

Sir Robert Hart, who of all living Europeans probably best understands the Chinese, concludes a series of articles in the Forthrightly Review with a statement of his idea as to how matters in the East may be permanently improved and friction between the Chinese and foreigners obviated.

The recent outbreak and present complications, of which he has given an explanation, he puts aside as temporary episodes and deals with the general enduring question of Chinese hostility to foreigners and how to do away with it.

On the other hand offence has often been given unintentionally by foreigners. The establishment of the treaty ports brought with it smuggling and the iniquitous legislation of the opium trade which the Chinese were endeavoring to put down.

That remedy, Sir Robert Hart suggests consists in giving an international application to the Golden Rule and treating China as any other civilized nation is treated.

From his long experience with the Chinese, Sir Robert Hart believes that they can be trusted to deal equitably with foreigners dwelling among them.

DO NOT WAIT FOR OTHERS

Rev. Dr. Talmage Advises Persistent Prayer.

A despatch from Washington says: Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text:—"And there was a great rain."—1 Kings, xviii. 45.

A long, consuming drought had come upon the land. The leaves crumpled; the earth brake open; the buckets came down on the stony bottom of the well, and found no water; the cattle bellowed with thirst on the banks of the ravine, that was once all a-rush with liquid brightness.

My friends, there are too many glittering generalities in our prayers. I think that it is the reason they do not amount to much.

FOR SOME-ONE SOUL. Do you not suppose that when you come before God in judgment, he will ask you about those over whom you had an influence?

THE THUNDERS BOOM, and there is a wild, overwhelming dash as the clouds burst, and the forests are drenched, and the earth sings—"And there was a great rain."

First, it was a humble prayer. Mark the language of the Bible: "He cast him down on the earth and put his face between his knees."

WHERE IS HEAVEN? How little its raptures kindle our soul. Cold and hard, ought we not to-day, you in the pew and I on the platform, to take before God the same posture that Elijah took?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAR. 10.

"Jesus and Caiaphas." Matt. 26. 37-65. Golden Text, Matt. 16. 16. PRACTICAL NOTES.

Verse 67. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest. This was after the examination by Annas.

58. Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace. Another disciple went with Peter, who is often assumed to have been John, but whom many scholars are inclined to think was Judas.

59. Sought false witness. That they had been thus seeking for some time is made plain by the tense of the Greek verb; but they had not now time to harmonize the false testimony.

60. Though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. The multitude of false witnesses does not intimate any widespread dislike of Jesus.

61. I am able to destroy the temple of God. John 2. 19: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

62. Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witnesses against thee? Or, "Answerest thou nothing to what these witnesses against thee?"

63. I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. The law empowered the chief priest in certain cases to administer an oath.

64. Thou hast said. This expression was a Jewish idiom of the strongest assent. "Assuredly I am." Power here stands for the Eternal One.

65. The high priest rent his clothes. A formal act expressing a sudden and overpowering sense of horror at what he called blasphemy; but hypocritical, and used to disguise his malice.

66. What think ye? Not so much a question concerning their opinion as a call upon them for their verdict. He is guilty of death. So far as this meeting was concerned our Lord was now destined to death.

67. Buffeted him. Struck him with clenched fists. Others smote him with the palms of their hands, and his teeth were loosened.

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The Man

My breakfast finished, I answered both these letters, informed my friends of my contemplated departure by the same steamer, and assured that I would do all that lay in my power to ensure both the pleasure and the rest of the morning.

The afternoon was spent in goodbye to the few business acquaintances I had made in London, and evening I went for the last time to a theatre.

Five minutes to eleven on the morning found me at the pier in a first-class carriage for the West of England coast, for Plymouth and Australia.

The carriage was crowded, but I had the carriage so far forward that I was about to congratulate myself on my good fortune.

A French child, an orphan, dressed as far as the dress of a girl, for when in good weather, she put on a blue and white dress, and in bad weather, she wore a blue and white dress.

QUEEN WILHELMINA'S CORONATION. The coronation of the young Queen of Holland, the beautiful Queen, had a cost of \$6,000,000.

CAUSE OF THE DEATH. Teacher—What made you so late? Tommy had to go to the doctor's office to get a bottle of medicine.

MISS GAYNESS'S VISIT. "What a beautiful dress!" "Well, it is a beautiful dress, but it is not the most extraordinary power of fascination that we reached Andover in the evening had reached my own home, I had made me a visit to tell myself that this was my one of the last days I had ever undertaken.

ST. JOHN'S VISIT. I see that the Government has issued a little book, which is a very good one, and which is a very good one, and which is a very good one.

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