THE CHINESE AT NORTH ADAMS.

THEIR PROGRESS AS SHOEMAKERS-THEIR HABITS. A correspondent of the Boston Advertiser writes from North Adams as follows: -

"It was not without some minor difficulties that the company of raw Chinese landed at Mr. Sampson's doors last June were transformed into the force of competent shoemakers who now make the bottomers' room of his factory hum like a beehive, every team at work, and not a white man to be seen in the hall. The obstacles of the want of a common language and the hostilities of the Crispins made the progress at the outset slow and halting. At first only indifferent instructors could be obtained, and with poor teachers the learners naturally made poor shoes, and there was the discouraging task of unlearning to be gone through. But at last exorbitant prices brought competent shoemakers to teach the new apprentices; and the expedient of hanging up a perfect shoe for each team to model from brought about the desired result, in that the imitative workmen avoided copying the casual errors and awkwardness of their teachers. Then the progress became steady; and those qualiby experience to judge, say it has been quite worthy to compare with that of any set of green hands of any nationality during the same length of time. In the whole company of seventy-five there were found three men inclined to take things easily, and to reflect with equanimity on the fact that their wages were paid by the month and not by the job. A happy thought put these men into the same team, where they could hinder nobody but each other, and where any disposition to idle over the work would be at once apparent; and the "lazy team" now does as much work as any in the room. With this single exception, there has been universal ambition to advance as fast as it was deemed best to have progress made; and the result has been completely satisfactory. "The way in which this progress was regu-

lated is curious, and worth noting for the benefit of other manufacturers who may, in the course of human events, find themselves charged with the task of educating Oriental workmen. When the room got 'fairly to going' Mr. Foreman Ah Sing, otherwise Charlie, informed his men that they might see how much they could do in the week. The result was recorded, and the next week they tried it again. There was an advance in the number but the slightest possible deterioration in the quality of the shoes made. The boys were hurrying too much; so the word was given to hold on, make only the number of cases already reached, and make them well. At once the desired improvement was visible, without any loss of speed. Then the system of 'stints' was resorted to, for a change. Each team was given a certain number to be done in the day, and done well, the men to have all time saved for leisure. The emulation thus produced worked the best results. Some smart teams finished their stint at three o'clock; nearly all at five, the regular hour of closing being six. Thus the ambition of the new hands is guided; what is gained in the quantity of shoes made is not lost in the quality of the product; and the progress is both swift and steady. In a solitary instance there was found a little carelessness, an inclination to get the stint done early at the cost of a little rough workmanship in the shoe; but Ah Sing's understanding of his men and ready wit were again prompt with a remedy. The careless team was docked fifty cents or so on wages. The Chinaman's tender spot was found-a weakness not so very unlike that of the average Yankee that we can afford to sneer at it - and there has been no more cause for complaint in the character of the shoes completed by that team. This week there are no stints the room is doing all it can; and the result will be a gain of ten cases on the former max-

"Three of the Chinese have been taught the use of the difficult and intricate pegging machine. They learned readily and well spoiling fewer shoes in the process than any green hands who have learned the trade in the same shop before them. And what they know they know not superficially but thoroughly. They understand their machines as a Nankee would, and can oil them, put them in order, and take them to pieces if need be, as well as they work them.

"The number of shoes which the smartest

Chinese team can turn out in a given day is

not yet equal to that which a veteran trio of shoemakers of Caucasian blood has been able to finish in the same time. There is no apparent reason why the same rate of work should not be reached eventually; but three months of practice is too soon to look for it. Nevertheless the shoemakers even now accomplish the same amount of work in a month which the same number of white Crispins have done. It is the old story of the hare and the tortoise. The Chinamen work steadily along from the week's beginning to the week's end, and, what is still more in contrast with the experience of the employers of white mechanics as they average in our day, the Chinamen begin promptly at the week's beginning

