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A CHINAMAN'S ORITICISM OF OUF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Hon. Wu Ting Fang represents Chi na at Washington. Bret Harte would call him the "heathen Chinee." No sitting in the middle of the pinapple doubt he is a heathen; nevertheless he field, I came upon a pitiful sight-a a trifle over five years only, but he sees who was literally shot to pieces. One, things. He has been looking at out bullet had gone through his head anphia, addressing the Educational As- sounded like the noise made by poursociation, he asserted that defects ex- ing liquid from a bottle, and his comist. This intement, perhap may get rade kept the files from his face, that him into trouble; yet Minister Wu was clotted with blood and dirt, and doesn't seem to mind trouble. This waited. Occasionally, when the poor is part of what he said:

say there is something here (in our still as he could. public school system) which is lacking "Don't suppose there's a surgeon Unless I am grievously mistaken, your about?" he inquired, as I stopped system of education is directed merely would be later. to mental training. In other words, "Well," he remarked, quietly, "don't teach them useful subjects which will 'bout gone, I reckon." enable them to gain a livelihood. The breathing became weaker and which education should be directed, is the ghastly face and gently let the

morial meeting our Academy of Music was packed with the leading men of every class and every creed. Several statesmen and jurists spoke with uncommon eloquence, ex-Attorney-General Wayne MacVeagh among them, but it is the speech of the Archbishop

of Philadelphia that will longest be remembered by all who heard it on that lamentable day when our beloved President was buried. Not only is Archbishop Ryan the most eloquent orator I ever heard, and I have heard many such, both here and in England. Pay no money to agents unless they have but he is one of the saintliest and credentials signed by us up to date. wisest of men in the City of brocherly Love."

> St. Mary's Cathedral at l'eoria, Ill was dodicated last Tuesday with im posing ceremonies. The Right Rev P J. O'Reilly, Auxiliary Bishop of the diocese of Peoria, was the consecutor Among those present were Cardina Gibbons and Archbishop Riciden o San Francisco. The two distinguished churchmen also attended Biston Spriding's silver jubilee celebration or Thursday. THE DYING SOLDIER

Only One isolated Incident of a Now His torie Battlefield.

Just below the stone fort at Caney, in his lap the head of a poor fellow, fellow would groan a bit louder than

usual, the friend would change the dy-"My candid judgment compels me to ing man's position, but he held him as

you develop the students' brains; you suppose they could help him. He's

Your boys and girls have a general grayish pallor began to show through knowledge, perhaps superficial, of sub- the sweat and dirt and blood, and finjects useful in life. But let me ask, ally, without a tremor, breathing ceasdoes education only consist in mental ed. The soldier held his burden a motraining? Is that the only object to ment until he saw the end had come, tices."

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shipers. Have we not, in every land

where we had the power, probibited

the Roman worship Why have we, he only friends of religious liberty,

why have we, who have poured out

our treasure and our blood to redeem

he world from papal tyranny and su-

perstition, why have we done this, but

'or the reason that we have not dared olerate superstition and idolatry?"

"Why did the Jews. God's chosen

was to come, and who were hourly ex-

peting him and praying for his com-

.ng, crucify him between two thieves

when he did come, but on the pretext

that he had a devil and was a blas-

THE TWO BROTHERS. controversial Dialogue Between Presbyterian and His Catholic

> Brother, Leading up to Former's Conversion.

XXIV. "That is something to your purpose, and you will be entitled to a judgment if the evidence sustains you. You take now the only ground from which you can legitimately frame an argument against the church. Every neevious ground you have taken has been un-

phemer? Did the fact that they falsey accused him ,and then crucified him tenable, because it required the authorin that false accusation, supported by ity to maintain it which were contestfalse witnesses, render them the less ing, and which you had not, and were zuilty?" obliged to presume to be in the church "Do you mean to say that so many

herself. You undertook to prosecute great and good men ,so many pure and her under the law of grace, and failed oly men, the glory of their age, their for want of a court of competent jurountry , and their religion, have all isdiction. As she is presumptively unspired to bear false witness against the supreme courf, under that law inthe Romish church? The thing is institute no process against her; for to :redible.' every allegation you could make she

