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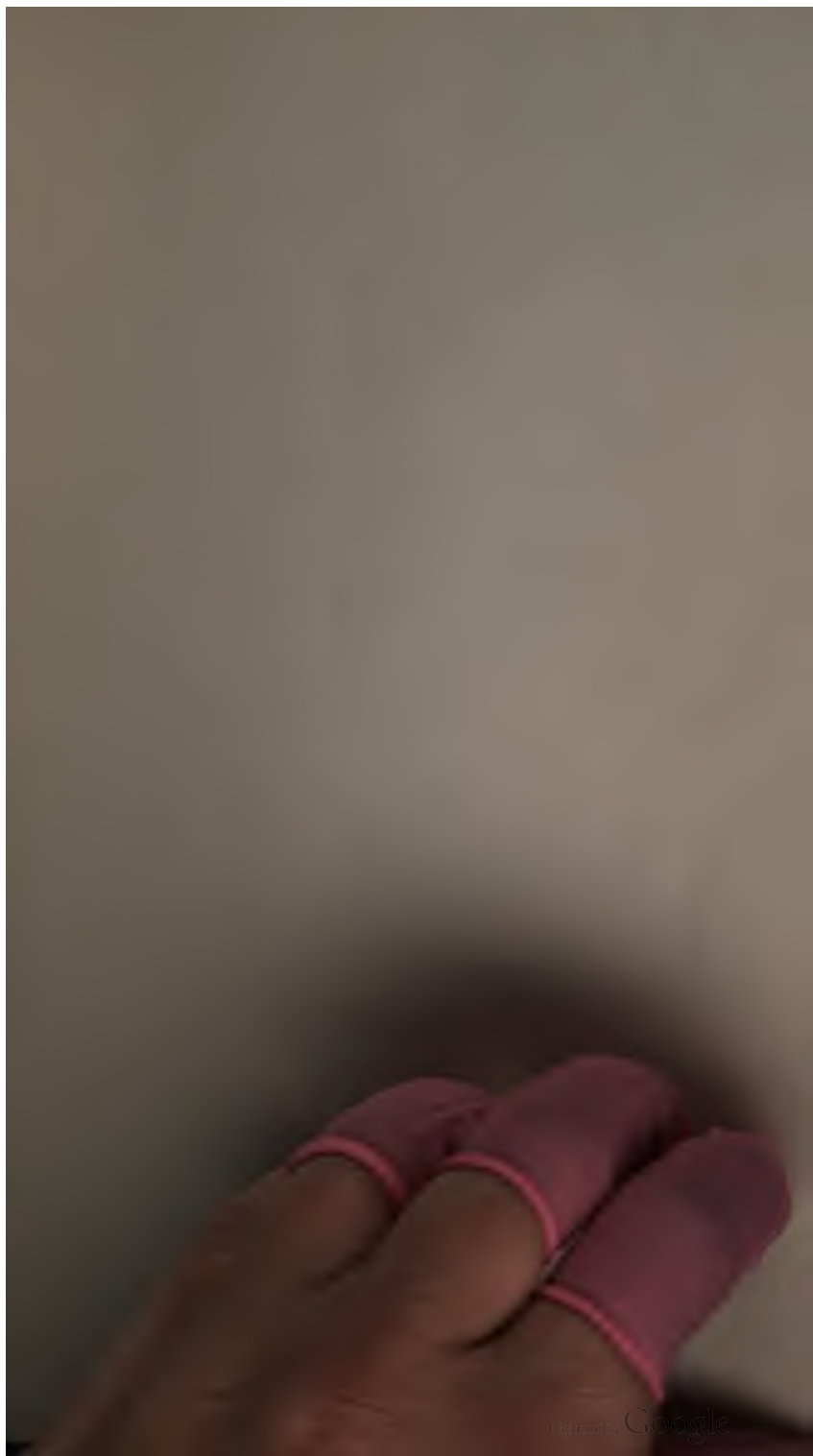
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CHINESE MORAL MAXIMS,

WITH A

FREE AND VERBAL TRANSLATION,

AFFORDING EXAMPLES OF THE

GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE OF THE LANGUAGE.

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**T**HE following small collection was made in the year 1818, and sent home to the Library of the East India House, whence, at the recommendation of Dr. WILKINS, it was transferred back to China, and ordered by the Honorable Court of Directors to be printed at the Company's Press, the want of types in England (a want that has already been supplied in France) rendering such a step necessary towards the printing of any work which contained a large proportion of the Chinese Character. The first object of the Compilation (as set forth in the title page) was to afford some assistance to Students of the Language; but there are perhaps other Persons to whom it may not be altogether devoid of interest.

