a Father in escritical her childish gratification to, but steep and irregular, and the other the North has been severely because the love of Our Lady, and gave her a broad walk, seconding gently in and parhaps killed. Two ether thousand coppers to the missionary for regular signers. The latter is so missionaries were captured by bet. the chapel of Zo-se. upon the Rev. Father Della Corte, S. | The building was began in the furns in the rigzag, and at each turn payment of heavy ranson, a notion

following year, 1870, and on the Feast there is a station of the Way of the drain on the funds of a poor mission of the Help of Christians, Bishop Ores. The stations are represented In another province two missionaria Languillat, who had returned from in bronze relief, and placed in simple, were besten and imprisoned. In the Rame, Inid the corner-stone. Two Tuscan niches about ten fest high Jeault Mission in which Zone is years later the church was completed ... To understand the special propriety altusted, but farther in the interior. a and dedicated, and at the opening of of such an approach to a shrine at Our | Father was driven with stones and May the first solemin nilgrimage was lady, it must be remembered that clubs from a town where he wished to celebrated. The Christians flocked to Wo-se is in a missionary land, whare satablish a station. Such dangers as the shrine from far and near, the the Way of the tires must frequently these, as well as the deily trials of the neighboring causis were lined with lake the place of the Holy Sacrifice of missionary life, the inequest priva-Lair boats, and as many as twenty the Altar. Many a missionary stations, the repair and an another the Altar. thousand assembled for the Peast. Is loft Sunday after Sunday without and solide in There were numerous confessions, and the Sacrifice of Calvary being renewed labor with two thousand approached the Holy within its modest little chipel, and but too of Sa the lot of the missionary Table at the pilgrim's Mass. Bishop the Christians have been taught to in Uhina. But when on the other Languillat, assisted by twenty-eight make up as well as may be by at least | hand one considers thereaults actually priests, conducted the ceremonies. commemorating the Sacrifice, and accomplished and the great field still The scene, me may well believe, was following their Savior in spirit inviting the spostolic faborer, when one of rare consolation for the zealons through the scenes of His sacred one reflects noon the millions and missionaries. The Bishop had himself passion and death. Thus the devotion | millions of benighted pagana awaiting confessed the faith in prison, and his of the Way of the Gross has for the the hour of grace and the approaching companions had had their years of thil scattered little flocks of China an fool'steps of the messengers of good but have recourse to Our Lady, Help and danger, and now the sight of importance which is unknown in lands fidings, the Christian's heart is stirred thousands of devout Ohristians blessed with a more numerous clergy. gathered in the face of the pagen Moreover, the persecutions which world to honor Our Lord and His arise, and the serious danger in which Blessed Mother, could not but arouse the Christians not unfrequently find within their breasts sentiments of joy themselves, naturally strengthen their and gratitude, mingled with a devotion to Our Lord's suffaring. consoling sense of triumph over the They know not how soon they may be powers of darkness and the enemies of called upon to suffer and even to die gospel. Thus one of them wrote of a for Him. When a foreign missionary scone at the solemn Risser "When the mosts with a violent death in China. preacher had ceased, another voice all the Western world is startled and was heard; it was that of the Bishop, shooked; but hundreds of natives may Standing on the spea where a temple lay down their lives for their faith. of false gods had stood, and as it were without exciting remarks scross the

> to bid defiance to persecution, the seasconfessor of the faith intened the The chapel, constructed in the Orado in unum Doum, the Oraed shape of a Greek pross, is neither which begets martyrs and which embitions in style nor of imposing traverses the centuries victoriously, proportions. Solidity rather than in spite of the efforts of hell and in clegance was sought in its constructhe testh of tyrant's hate. It Hon. Yet its simple portions and triumphed over ancient Rome in the Dorio columns, while imparting an air aronas and amphithestres, and the of strength, are not without arobitectpretoriums of China shall not prevail ural attractions. The northern arm against it any more than did those of of the cross is compled by the main Nero and Diooletian. The arm of God altar and the sanctuary, and in each is not shortened; and blood shall of the three other faces there are never cease to flow gloriously in His three large doors, so that the whole Ohurch, for the heralds of Ohrist shall chapel can be opened at once.

way from the fact that they are as From the house to the church above killed in the tributary state of Cores arranged that there are just fourteen, gands and only released on the to arear bue ed dons A TOWTAND SUCOMUS. - APO with noble prompting of seal: and Obristian generorsity would offer itself to carry the light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. The Protestante of the United States, though the results of their missions in Ohins are not abundant. send out and sustain at a vast ar pane numerous missionaries, many of whom mon and women alike, devote them. solves with arder to the nonversion of the heathen. Yet it was to His Ohnroh, and to no other, that Onr Lord addressed the commissions "Gloing therefore, teach ye all nations." Though the Church is the United States has not thus far been in 's position to take an active part in the evangelization of the pages world. still the time will come, and then soon we may hope, when missionaries and missionary funds will begin to evone the Pacific, to ecoperate with the zealous missionaries from Europe in the glocious work of bringing into the fold of Christ the swarming millions of Calhay. ao - = Of all the svils that afflict man-

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memory, nor can it lay claim to striking miracles. Yet its history, going back but a quarter of a century. is none the less interesting for being may hope, no less real for being hidden.

