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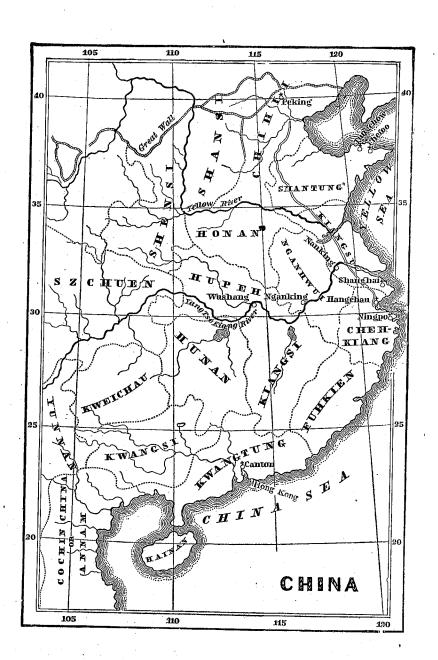
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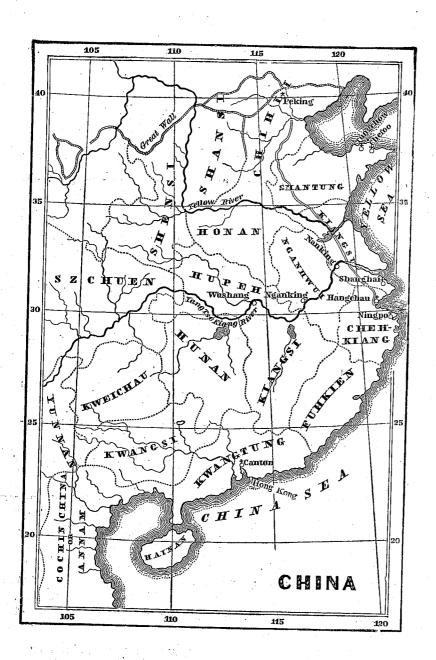
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This has been too long neglected by the Scholars of China. The student's laborious tasks with his books, his refined tastes, the inconvenience to personal neatness, the general tendency to inaction have all conspired to this result. But the modern Student who will direct the affairs of a nation and of the world must not be hollow chested and of the thin-blooded, nerveless kind. The ideal scholar has a sound mind in a sound body. The development of nerve ganglia is found to be in large measure coincident with the enlargement and toughening and schooling of muscular fibre. The education of the hand and eye and all the physical members must go hand in hand, in the best education, with the training of the mind.

ENGLISH AND SCIENCE.

English and Science must have a large place in the new curriculum. Science must be taught, and it can only be exhaustively and accurately taught at present, through one of the languages that has a settled Scientific vocabulary and a growing scientific literature. No language is superior for this purpose to the English. It is the coming Commercial language of the East, as of the world, and is also one of the best vehicles of scientific thought to-day. China is needing doctors, lawyers and preachers, and she will require journalists and mining, civil and mechanical engineers. They should be men trained in her own schools.

RELIGION.

But the training that stops here will be defective. Religion must be taught. Man did not place himself on the earth. He has produced nothing that is in the earth. He merely combines and uses. He is dependent on and accountable to another being. His present life is only the preparation for a continued existence hereafter. He is here building character, individually and collectively. He should build the best, and his education should point him to the best. The man without faith is an abortion, a monstrosity. The nation without faith will surely fall into ruins. So that the highest education must be religious.

For a number of years it has been the purpose of the American Trustees of the Christian College to found an institution in Canton having this higher education in view. Now two men are on the ground for this purpose, Rev. O. F. Wisner, who was for eight years connected with the Presbyterian Mission here, and Mr. M. R. Alexander, who has taken special work in electricity and is now studying Chinese. Another will be here in a few months from the United States, Mr. A. H. Woods, M.D., who has just finished his medical course in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania, and is besides an experienced teacher. Others will follow as they are needed and can be found.