again. The representative smart man of the Crispin lodge does his ninety pairs of shoes a day for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; lies off to rest Thursday; works again, perhaps, on Friday; stops in the middle of the day Saturday, takes his wages, and proceeds to spend them. He is missing on the following Monday and Tuesday-perhaps driving a fast horse, perhaps drinking in the saloon, perhaps visiting his sweetheart in the next town, perhaps gone to Boston to see the sights, possibly reading Æschylus in his private room or canvassing his district in support of Mr. Wendell Phillips-at any rate absent from his bench at the shop; throwing the team to which he belongs into confusion, and materially reducing his tally and the aggregate production of the factory. Perhaps when he returns to work in the middle of the week his hands are trembling, his eyes dimmed with Æchylus, his interest more fixed on Mr. Wendell Phillips than on his last, and so the shoe he throws into the heap is not equal to the smart man's usual standard. None of these things happen to Ah My. He likes his work so well that in the summer mornings he is found at his post at a quarter before 6, three-quarters of an hour before the time when the working day begins. He is glad when the day is ended, to be sure; and jumps about and chatters as merrily as a boy let loose from school; but he never anticipates the hour at this end of the day, and his shoes are alike on all days of the week. He

the days of the local fair. "It is this evenness and faithfulness of werk, this display of qualities on which the employer can rely in making up his programme and accepting contracts for the season, that makes Mr. Sampson abundantly

even ignores that great New Eugland festival

of cattle show, which the Crispin or the girl

in the print factory observes as faithfully as

the farmer of hundreds of acres; and this

week, for the first time in a life's experience.

Mr. Sampson has kept his shop going through

satisfied with the experiment he has made so well pleased, indeed, that as he extends his business he will bring more new apprentices from California or from China, mix them in with those now at work, and so teach them more quickly and more cheaply than the first were taught. His enterprise has cost him \$30,000-more than half in money paid out, the rest in loss of time while teaching the new comers a few at a time-but he now produces shoes of unexceptionable quality for two dollars a case less than he ever did before, and confidently counts on soon getting out the best shoes put in the market anywhere for six dollars a case less than indifferent ones formerly cost him. Readers familiar with such matters can estimate for themselves whether at the end of his three years' contract his investment is likely to prove a sagacious one."

BISMARCK'S RELIGIOUS CHARACTER. BY PHILIP SCHAFF, D. D.

Dr. Schaff is one of the most eminent German scholars in this country. - ED. ]

The astounding events now passing in Europe remind me of my promise to translate for the N. Y. Observer extracts from some interesting and characteristic letters of Count Bismarck which I collected last year in Prossia and which give unmistakable evidence that this extraordinary man-the victor of Napoleon and the first statesman of the ageis no stranger to religious experience. His master, King William, is an honest, God-fearing old soldier, and every observer of his public conduct in this French war must have been struck with the tone of unaffected modesty, truthfulness, and pious recognition of the hand of God in the events of history. I am confident that Bismarck fully shares these feelings. I know from a number of facts which I learned from his pastor (the Rev. Mr. Southron, a most earnest evangelical preacher in Berlin,) and several of his intimate friends, that, whatever may have been his former life, he is now a man of decided Protestant religious convictions and irreproachable private character. But let him speak for himself. [From a letter dated Berlin, Dec. 26, 1865.]

"My Dear A. - Although I am hard pressed for time, I cannot leave unanswered an interpellation which is addressed to me from an honest heart with an appeal to Christ's name. I sincerely regret if I give offense to believing Christians, but I am certain that in my position such offense is unavoidable. In the camp of my necessary political opponents there are, no doubt, many Christians who are far ahead of me on the way of salvation, and yet, on account of what on both sides belongs to earth, I must live in conflict with them. I need only appeal to what you say yourself:- 'Nothing of the public life on ahigh eminence remains hidden.' Where is the man who, in such a position, does not give offense, justly or unjustly? I concede more than this, for your utterance that nothing remains hidden is not true. Would to God that, besides what the world knows of me, I had no other sins on my soul, for which I hope forgveness only by trusting in the blood of Christ (fur die ich nur im Vertrauen auf Christi Blut Vergebung hoffe). \* \* \* As a statesman, I am not even sufficiently bold, but rather timid in my feeling, because it is not easy in questions with which I have to wrestle to gain that clearness on which alone trust in God can thrive. He who calls me an unserupulous politician does me injustice: let him first try his conscience on this battle-field. \* \* \* If I stake my life on this cause, I do it in that confidence in God which I have nursed and strengthened in long and severe conflict, but in honest and humble prayer to God."