As among the sayings contained in the present volume it is observed, that a man's conversation is the mirror of his thoughts, so the maxims of a people may be considered as a medium which reflects with tolerable accuracy the existing state of their manners and ways of thinking. At the same time, I would, in its application to the Chinese, qualify the observa-

tion so far as to say, that they very seldom act up to the full extent of the spirit in which some of their purer and wiser precepts are framed : and that they are more like the Athenians who *knew* what was right, than the Spartans who *practised* it. This fact, however, by no means invalidates the truth of the general position, that there must ever be a close connection between the popular maxims, and the manners of a nation. They have in reality a reciprocal action on each other ; the modes and sentiments of one generation giving birth to certain maxims, which maxims contribute in their turn to influence and mould the manners of the next.

Considered in this connection, the following Proverbs and Moral Sentences may possess some claim to the attention of the curious. If in the original language they can pretend to any merit of their own, it arises chiefly from the brevity and pointedness of expression,—a merit which wholly evaporates in the process of translation. Denuded of their native dress, they in most instances degenerate into little better than mere truisms;—truisms, however, which while they may excite the scorn of the ignorant and the unthinking, are of such utility and importance in the conduct of life, as to have made it the study of the Moralist, in every country, to inculcate them with the greatest effect ; by clothing them in such forcible and striking language, and condensing them into so laconic a form, as

might best allure the attention, and enable the memory most easily to retain them. I have observed in another place,\* that the language of the Chinese is well adapted to this purpose.

Their most ancient Moral Maxims, (and especially those of Confucius) bear a strong resemblance to the sententious sayings of the Sages of Greece. In the earlier stages of society, before the diffusion of book learning, and when the teachers of truth addressed themselves orally to their disciples, such pithy and condensed sentences were not only best calculated to excite immediate attention, but also the most likely to be remembered by the hearers. Being treasured up and handed down to posterity, they have at length become so many texts or theses for the more Prosaic Discourses of modern times, and accordingly, I think it will be found, that the earliest records of every country abound most with this species of sententious wisdom. Long trains of reasoning and laboured deductions are suited neither to the inclinations nor capacities of men in the infancy of society; nor were they required, when every word that fell from the lips of the teacher was received with submissive reverence by his disciples. The process of argumentation becomes necessary, only when

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\* Preliminary Observations to a volume of Chinese Novels.



the diffusion of knowledge, and the existence of conflicting opinions, weakens the force of authorities, and makes it incumbent on the professor to demonstrate the truth of every thing he advances.

There can be little doubt of the antiquity of the greater number of Maxims contained in this Volume. Their abstract truth or falshood is a matter of no consequence to the European reader, to whom they are offered merely as specimens of national literature. As the Chinese, however, generally quote them with respect, and as the greater portion have a moral tendency, I have not scrupled to bestow on the collection the title of 書文賢 Hien-wan-shoo, 'A book of virtuous lore.'

*Macao, 1823.*

# CHINESE MAXIMS,

&c.

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I.

The man of first rate excellence is virtuous *independently* of instruction, he of the middling class is so *after* instruction, the lowest order of men are vicious *in spite* of instruction. \*

Shang	上	Superior
pin	品	class
chy	之	's
jin	人	men,
ps	不	not
kiaou	教	instructed
urh	而	and yet
shen,	善	(are) virtuous,
chung	中	middling

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\* The first of these are styled 聖 Shing, and are the Saints of China; the second are 賢 Hien, or Worthies; the last are called 愚 Yu, Foolish, or worthless.

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pin	品 之 人 教 而 後 善。 下 品 之 人 教 而 不 善。	class
chy		's
jin		men,
kiou		instructed,
urb		and
how		afterwards
shen,		are virtuous,
hia		lowest
pin		order
chy		's
jin		men,
kiou		instructed,
urb		and yet
p5		are not
shen.		virtuous.

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 II.

By a long journey we know a horse's strength; so length of days shows a man's heart.

Loo	路 遙 知 馬	Road
yaou		far, distant,
chy		know
ma		horse's

liè,	力.	strength,
jè	日	days, time
kew	久	long.
kien	見	see
jin	人	man's
sin.	心.	heart.

III.

The spontaneous gifts of heaven are of high value, but the strength of perseverance gains the prize.