The year 1870 is a sad one in the annals of Catholic missions in China. Agitations against foreigners had for more than a year been fomenting in various provinces of the empire, and succeeded so well in exciting the no one knew where or when they populace, that it was no easy task to would break out into open violence, quell the violent feelings. The simple people, who are naturally residents of the foreign settlement of a no less gentle and friendly dispoeition to-day than they were when defence, and some English gentleman described by Pliny, were goaded on by kindly extended their protection to their leaders, the mandarins and the the Catholic missionary establishment men of letters. France was in trouble of Zi-ha-wei, four or five miles out of ing hills offered many an attractive history and, on viewing them, the Not content with ravaging the at home, and the Catholic mission- the city. aries, without their accustomed protection, could not but view the approaching storm with a sense of night of the thirteenth it was insecurity. During the year 1869, an rumored, had been fixed upon for an still seen, and the annals of Song-English missionary was murdered within thirty-five miles of Tien-tsin, their vigilance, and a company of astonishing eractness, inform us of an important port of the North. In Frenchmen remained up all night in the South, a French Catholic missionary and forty native Christians were massacred. Finally, in June 1870, the disturbance, and with the morning in 1049 and was known as the "Light little foreign community of Tien-tain was visited, and the Christian world was shooked by the frightful report populace began to subside, and before from that day that twenty foreign two months had passed, Father Della residents, including ten Sisters of Corte, who still lives to tell the story Charity, had been murdered there in of Our Lady's singular protection. saw a single riot. "You wish to kill us Europeans," said the heroic Superioress to the rioters; "then come, we are, ten; my companions await you in the a circular to all of the priests and of the bamboo grove, and casting the chapel. But spare, we beseech you spare the Chinese who are with us." The victims of that day's massacre included two members of the French Legation to Pekin, with the wife of one of them, a French and a Russian he had vowed in commemoration of merchant with their wives, the French Consul. a French missionary. a native priest, and more than thirty native among the wealthy mercantile and dilapidated and abandoned state Christians.

event reached the different provinces, the feelings of the missionaries may be families gave as much as a thousand imagined. The news was everywhere received by the pagans with demonstrations of joy and triumph. The on the streets of Shanghai, had put by 1863, General Gordon, after the time had come, it was said, to raise a hundred dollars against the ills that capture of Song-kiang, retired with and rid the empire once for all of the might come upon him with age. On his little army to the vicinity of Zo-se. hated intruders. It was, indeed, hearing of the chapel to be built at He was on friendly terms with Father a critical movement, and not a Zo-se, he gave up his little hoard to Lieveille, who was then missionary of missionary, we may be sure, ventured Our Lady, relying upon her mercy to the district and who recalls with missionary, we may be sure, ventured out in the discharge of his sacred duties, without a fervent act of contrition in his heart and a generous offering of his life to Him for Whose She did not waste her affections upon love he had sought such inhospitable it, as some little children of the West idelatry, and at his request Colonel shores. Thus fortified, the missionary might do, but with the true instinct of Thompson, Gordon's lieutenant, sent

protection. A few days later, Father Della Corte received a visit at his residence in

Shunghai from no less a personage recent, and the favors obtained than the chief justice of the province, and heard." through Our Lady of Zo-se are, we who came to express his sympathy of Tien-tsin. It was to the interest of the government to prevent further

outrages against Europeans, and the mandaring had to shape their conduct accordingly. They had, however, The organized companies for their own

Towards the middle of July the excitement reached a climax. The uprising. The foreigners redoubled king, kept according to custom with front of the Church. The night different buildings, passed, however, without any sign of came the feling of relief that the crisis was over. The excitement of the towards the end of the fourteenth that his prayer had been heard, and that it remained but to build the votive chapel. In September he issued Christians of the mission, recalling the shadow of the solitary tower far out serious danger through which by a special favor they had all passed but admire the taste of the old bonzes unharmed, and inviting their cooperation in building the chapel which Our Lady's protection.

lettered classes, and the church had to when that part of the hill came into When the news of the shocking be built principally by the contribu- the possession of the Fathers. They tions of the poor. However, three prudently refrained from exciting the dollars each. An old peddler by dint though the cook, a native Christian, and hard economy during long years out up the idols for fire-wood. In could, indeed, go forth bravely and her race, she intended it for the his men to pull down the old pageds,