In a letter to his wife, written from Frankfort, 1851. Bismarck confesses to a serious change of his view of the world: -

"Day before yesterday I dined with at Wiesbaden, and looked, with a mixture of sadness and wisdom, upon the theatre of former folly. May it please God to fill with His clear and strong wine that vessel in which, twenty years ago, the champagne of youth uselessly evaporated, leaving but empty dregs behind. Where and how may -

and Miss — be now? How many are dead and buried, with whom I then wasted away the time in courting, drinking, gambling (mit deuen ich damals liebelte, becherte, wurfelte)! How many changes has my view of the world (Weltauschanung) undergone within the last fourteen years! How much appears to me little now, what then appeared great: how much is venerable to me what I then laughed at! How many a leaf may yet bud from our inner man and worthlessly fade away till another fourteen years have passed by, if we should live till 1865!

"I cannot conceive how a man who reflects, and yet ignores God, can endure life for contempt and ennui. I do not know how I stood it formerly. If I had to live now as I did then, without God, without thee, without children, I could see no reason why I should not lay off this life like an unclean shirt. And yet most of my acquaintances are in this condition, and yet they live. If I ask, in individual cases, what justifies this or that man to continue to live, to labor, to worry himself, to intrigue and to act as a spy, I verily do not know.

"You must not infer from this scribbling that I feel particularly gloomy; on the coutrary, I feel as if, on a beautiful September day, I looked upon the leaves as they turn yellow; healthy and chesrful, yet a little sad, a little homesick, longing after the wood, the sea, the wilderness, after thee and the children,-all mixed with sunset and Beethoven.

THE QUESTION OF DESCENT. -At a recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, an English bishop closed a sarcastic speech against the Darwinians by turning to Professor Huxley, their leading representative, and blandly asking, in the presence of the large audience: "Is the learned gentleman really willing to have it go forth to the world that he believes himself to be descended from a monkey?" Professor Huxley rose and replied in his quiet manner: -"It seems to me that the learned bishop hardly appreciated our position and duty as men of science. We are not here to inquire what we would prefer, but what is true. The progress of science from the beginning has been a conflict with old prejudices. The origin of man is not a question of likes and dislikes, to be settled by consulting the feelings, but it is a question of evidence, to be settled by strict scientific investigation. But, as the learned bishop is curious to know my state of feelings upon the subject, I have no hesitation in saying that, were it a matter of choice with me (which clearly it is not) whether I should be descended from a respectable monkey, or from a bishop of the English Church who can put his brains to no better use than to ridicule science and misrepresent its cultivators, I would certainly choose the

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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, administrator of the estate of Alexander Armstrong, deceased, andto report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment on TUESDAY, October 18, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 32 S. THIRD Street, in the city of Philadelphia. SAMUFL B. HUEY, Auditor.

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No. 1. All those two contiguous lots or pieces of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon creeted, situate on the east side of Broad street, in the city of Philadelphia, one of them beginning at the distance of nineteen feet seven nches and five-eighths southward from the southeas corner of the said Broad and Coates streets; thence extending eastward at right angles with said Broad street eighty-eight feet one inch and a half to ground now or late of Samuel Miller; thence southward along said ground, and at right angles with said Coates street, seventy-two feet to the northeast cor-ner of an alley, two feet six inches in width, leading southward into Penn street; thence west-ward crossing said alley and along the lot of ground hereinafter described and at right, angles with said Broad street, seventy-nine feet to the east side of the said Broad street; and thence northward along the east line of said Broad street seventy-two feet to the place of beginning. Subject to a Ground Reni

of \$250, silver money.

No. 2. The other of them situate at the northeast corner of the said Broad street and Penn street, containing in front or breadth on the said Broad street eighteen feet, and in length or depth eastward along the north line of said Penn street seven-ty-four feet and two inches, and on the line of said lot parallel with said Penn street seventy-six feet five inches and three-fourths of an inch to said two feet six inches wide alley. Subject to ground rent

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No. 3, All that certain lot or piece of ground be ginning at the S. E. corner of Coates street and Broad street, thence extending southward along the said Broad street nineteen feet seven inches and fiveeighths of an inch; thence eastward eighty feet one inch and one-half of an irch; thence northward, at right angles with said Coates street, nine feet to the south side of Coates street, and thence westward along the south side of said Coates street ninety feet

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