T'hien	天	Heaven's
tsze	資	gifts
kaou,	高	high: (but)
hiò	學	learning's
liè	力	strength
taou.	到.	reaches, attains.

IV.

The generations of men follow each other, as the waves in a swollen river. \*

Chang	長	Swollen
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\* "————— Ut unda impellitur undâ,  
" Urgeturque prior veniente, urgetque priorem."

kiang	江	river
how	後	the after
lang	浪	waves
tsuy	催	urge on
tsien	前	the former
lang.	浪。	waves, (so)
shy	世	the world
shang	上	upon
sin	新	new
jin	人	generations of men
taan	趨	urge on
kew	舊	the old
jin.	人。	generations of men.

## V.

The heart of a worthless man is as unfixed and changeable  
as a mountain stream.

Y	易	(Easily) quickly
chang	表	swelling.
y	易	quickly
tny	退	retiring.
shan	山	(is the) hill
ky	溪	ravine

shwuy :	水。	water, stream :
y	易	easily
fan	反	turning.
y	易	easily
fó	覆	returning, (is the)
siaou	小	mean, worthless
jin	人	man's
sin.	心。	heart.

VI.

In the days of affluence always think of poverty; do not let want come upon you, and make you remember with sorrow the time of plenty.

Chang	常	Always
tscang		take
yew	有	} day of possession.
jě		
szc	思	to ponder on
woo	無	} day of destitution;
jě :		
mó	莫	do not
tsa	待	wait for

woo	無	}	time of poverty
shy			
siang	時		to think of
yew	有	}	time of plenty.
shy.			
	時		

(The Chinese have also the following, in complete opposition to the foregoing maxim.)

## VII.

Let us get drunk to day, while we have wine; the sorrows of to-morrow may be borne to-morrow.

Kia	今 朝 有 酒 今 朝 醉 明 日 愁 來	This	
chaou		morning	
yew		having	
tsow		wine,	
kin		this	
chaou		morning	
tsuy,		drunk :	
ming		}	to-morrow
jè			
tsow		sorrow	
lac	coming,		

ming	明日當。	}	to-morrow
jě			
tang.		may be sustained.	

VIII.

“The mind is it's own place, and in itself  
 “Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.”

Sin	心裡光明明 的。就是天 堂。心裡黑 黑	Heart		
ly		within		
kwang		}	enlightened and	
kwang				
ming		}	cheerful, bright,	
ming				
tiě,				
tsew			then	
shy			is	
t'hien			heaven's	} paradise
t'hang,		hall,		
sin		heart		
ly		within		
hě	}	dark and		
hě				



gan	暗 暗 的 就 是 地 獄	}	gloomy.
gan			
tiē		,	
tsow		then	
shy		in	
ty		earth's	}
yo.	prison		

## IX.

Prevention is better than a cure.

Ching	懲	}	to correct (an evil)
chwang			
yu	於		(at or in) when
y	已	}	already existing.
jen,			
pū	不		not
ju	如		as, so good as,
king			
tiē	警	}	scaring, or being aware
yu			
wy	於		when
jen.			
	未	}	not existing.
	然		

## X.

Modesty is attended with profit; arrogance brings on destruction.

lien	謙	Modesty, humility,
show	受	receives
ye,	益	advantage;
mwan	滿	arrogance (full, puffed up)
chaou	招	incites
sun.	損。	ruin.

## XI.

"As the twig is bent, the tree's inclin'd."

Sang	桑	Mulberry
tiaou	條	slip
tsung	從	accords with
siaou	小	it's youthful
jow.	揉。	bent.

## XII.

The same tree may produce sour and sweet fruit; the same mother may have a virtuous and vicious progeny.

Ye	一	One
shoo	樹	tree

chy	之	's
kwo	果	fruits,
yew	有	there are
suan	酸	sour
yew	有	there are
tien	甜	sweet,
ye	一	one
moon	母*	mother
chy	之	's
tsze	子	children,
yew	有	there are
yu	愚	worthless
yew	有	there are
hien.	賢	good.

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XIII.

It is equally criminal in the governor, and the governed, to violate the laws.

T'ien-	天	} Emperor
tsze	子	

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\* It is worth while to observe the difference (a very slight one) between the negative 毋 and the character 母 a mother, as pointed out in a Chinese work : the former has an o-

fan	犯	offending against
fā	法	the laws,
yu	與	with
min	民	people's
lung	同	the same
tsuy.	罪.	crime.

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XIV.

