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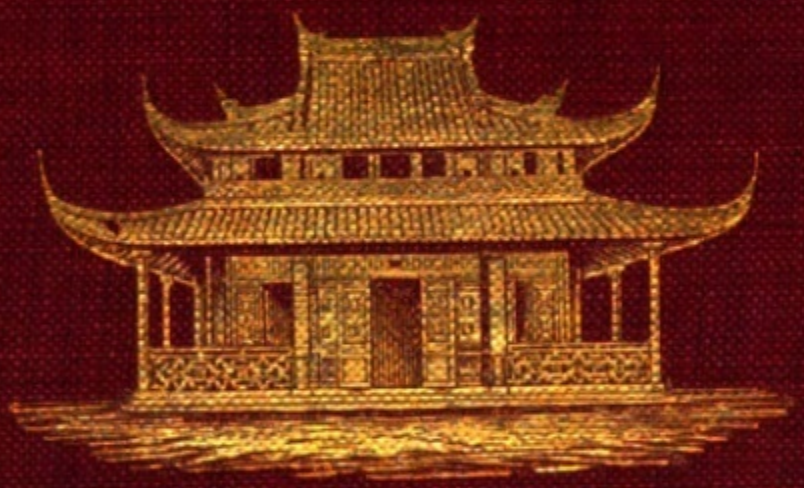
A Story of Mission Work in North China



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Mrs. Innocent.

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Tientsin : Junk Sailing.

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Tientsin : Palace North Street.
Near site of the old Kung Pei Chapel.

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and all business suspended. The canal and roads were crowded with fugitives escaping for their lives from the doomed city. Next day we returned to Shanghai. Rain was falling in torrents adding to the wretchedness of the flying populace. The miserable scenes of that exodus will never be erased from our minds. Nine days later, on the 2nd of June, the rebels took the city without assault. The ruin and carnage were fearful."

Two subsequent visits were made to Suchow, one on the 30th of June, 1860, when Mr. Hall accompanied Messrs. Edkins and Griffith John on a visit, and another, on the 30th of July, when Mr. Innocent accompanied the same gentleman with one or two others. Mr. Innocent's language on the occasion of his first visit, as we have seen, was sufficiently enthusiastic, but his language is far surpassed by that of Mr. Hall, who was carried away by its splendour, its luxuriance, and its licentiousness. But on the second visit there was an awful change. "A mass of charred and desolate heaps." "The canal for miles so thickly covered with the noisome floating carcasses of the dead that in many places it was with difficulty that our boat could be pushed through." Such havoc had been wrought in two short months.

Both the visits just referred to were made at the instance of the rebel chiefs themselves, the latter one by express invitation of the "Kun Wang," who was Prime Minister, and the leading strategist of the movement. His name was Hung Jen, and he was cousin to the rebel Emperor Hung Hsiu Ch'üan. Both these men were earnest Christians. Their army was a Christian army, and knelt for prayers morning and evening. They were anxious to have Christian teaching in their

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River Pei-ho, Tientsin.

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A Tea Booth in Tientsin.

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Tientsin : Old Clothes Street.

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