

Last Request of Roswell Borden, who died at his residence in Charleston, Feb. 18, 1866.

Draw near my loved ones,
The death trumpet's now,
It's calling on you all,
To meet your Maker's call.

Historical.

Men and Manners in China.

Sir John Bowring has sent to the London Athenaeum an early copy of a letter on the population of China, addressed to the Registrar General, London, and read to the China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

The Population.—There has been no official census taken since the time of King, forty-three years ago. Much doubt has been thrown upon the accuracy of those returns, which give 362,447,183 as the total number of the inhabitants of China.

Divisions of Men.—According to ancient usage, the population in China is grouped under four heads: 1. Scholars; 2. Husbandmen; 3. Mechanics; 4. Merchants.

Emigration from China.—The constant flow of emigration from China, contrasted with the complete absence of immigration into China, is striking evidence of the redundancy of the population.

Infanticide.—There are various opinions as to the extent of infanticide in China; but that it is a common practice in many provinces admits of no doubt.

Polygamy.—Generally, the wife willingly coincides with the husband in introducing into the household any number of concubines whom he is able to maintain.

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A frightful percentage of those who emigrate.

Food and Cultivation.—The arts of draining and irrigating—of preserving, preparing, and applying manure in a great variety of shapes—of fertilizing seeds—indeed, all the details of Chinese agriculture—are well deserving of note, and all display evidence of the inadequate proportion which the produce of the soil bears to the demands for the consumption of the people.

The Chinese, again, have no prejudices whatever as regards food; they eat anything and everything from which they can derive nutrition. Dogs, especially puppies, are habitually sold for food; and I have seen in the butchers' shops large dogs skinned and hanging with their viscera by the side of pigs and goats.

As the food the Chinese eat is for the most part hard, coarse, and of little cost, so their beverages are singularly economical. Drunkenness is a rare vice in China, and fermented spirits or strong drinks are seldom used.

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first law of Confucius; authority and submission the apex and the basis of the social pyramid.

The sentiment of dishonor attached to the extinction of a race by the want of descendants, through which the whole line of reverential services (which some have called religious worship) rendered to ancestors is to be perpetual, is by no means confined to the privileged classes in China.

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Brigham Young on Characters, Use of Devils, etc.

Some of you have been brought before the High Council charged with this fault and with that, and you say that it is too much for you—that you cannot bear it.

Do not be scared if it is proven against some, before the bishop's court, that you did steal the poles from your neighbor's garden fence.

Some Shaking.

Tom is a queer genius, and lets off some tall ones occasionally. He visited us the other day in our sanctum, with a "How do you do, old fellow?"

Can't believe anything like that, Tom.

Do you not suppose that it is necessary to have devils mixed up with us to make saints of us? We are as yet obliged to have devils in our community; we could not build up the kingdom without them.

Live here, then, you poor, miserable curses, until the time of retribution, when your heads will have been severed from your bodies.

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An Ancient Ruin Discovered.

About six miles north of Santa Cruz, California, there is a small romantic but secluded mountain-bound valley, containing about 150 acres of level and fertile land, formed around the junction of two small creeks dipping from the northeast and north out of two deep canyons.

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How Jim Whicker's Head got Bald.

Jim Whicker and a friend (to be named) follow, with a very young "flea" but by reason of having no hair, he looked very old from his eyes being white and very round to the back of his head.

You see, the hair did keep rather scarce about my scalp, and I was rubbing in one thing and another to fetch it out, for I was certain the roots wasn't dead, though there was little to be seen above the ground.

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