Prosperity and misfortune are common to all times, and all places.

Fung	豐	} Plenty
shō	熟	
nien	年	year by
nien	年	year
yew;	有.	exists,
tsae	災	} misfortune and misery
yang	殃	
kō	各	(are in) every
ty	地	} place.
fang.	方	

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blique line across the horizontal one; the latter, two dots,  
 " ad indicandum ubera mammarum."

## XV.

As the scream of the eagle is heard when she has passed over :  
so a man's name remains after his death.

Ying	鷹	Eagle
kwo	過	passed over
lew	留	leaves
shing ;	聲	a scream ;
jin	人	man
keu	去	when gone
lew	留	leaves
ming.	名.	a name.

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## XVI.

Questions of right and wrong, (with reference to mens' characters) are every day arising ; if not listened to, they die away of themselves. \*

Shy	是	Right, and
fei	非	wrong
chung	終	to end of
jé	日	days

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\* The great Boerhaave, in like manner compared them to "sparks, which, if you do not blow them, will go out of themselves."

ycw,	有	there will be,
pö	不	not
ting	聽	listened to,
tsze	自	} spontaneously, of them-
jen	然	
woo,	無.	cease.

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XVII.

If the domestic duties be duly performed, where is the necessity of going afar to burn incense?

Tsac	在	At
kia	家	home,
king	敬	respecting
foo	父	father
moo,	母.	and mother,
ho	何	what
pie	必	necessity
yuen	遠	at a distance
shaou	燒	to burn
hiang ?	香,	incense }

## XVIII.

Doubt and distraction are on earth: the brightness of truth,  
in heaven.

Shy	是	}	Right
shy			
fei	非	}	and wrong
fei			
ty :	地		are on earth :
ming	明	}	brightness
ming			
pe	白	}	clearness
pe			
t'hien.	天		in heaven.

## XIX.

Meeting with difficulties, we think of our relations: on the  
brink of danger, we rely on our friends.

Yu	遇 急 思 親 戚	}	Meeting with harassing circumstances, we think of our relations :
kiò			
szc			
tsin			
tsiò :			

lin	臨 危 託 故 人。	approaching
wei		dangers
tō		we engage assistance of
koo		} our friends.
jin.		

XX.

Among mortals, who is faultless?

Wei	爲 人 誰 無 個 錯 處。	Being
jin		men,
shwuy		who is there
woo		without
ko		an
tso		erroneous
chu?		part?

XXI.

In learning, age and youth go for nothing; the best informed takes the precedence.

Hsü,	學。 無 老	In learning,
woo		no
laou		aged nor



shaou :	少	youthful ;
tā	達	informed, learned,
chay	者	he who (is)
wci	爲	is
sien.	先	the first.

## XXII.

Do not love idleness and hate labour ; do not be diligent in the beginning, and in the end lazy.

Wa	勿	Do not
haou	好	love
yē	逸	ease, and
woo	惡	hate
laou :	勞	labour ;
wē	勿	do not
chy	始	in the beginning
kin	勤	be diligent
chung	終	and in the end,
to..	惰	idle.

XXIII.

Against open crimes, punishments can oppose a barrier : but  
secret offences it is difficult for the laws to reach.

Hien	顯 然 之 迹 刑 所 能 防 隱 然 之 地 法 所 難 及。	} Obvious apparent
jen		
chy		the
tsiè		marks, evidences, (of crimes)
hing		punishments
so		those which
neng		can
fang :		guard against ;
yin		} secret, hidden
jen		
chy	the	
ty	places, circumstances, (of	
fa	guilt,) the laws	
so	those which	
nan	difficult	
kiè.	to reach.	

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## XXIV.

If there be no faith in our words, of what use are they?

Yen	言 而 無 信 言 何 用。	Words, speech,
urb		and
woo		no
sin		faith,
yen		words
ho		of what
yung.		use?

## XXV.

If riches can be acquired with propriety, then acquire them:  
but let not unjust wealth be sought for with violence.

Yew	有 道 之 財 方 可 取。 無	Having
taou		reason, propriety
chy		the
tsao		wealth,
fang		then
ko		may
tsiu,		take;
woo		without

taou	道 之 錢 莫 強 求。	reason, justice
chy		the
tsien		money,
mö		do not
kiang		violently
kew.		seek for.

## XXVI.

If there be a want of concord among members of the same family, other men will take advantage of it to injure them. \*

Hlung	兄 弟 不 和 旁 人 欺。	Elder brothers, and
ty		younger
pö		not
ho		agreeing together,
pang		(on each side) other
jin		men
ky.	will deceive, injure them.	