"More so than that the Jewish nahad only to plead want of jurisdiction. The only possible way of prosecuting ion conspired to crucify their God? her is under the law of nature, and it know nothing about your great and is only by proving her to have violated wood men, your pure and holy men; some precept of that law that you can but I know that whoever accuses the hurch of idolatry, or any species of obtain judgment against her. The law of nature fails, to some extent, unsuperstition, utters as foul a lie as did he wicked Jews who told our Lord he der the jurisdiction of reason, and reahad a devil, and that he plasphemed. son, to that extent, is its legal keeper and judge, and has the right to sit in No doubt, it is an easy matter to prove judgment on its infractions. As the the church guilty, if all you have to law of nature and that of grace both do is to bring a false accusation, ashave the same origin, are enacted by sume your own sanctity, and then con-, the supply keep up with the the same sovereign lawgiver, and as clude it must be well founded or you has eyes. He has been in the country in bin her the hard of a not helding, the latter confessedly presupposes the could not have made it. But your demand. Our line of styles is former and confirms it, it can never logic would be more respectable, if authorize what the former prohibits, from the falsity of your accusation any more than the former can author- you concluded your want of sarcuity. public achools with those almond other through his lungs and chest, ize what the latter prohibits, unless If the character of Protestantism is a shaped eyes of his, and sizing them up, tearing a horrible hole, from which we may suppose, what is not suppose presumption against their conspiracy and the other night, over in Philadel-was almost dead, and every breath. He able, that God may be in contradiction to bring a false accusation, the charac-with himself. The law of grace trans- ter of Catholics is a still stronger precends the law of nature, but does not sumption against their having conand cannot enjoin what it forbids. As spired to uphold and practice idolatry; superstition and idolatry are undenia for the great and pure and holy men bly forbidden by the law of nature .. who have lived and died in the Cathyou prove that they are authorized or olic faith, granting you all you can in any sense sanctioned by the church pretend to, are as a thousand to one you prove that she is not and cannot 'of those of Protestant communions. be the church of God. But she does But you forget that I was brought up not authorize or sanction them; she a Protestant, and that to talk to me strictly forbids them. Thus, in her of Prfotestant au outy is ridiculous. I catechism for children she teaches the am acquained with Protestants and with what they facetiously call their child to ask and answer. "What is forbidden by this (the religion. Our dear mother, too, was first) commandment '

brought up a Protestant, a Presbyter-"'To worship false gods or idols or ian, and yet what did she tell me on to give anything else whatsoever the her death-bed?" "What did she?"

"What else is forbidden by this "No matter now; but she did not die a Presbyteriau."

"'All false religious; all dealings "Did not? What mean you?" with the devil; and inquiring alter "Some day I may tell you, but you things to come, or secret things. by are not worthy to hear." fortune-tellers or superstitious prac-"Did my father know?"

"As much as you, and no more." "Did anybody know, but yourself?"



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this enough to make a boy or girl a head down to the ground and slowly observation of omeus, dreams and such good member of society? A man is got up. not here to learn simply useful sub- "Know him?" I asked.

teach respect to Heaven, reverence to Weekly. "'No, our sovereign rulers, and parents and beachers. In America you have in

your educational system everything In Rome there was not such a tenexcept moral teaching."

to hurl this brick at the lattle red as a protecting deity. But the Emperschool-house on the eve of his depar- ors feared the secret society, and forture for China, notes The Catholic bade all combinations except those Telegraph. Of course it strikes. The which would be known in our time as Hon. Wu has before demonstrated that he is a pretty accurate thrower. But inspired by the Christian Church in will the host of educational bugle- Rome seemed to clothe it around. It men forgive him. What right has a has been suggested that, after a time heathen to stand up and tell us the the church secured recognition as a truth. Are we not teaching botany, burial society, and so the catacombs and ornithology, and geology, and of the Roman Government, because physiology and psychology, and a host they were connected with this idea of other materialistic, monistic, hedon- of a burial club. In modern as in an-Istic things in our schools What cient times secret societies have greatwould Minister Wu have? Does he ly impressed the popular mind, al-though the motives for the formation of these bodies have been different. their heads entirely by taking up mor- Not religion so much as politics and al philosophy? Our educators prefer to supposed personal advantages have leave the teaching of morality to hea- been the impelling causes of most modthen educators, while they instruct our orn secret bodies. young how to go to grass.

mon in Minister Wu's remarks for present dynasty and an expected re-Catholics enamored of the public generation of the empire. But the school system; therefore we call their most modern of great states is scarcely more exempt than is the most ancient attention to his words of warning. Ma- from the secret society. America terial success is not all. Morality is counts its secret societies by the score, greater than the almighty dollar, and and their membership by the hundred the highest morality is based upon re- thousand. Heion, as even Washington asserted In Europe the Carbonari were a real Could Minister Wu remain five years much greater in the struggle for Italian longer in the country he might con- unity until the open movement assaciavince a number of people that all is ted with Mazzini and Garibaldi pracnot gold that glitters.