It will be necessary, temporarily, to open the school in the School-room in the rear of the Presbyterian church at Sz Pai Lau.

pending the securing of suitable ground and the erection of buildings on it. But we hope to get the work of the various departments well under way during the present year, and the prospect is for a good attendance, when we have the accommodations and the necessary outfit for doing the higher work of the college. It will open at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 23rd of the Chinese 4th Moon., (June 1st), and will be under the immediate supervision of the President, assisted by Mr. Alexander and by Mr. Ts'ui, a Chinese graduate of the first degree and a member of the third Presbyterian church, Canton.

REGULATIONS.

The following regulations will be observed:-

- 1.—Only those who in the judgment of the faculty are sufficiently well prepared in the Chinese Classics can be admitted as pupils.
 - 2.—No boy will be received who is under 12 years of age.
- 3.—A registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged on entrance to the school. A receipt will be given for this and the amount deducted from the tuition of the first month. It is desired that only those enter the school who purpose completing the course.
- 4.—The charge for tuition, exclusive of boarding and lodging, will be \$4.00 per foreign month or major part thereof. For portions of less than half a month no charge will be made. In cases of expulsion or voluntary leaving of the school these sums will in no case be refunded.
- 5.—There will be daily Christian services and studies in Christian books from which no pupil can be excused, except in temporary emergency cases. On Sundays all pupils will be in attendance in the morning for the lessons prescribed for the day, and will be required to attend preaching service at eleven o'clock. No pupil will be obliged to accept Christianity, but all will study its literature in order to reach an impartial judgment as to its truth.
 - 6.—The holidays will be as follows:—

One half day every Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

One whole day at each of the three Chinese Festivals:—the 5th of the 5th Moon, the 15th of the 8th Moon and the Winter Solstice.

One month vacation during August and another at the Chinese New Year. All other absences must be excused by the President, in writing, before the pupil will have the privileges of the Classes.

7.—Any pupil who in the judgment of the faculty is retarding the progress of his class may, at their option, have his name dropped from the roll of students, be turned back into a lower class, or be required to do special tasks under the tuition of one of the professors.

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- 8.—Books and writing materials must be furnished by the pupils as their teachers may require. The management will use every reasonable effort to assist pupils in securing their school supplies at as reasonable rates as possible. The school will furnish desks and stools.
- 9.—Personal cleanliness and neatness of dress and appearance will be rigidly enforced. Carelessness in these matters will be noted by the faculty and will affect the pupil's standing.
- 10.—Every student will be required to take part in the daily physical drill, unless excused for physical disability, subscribed to by a competent foreign physician. Medical examination and certificate free.
- 11.—This school is to be regarded as in reality the beginning of the College. Pupils who have a good standing in this will be given the preference at the opening of the College on a larger scale, which will take place just as soon as suitable quarters can be found. The money at present received for tuition will be used for the benefit of the College.
- 12.—Smoking and trashy reading will not be permitted on the school premises. All improper or immoral speech or conduct will be severely dealt with.
- 13.—Pupils will not expect, for the present, to find boarding and lodging accommodations on the College premises. Students in attendance must make their own arrangements off the grounds.
- 15.—It is the purpose of the College to grant diplomas to all of its students who shall complete any one of the various courses. Those who do not complete a full and regular course will not receive diplomas, even though they may have studied the full number of years.

PROJECTED COURSE OF STUDY.

REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRANCE TO COLLEGE CLASSES.

I.—In English Branches:—

ENGLISH—Ability to read, pronounce and explain books of the grade of Macaulay's Works or those of Washington Irving. Composition of Short Essays.

Translation of English into Chinese and Chinese into English. Examination in one of Shakespeare's Plays.

Syntax, Spelling and Word Analysis.

MATHEMATICS.—Arithmetic finished and Algebra. (Part I.)

SCIENCE.—Geography finished

Elementary Astronomy.

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HISTORY.—Examination in General History, Ancient and Modern.

II.—Chinese. Explain the "Four Books."

Recite on "Chinese History,"

Write Business Letter and a short Discursus.

III.—Religion.

Recite on Elementary outlines of Old and New Testament History.

Explanation of general plan of Salvation.

Read and explain selected portions of the New Testament.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF COLLEGE COURSE.

FRESHMAN.

Drawing.

General History, and Class in Current Events.

Mechanical Training, 6 hours a week.

English Literature and Composition.

Botany.

Physics.

Physical Geography.

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