\* The moral conveyed in the fable of the old man and his sons, with the bundle of sticks.

## XXVII.

The world's unfavourable views, of conduct and character, are but as the floating clouds, from which the brightest day is not free.

Wac	外	Outward
kwan	觀	views (of conduct)
pō	不	not
kwo	過	more than
fow	過	floating
yun :	浮	clouds,
ho	雲。	what
je	何	day (is)
woo	日	without
chy?	無	them?
	之。	

## XXVIII.

Wine and good dinners make abundance of friends: but, in the time of adversity, not one is to be found.

Yew	有	Having
tsew,	酒	wine,
yew	有	having

jó,	肉	meat,
to	多	plenty
peng	朋	} of friends:
yew :	友	
hwan	患	} in misfortune
nan	難	
chy	之	's
shy	時	season, time,
yé	一	} a single one
ko	個	
woo.	無	not (to be found.)

## XXIX.

Let every man sweep the snow from before his own doors,  
and not trouble himself about the frost on his neighbour's  
tiles.

Kó	各	(Let) every
jin	人	man
tszc	自	himself
saou	掃	sweep
mun	門	his door
tsien	前	in front of,
siuě :	雪	the snow :

mo	莫	and not
kwan	管	regard
t'ha	他	other
jin	人	men's
wa	瓦	tiles
chang	上	upon,
chwang.	霜。	the hoar frost.

## XXX.

Though a tree be a thousand *chang* in height, its leaves must fall down, and return to its root.

shoo	樹	A tree
kaou	高	high
tsien	千	a thousand
chang,	丈	chang, *
ye	葉	its leaves
lo	落	must fall
kwei	歸	and revert to
ken.	根。	its root.

\* A *chang* is ten Chinese cubits.

## XXXI.

He who can suppress a moment's anger, will prevent lasting sorrow.

Jing	忍	Bear, sustain
te	得	can
yé	一	one
shy	時	time's, moment's
ke	氣	anger,
micn	免	prevent
te	得	can
pé	百	hundred
je	日	days
yew.	憂。	sorrow

## XXII.

The human relations are five \* in number, but that of husband and wife is the first in rank; the great ceremonies (or rites) amount to three thousand, but that of marriage is the most important.

Jin

人

Human

\* Husband and wife, parent and child, brethren, prince and minister, friends.



lun	倫	relations
yew	有	are
woo,	五.	five,
foo	夫	} that of husband and wife
foo	婦	
wei	爲	constitutes
sien,	先.	the first :
ta	大	great
ly	禮	ceremonies rites,
san	三	(are) three
tsien,	千	thousand,
hoen	婚	} that of marriage
yin	姻	
tsuy	最	is most
chung.	重,	important.

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XXIII.

Worldly reputation and pleasure are destructive to virtue ; anxious thoughts and apprehensions are injurious to the body.

Shing	聲	Reputation, fame, and
se	色	pleasure.

chay	者 *	(are)
pae	敗	destroying
té	德	virtue
chy	之	the
kiu :	具.	instruments :
sze	思	} anxious thoughts
liu	慮	
chay	者 *	(are)
tseang	戕	wounding
shin	身	body
chy	之	the
pun.	本.	sources.

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XXXIV.

Better to be upright with poverty, than depraved with an abundance. He, whose virtue exceeds his talents, is the good man : he, whose talents exceed his virtue, is the mean one.

Ning	寧	Rather
ko	可	may be

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\* The word 者 is here used, to shew that what goes before is to be defined.

ching	正	upright,
urb	而	and
pü	不	not
tsö ;	足。	(have) sufficient ;
pü	不	not
ko	可	may be
seay	邪	depraved,
urb	而	and
yew	有	have
yu ;	餘。	superabundance ;
té	德	virtue
shing	勝	exceeding
tsac	才	talents
wei	為	makes
keun-	君	} the man of worth ;
tsze ;	子。	
tsac	才	talents
shing	勝	exceeding
té	德	virtue
wei	為	makes
siaou	小	the mean
jin.	人。	man,

## XXXV.

In a field of melons, do not pull up your shoe : under a plum-tree, do not adjust your cap; (i. e. be very careful of your actions under circumstances of suspicion).

Kwa	瓜	Melon
tien	田	field
pö	不	not
na	納	take hold of
ly :	履.	shoe :
ly	李	plum tree
hia	下	beneath
pö	不	not
ching	整	adjust
kwan.	冠.	cap.