New York Sun, signing himself "Biddie," gives his opinion of the great and little in common between the Mafia beloved metropolitan of the Archdio- and the harmless temperance societies celle of Philadelphie in the following of England, but these latter have in glowing language: "Permit a protest- tome cases their oaths, ritual, and plowing language: "Permut a protest-pass-words, their gatherings being and to plater congratulations to the absolutely secret, and having, thereclimons of the United States, freespec- thus gathered in rather by the romanfive of politice, creeds or colors, on lic attraction of mystery than by reathe appointment of Archbishop Ryan on of the avowed object of the society. The popularity of students' clubs in a Funderplan on the Board of the Germany is partly due to good fellowaver in Thisdelphia that was more traction of some kind of "initiation" and the manual then the most and the

a Compose Shinop. Jew and Gena Francesson and Catholic, believes a man of all political per-

jects. I think that morality ought to "My brother," he canning suith And the making of managed them so as then he filled his lungs with one long, ""'It forbids the making them so as be cultivated. I have seen the most deep sigh and gazed off to the hills for to adore them; that is, it forbids mak. all things. Angels of mercy, messenlearned men through lack of princi- a moment with a far-away, thoughtful ing them our gods." ples, reduced to mere wrecks of what look, and I could see that he was look-! "Does this commandment forbid all they might have been. In China we ing into some home and wondering honor and veneration of saints and they do and can find no admission. All

Secret Societies.

dency to secret societies because of the

It is really unkind of Minister Wu immense awe in which the Roman held the state itself, which was worshiped

China is understood to be honeycombed with secret societies, whose ob-Nevertheless, there may be a ser- ject is mainly the overthrow of the

> power, and were supposed to be a tically ended the reign of secrecy. But

at the present time all over Southern A Philadelphia correspondent to the Italy and Sicily the secret society with Its "theory of the dagger" is a very real and important fact. There seems ident of the United States and the fore an attraction for many who are Commission. No man ever phip, but partly to the mysterious at-

At Port Elizabeth, South Africa, a lew Sundays ago, Miss Rita Wilmot, a Contract and chose units in deminiter of Hon. A. Wilmot, of the South Arrival Logislative Connect, be man Serier Thesis of the Dominiter

President with high the

like fooleries.' "'Does this commandment forbid

honor which belongs to God.

commandment"

"'What else?'

"No, we are to honor them as ing is too good for him to do for those God's special friends and servants, but who are obedient to his grace."

God 'And is it allowable to honor relics terianism, and became a papist?" crucifixes and holy piotures?

"Yes, with the inferior and rela may recollect that during the last them.'

May we, then, pray to relics and "True, and my father and I thought images?

the church denies your charge. The must prove her guilty of superstition

and idolatry." reformers charged her with idolatry day to reiterate the charge."

accused the church of idolatry, but that received them, there was no opportunis not to the purpose. You must ity, till she became unable to do so. prove your allegation."

"Why, you might as well ask me to it." prove that there is a sun in the heav- "I will prove it, but you must excuse ens. All the world knows that the me now. Our conversation has been church of Rome is sunk in the greatest long, and I am fatigued. But to-moridolatry and the foulest superstition." row, God willing, I will prove that the "Words, words, brother; give mi Romish church is an idolatrous

the proofs." ahurch.' "Proofs! You need no proofs. The fact is undeniable, and nothing but the it, or I shall require you to own that

grossest impudence on the part of the Romish church could ever dream of Protestantism-

denying it." "No advance in the argument native. If I fail to establish the charge brother. Have you yet to learn that of idolatry and superstition against the unsupported assertions of a may the Romish church. I will consent who admits that he speaks without au. that the reformers be branded as calthority are not proofs? Here is the umniators, and that Protestants are church, on the one hand, teaching her and have been from the first acting children, in the very first lessons shi under the delusion of Satan."