John, sdopted as their device: Non stands on the very crest of a hill, possizious non loqui. We cannot but there extends along the whole fagade speak the things which we have seen a high parapat, reached on either side

with the missionaries for the and affair of Zo-se derives a special interest surmounted by eight granite lions, from the fact that the hill had for four of natural size and the others centuries been a favorite site for slightly smaller. Strange ornamants, shrines of Buddha A corrupted form It may seem, for a shrine of Our Lady; of Buddhism, though repudiated by but the visitor ceases to wonder when the lettered class and executed by the he learns that the lions are the spoils adequately describe its powers and professors of Confucianism, is still the of paganism. In former canturies they prevailing religion of China's masses. | guarded the temples of idolatry which In selecting sites for their pagodas clustered around Zo-se, and which and monasteries, the bonzes manifest have all disappeared and given place no mean appreciation of natural to the shrine of the Blessed Mother of Death himself. With its mighty beauties and the picturesque effect to God. The timeworn appearance of soythe, it mows down battalions of be produced by their fanastic the lions and their familiar conven- the human race, and sweeps them architecture. Zo se and the neighbor- tional type, bespeak their former into the whirlpool of, destruction. site, and when Song-kinng was at the pligrim's heart is filled with for at the height of its prosperity, Zo-se became triumph of Christ and His Blessed the resort of Buddhist monks. The Mother over one of Satan's strongruins of their extensive monasteries are | holds, the dates and the names of the

> The first one was recorded was built of the Universe." It, was burnt down contury, but its old tower still stands. presenting a desolate but picturesque sight, in a beautiful apot on, the northwestern skirt of the hill, When the evening sun oreps sround the shoulder of the hill, throwing hi mellow mays upon the aspen leaver upon the rice fields below, one cannot who fixed their home and built their temple in such a charming sollinde. On the other side of the hill, about

half way up the scont, there was Chinese Christians as a rule are not pagoda which still existed in pagans by destroying the temple.

never comes to proclaim to their parnelling of large numbers passing persocutors the words of Peter and in and out at a time. As the shapel by a broad granite steirway. The A shrine of OurLady on the summit massive balustrade of the parapet is

> And when from the llon's parapet the pilgrim casts his even over the extended plains below, over the green rice fields, rich with the year's yield; and the petwork of canals lined with their bamboos and willows, and when he follows the silvery streams from James Doyle. village to village, to the towers of Song king and Tsing-poo on the south and west, and to the smoke of Shanghai on the north eastern horizon, he finds it is a consoling and grateful thought that in the teeming population of the ferbile plain around him, there are no fewer than fifty-three thousand four hundred Christian souls replained from the slavery of idolatry. Nowhere in the world. uarhans is fact a denser rural population than in the rich plain surveyed from the summit of Zo-se and nowhere in China is the proportion of Christians so large as in the hill there is a hamlet, with its little a thriving town is seen, with its more pretentions oburoh. the central missionary station of more than a nothing but the decorative inscriptions and capable of accompositing three thousand worshippers at the solemn coremonies of the Church. The missionary in China is, indeed

this, all other avils sink into insignificance. War, famine, pestilence, ara only abadows in comparison. These have their times and reasons. and like all things human ultimately decay and perish, but drunkenness abides with us for ever. It is the eternal companion of humanity demon-spirit which defies exorciam. No human tongue or pen can ravages. It is more like an exotic from hell than a natural growth- of parth o In its universal destructiveness ranks next to the grim monster body it penetrates the immortal regions of the soul, and lays there the seeds of corruption and decay. Reason itself, the finest faculty of man, surrenders its power at the approach of this dread monster. - No exhalation ever rose from the fathomises abyse of sin so thoroughy imprognated with the seeds of moral and material . industry. ---

If people understood how much of the onvalcal suffering incident to proiract. ed sessons of hot weather is due to the tood they sat there would be more common sense used in the selection of diet It is not at all uncommon to see in any city restaurant men plying fans lodes triously with one hand, while with the other mey convey to their mouths reast beal with a groany rich gravy, pots toes Leavily buttered, or port and beens, Haying filed their stounch with a heavy charge, they go out into the heatsd air and wonder why ther suffer seconderably from the heat. If they loaded the furnaces in their bouses with fuel and applied fire to it they would not wonder why the house was missionary district of which Zo-se is uncomfortably warm. Not they will do the centre. Almost at the foot of the a similar thing to their bodies and then wonder and suffer and groen. In hot white church conspicuous above the jed to insure comfort and health-food cottage and in its population of over a and drink that are stimulating or are thousand souls there is not a pagen rich in carbon or nitrogen. Any perfamily. On the broad Shanghai canal and can subsist on about one half the food in the summer that is required in the winter, and the summer diet should consist chiefly of vegenales, fruits, milk and the farinaceons foods. Fish thousand Obristians. In Song siang should take the place of boot. Pors there is a neat little ohurch so tasts- should be wholly discarded. Milk can fully and appropriately adorned, that be used in place of yeal. Spring lamb is always wholesome. Macapoal the in graceful Chinese characters recall Various preparations of wheat, faring tosst, asparagus, custards, fruits and to the visitor that he is in a missionary the scores of similar delicacies, with land. In a populous suburb of some light most like ismb, tangue Shanghai is the missionary cathedral chicken or fish, once a day should com with its sweet-toned bamboo organ attitute the dally food. A little common sense lies at the bottom of all physics comfort in these torrid days, and comfort is a more important factor in rood bealth than is generally understood.

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