## XXXVI.

The man of worth is really great without being proud : the mean man is proud, without being really great.

Keun-	君子	} The man of worth
tsze		
tae		

urh	而	and
pō	不	not
kiaou :	驕。	proud ;
siaou	小人	the mean
jin	人	man
kiaou	驕	is proud
urh	而	and
pō	不	not
tae.	泰。	great.

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 XXXVII.

Time flies like an arrow : days and months like a weaver's shuttle.

Kwang-	光陰如箭。日月似梭。	}	Time
yin			is like
ju		an arrow :	
tsien :		days	
jē		and months	
yuē		as	
sze		a shuttle.	
so.			

## XXXVIII.

It is said in the Yê-king, that "of those men, whose talent is inconsiderable, while their station is eminent: and of those, whose knowledge is small, while their schemes are large,—there are few who do not become miserable."

Yê	易	The Yê-king
yuê,	曰。	says,
tê	德	virtue
pò	薄	inconsiderable (thin)
urb	而	and
wei	位	seat, station,
tsun ;	尊。	eminent, honorable ;
chy	智	knowledge
siaou	小	small
urb	而	and
mow	謀	schemes
ta ;	大。	great ;
woo	無	without
ho	禍	misery
chay	者	those who,
sien	鮮	are few
y !	矣。	!

## XXXIX.

When a man obtains a large sum without having earned it, if it does not make him very happy, it will certainly make him very miserable,

Woo	無	Without
koo	故	a reason, cause,
urh	而	and
te	得	obtaining
tsien	千	a thousand
kin	金。	pieces of gold,
pò	不	if not
yew	有	have
ta	大	great
fu	福	happiness
pie	必	must
yew	有	have
ta	大	great
ho.	禍。	unhappiness.

XI.

Though a man may be utterly stupid, he is very perspicacious when reprehending the bad actions of others: though he may be very intelligent, he is dull enough while excusing his own faults: do you only correct yourselves on the same principle that you correct others; and excuse others on the same principle that you excuse yourselves.

Jin	人	A man,
su	雖	though
chy	至	extremely
yu	愚	stupid,
tsé	責	reprehending, correcting
jin	人	other men,
tsé	則	then (he is)
ming:	明	intelligent:
su	雖	though
yew	有	he have
tsung	聰	} intelligence,
ming,	明	
shoo	恕	excusing
ky,	己	himself,
tsé	則	then (he is)



hoen ;	昏。	stupid ;
urh	爾	} ye
tsaou	曹	
tan	但	} need only
taang	當	
y	以	by
tsé	賁	correcting
jin	人	other men
chy	之	the
sin	心	disposition, (heart)
tsé	實	correct
ky,	己。	yourselves ; (by)
shoo	恕	excusing
ky	己	yourselves
chy	之	the
sin	心	disposition
shoo	恕	excuse
jin.	人。	other men.

## XLI.

The figure of men in ancient times resembled that of wild beasts; \* but their hearts contained the most perfect virtue. The outward appearance of the present race of men is human, but their dispositions are utterly brutish.

Koo	古	Ancient
jin	人	men's
hing	形	figure (was)
szc	似	like
chow.	獸	beasts,
siu	心	hearts
ycw	有	possessed
ta	大	great
shing	聖	holy
té;	德。	virtue :

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\* The absurd fables, related in the Chinese books of Ancient History, tell very much against their fidelity, and afford a strong antidote to the implicit belief, with which the Jesuitical accounts of Chinese antiquity have been listened to. In fact, their most ancient historical work extant, (the *Chun-tsew*, of Confucius) is not older than the history of Herodotus, and not so old as Homer's poems.

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kin	今	present
jin	人	men's
piaou	表	image
szc	似	like
jin ;	人。	men :
chow	獸	brutish
sin	心	hearts, dispositions,
gan	安	how
ko	可	can
tsé.	測。	fathom :

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 XLII.

The artful are loquacious, the simple are silent: the artful toil, the simple enjoy ease: the artful are rogues, the simple virtuous; the artful are miserable, the simple happy. Oh! that all in the empire were artful and simple: punishments would then be abolished. Superiors would enjoy tranquillity, and inferiors would be obedient. The manners would be pure, and vile actions become extinct!