charge, or withdraw it."

history? Do you not read it in the chapter. very elementary book for children Look at the great and enlightener state of Massachusetts! She prohibit by law all sectorianism in her admir

home?' gers of grace are sometimes sent even

things are possible with (lod, and noth-

not with the honor which belongs to "Am I to understand that my mother on her death-bed renounced Presby-

"She did not die a Presbyterian. You

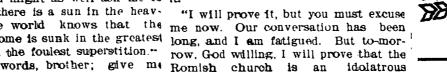
tive honor, as they relate to Christ week of her life she refused to see Mr. and his saints, and are momorials of Grimface, her old Presbyterian pastor."

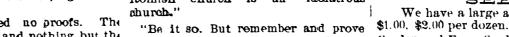
it strange; but as we had no doubt of "'No; by no means; for they have her being one of the elect, it gave us no life or sense to hear or help us.' no great uneasiness. But there was no "Here, then, is evidence enough that Romish priest within 200 miles of us." burden of proof is on you, and you i have no could use but more I "I have no doubt that my mother will not tell you till you prove or with-

"And I am ready to prove it. The draw your charge against the church." "But why did not our mother tell us

and we have never ceased from their all, as well as you, of her apostasy?" "She knew both your father and you, "But a lie, though a milion time and that, if she had told you, she repeated, is none the less a lie. No- would have been denied the last conbody disputes that Protestants have solation of religion; and after she had

But your change-prove or withdraw





"Is of the devil. I accept the alter-

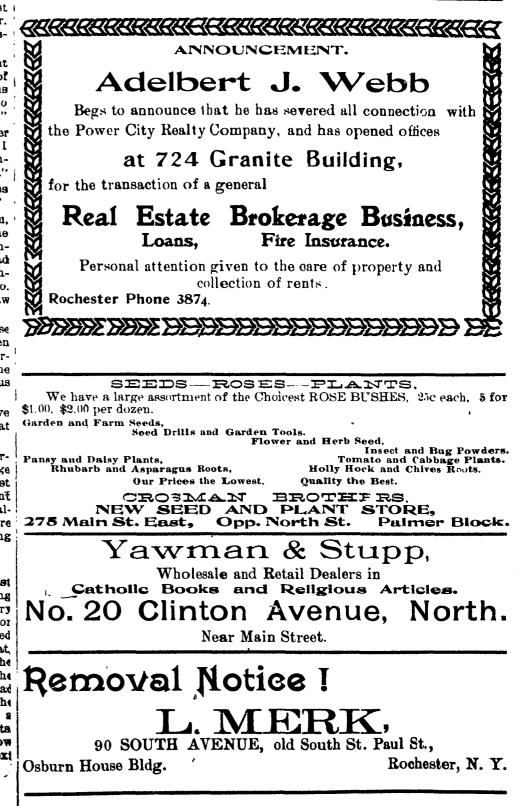
teaches hem, to abhor idols and al "See that you keep your word." superstitious practices; and here are The brothers separated for the rest you, on the other hand, accusing he of the day, and James, though pleading of superstition, and that worst and fatigue, betook himself to his library most abominable species of superstil to look up his proofs and prepare for tion-idolatry-she in possession to b the morrow. He felt that all depended presumed to be the church of God, and on the issue he had joined, and that, your presumptively a rebel agains if he failed to justify his charge, he God. and a caluminato, until you make could no longer pretend to uphold the good your charge. Prove, then, the reformers. Hitherto his brother had kept him discussing the law of the

"The reformers proved it, the great case; but now he thought he saw a est and best of our writers have as chance of extering upon its merits serted it; it is a question settled,, re and of introducing his witnesses. How adjudicata. Has it not entered into he succeeded will be related in the next

(To Be Continued.)

An International Congress in honor able system of schools, and the intro of the Bleased Virgin will be held a duction into them of any books which Fribourg, Switzerland, on the 18th of show any preference for one religiou next August. One of the questions denomination over another; and ye to be discussed is "The Blessed Wirgin she does not healtate to permit the in and the Conversion of England." The roduction of books which teach the proparations are in the fands of Mgn aplate are Mointons and tangen yric Kleiser, Fribrary.





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