Kiaou	巧	} The artful
chay	者	
yen ;	言。	

are loquacious ;

chuē	拙者	}	the simple
chay			
mě ;	默	}	silent :
kiaou			
chay	巧者	}	the artful
laou ;			
chuē	拙者	}	the simple
chay			
yě :	逸	}	enjoy ease :
kiaou			
chay	巧者	}	the artful
tsě ;			
chuē	拙者	}	the simple
chay			
tě ;	德	}	virtuous :
kiaou			
chay	巧者	}	the artful
hiung ;			
chuē	拙者	}	the simple
chay			
kiē	凶		miserable :
	吉		happy.

Woo	鳴	} Alas!
hoo	呼	
t'hien	天	} the whole empire
hia	下	
chue	拙	simple, artless,
hing	刑	} punishments
ching	政	
che ;	徹	would be abolished ;
shang	上	those above
gan ;	安	at rest ;
hia	下	those below
shun ;	順	obedient ;
fung	風	(the air) manners
tsing.	清	pure,
py	弊	vile actions
tsue.	絕	extinct.

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 XLIII.

Do not anxiously hope for what is not yet come: do not vainly regret what is already past.

Wy	未	Not
lao,	來	arrived,

hew,	休	cease, do not,
chy		} hope for, look after ;
wang :	指望.	
kwo	過	} gone, past,
kiu		
mö	莫	do not
sze	思	} ponder, think of.
leang.		

XLIV.

If your schemes do not succeed, of what use is it to regret their failure? If they do not flourish, what is the use of noisy complaints? When a heart, devoted to gain, is intent on any object, then virtue is set aside: where interested views exist, there a regard for the public welfare is extinguished.

Urh	爾	Your
mow		schemes
pö		not
kiě,		(reaching to) succeeding,
hwuy		lament
chy		them
ho		how
		不及悔之何

kié ?	及。	succeed ?
urh	爾	your
mow	謀	plans
pó	不	not
chang	長	flourishing, growing,
kaou	告	announcing, noising,
chy	之	them
ho	何	what
yó ?	益	profit ?
Ly	利	Interested
sin	心	heart
chuen,	專	intent on an object,
tsé	則	then
pei	背	turn the back on
taou ;	道。	virtue ;
sze	私	private
y	意	views
kió	確	existing,
tsé	則	then
mié	滅	extinguish
kung.	公。	public.

## XLV.

Men's passions are like water: when water has once flowed over, it cannot be restored; when the passions have once been indulged, they cannot be restrained. Water must be kept in by dykes; the passions must be ruled by the laws of propriety.

Jin	人	Men's
sing	性	passions
ju	如	are as
shwuy;	水。	water;
shwuy	水	water
yě	一	once
king	傾	(overturned) flowed over,
tsě	則	then
pö	不	not
ko	可	can
fü;	復。	be returned,
sing	性	passions
yě	一	once
tsung,	縱	let loose,
tsě	則	then
pö	不	not
ko	可	can



fan,	反。	return ;
chy	制	govern
shway,	水	water,
chay	者	,
pië	必	must
y	以	by
ty	以	} mounds ;
fang,	隄防。	
chy	制	govern
sing	性	passions,
chay,	者	,
pië	必	must
y	以	by
ly	禮	propriety's
fi.	法。	laws.

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 XLVI.

Low courage is the resentment of the blood and spirits: noble courage is the resentment of propriety and justice. The former of these, no man should possess; the latter, no man should be without.

Siaou	小	Little, mean
yung	勇	courage

chay	者 血 氣 之 怒。 大 勇 者 禮 義 之 怒。 血 氣 之 怒 不 可 有。 禮 義 之	,
hiuě		(is) blood
ky		and spirit
chy		's
noo,		resentment,
ta		great, noble
yung		courage
chay		,
ly		propriety and
y		justice
chy		's
noo ;		resentment ;
hiuě		blood and
ky		spirit
chy		's
noo		resentment,
pö		not
ko		can, should
yew ;		have ;
ly		propriety and
y	justice	
chy	's	

a

noo,	怒	resentment,
pō	不	not
ko	可	may, should
woo.	無.	be without.

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 XLVII.

Without ascending the mountain, we cannot judge of the height of heaven ; without descending into the valley, we cannot judge of the depth of the earth : without listening to the maxims, left by the ancient kings, we cannot know the excellence of learning.

Pō	不	Without
teng	登	ascending
shan	山	the mountain,
pō	不	not
chy	知	know
t'hien	天	heaven
chy	之	's
kaou :	高.	height :
pō	不	without
lia	臨	descending to
ky,	谿.	the valley,

pò	不知地之厚。不聞先王之遺言。不知學問之大。	not
chy		know
ty		earth
chy		's
how :		thickness, depth;
pò		without
wun		listening to
sien		former
wang		kings
chy		's
y		bequeathed
yen		words,
pò		not
chy		know
hiò		} learning, wisdom
wun		
chy		's
ta.	greatness.	

## XLVIII.

In making a candle we seek for light, in reading a book we seek for reason : light to illuminate a dark chamber ; reason to enlighten man's heart.

Tsoun	造	Making
chö	燭	a candle
kew	救	seek
ming ;	明	light ;
ts	讀	reading
shoo	書	a book
kew	救	seek
ly :	理	reason :
ming	明	light
y	以	to
chaou	照	illuminate
gan	暗	dark
shè :	室	house :
ly	理	reason
y	以	to
chaou	照	enlighten
jin	人	man's
sin.	心	heart.

## XI.IX.

By learning, the sons of the common people become public ministers; without learning, the sons of public ministers become mingled with the mass of the people.

Hio	學	Learning,
tsé	則	then
shoo	庶	(all) common
jin	人	people
chy	之	's
tsze	子	sons
wei	爲	become
kung	公	public
king:	卿。	ministers:
pó	不	not
hio	學	learning
tsé	則	then
kung	公	public
king	卿	ministers
chy	之	's
tsze	子	sons
wei	爲	become

shoo	庶	common
jin.	人。	people.

✓  
 L.

**If you have fields, and will not plough them, your barns will be empty; if you have books, and will not give instruction, your offspring will be ignorant; if your barns be empty, your years and months will be unsupplied; if your offspring be ignorant, propriety and justice will not abound among them.**

Yew	有	Having
tien	田	fields,
po	不	and not
keng	耕	ploughing.
taang	倉	} granaries
lin	廩	
hiu :	虛	empty :
yew	有	having
shoo	書	books
po	不	and not
kiaou.	教	instructing.
tsze	子	sons
sun	孫	and grandsons

yu :	愚	ignorant :
tsang	倉	} granaries
lin	廩	
hiu	虛	empty
hy :	兮	!
suy	歲	years and
yuē	月	months
fā :	乏	deficient :
tsze	子	sons and
sun	孫	grandsons
yu	愚	ignorant
hy	兮	!
ly	禮	propriety and
y	義	virtue
su.	疎	lax.

LI.

Though an affair may be easily accomplished, if it be not attended to, it will never be completed : though your sons may be well disposed, if he be not instructed, he will still remain ignorant.

Sze	事	An affair
suy	雖	though



siaou,	小	small,
pō	不	if not
tsō	作	attended to, done,
pō	不	it will not
ching ;	成。	be completed ;
tsze	子	son
suy	雖	though
hien	賢	virtuously inclined,
pō	不	if not
kiaou	教	taught
pō	不	he will not
ming.	明。	understand.

## LII.

Of those, who at home are destitute of virtuous parents and elders, and abroad have no rigorous instructors and friends, and, notwithstanding this, can perfect themselves (in wisdom,)—there are very few !

Jin	人	A man
seag	生	born,
nuy	內	at home
woo	無	without

hien	賢	virtuous
foo	父	father
hiung :	兄	or elders ;
wac	外	abroad
woo	無	without
yen	嚴	severe, rigorous
sze	師	teachers and
yew :	友	friends, and
urh	而	yet
neng	能	can
yew	有	have
ching :	成	perfect ;
chay,	者	of these
sien	鮮	very few
y!	矣	!

## LIII.

A meager soil produces late flowers; "slow rises worth by poverty depressed;" but let no man despise the snake which has no horns, for who can say that it may not become a dragon?

Sow	瘠	Meager
ty	地	ground

■

kæ	開	opens
hwa	花	flowers
wan,	晚	late;
pin	貧	} poverty
kiang	窮	
fū	發	produces
fū	福	happiness, fortune.
chy,	遲	late, tardily;
mo	莫	do not
taou	道	say
shay	蛇	the snake
woo	無	is without
kiō,	角	horns;
ching	成	perfect, become,
lung	龍	a dragon
yay	也	also
wei	未	} uncertain.
chy.	知	

✓  
LIV.

If you love your son, give him plenty of the cudgel: if you hate your son, cram him with dainties.

Lien	憐	(Pitying) loving
urh	兒	your child,
to	多	much
yu	與	give
pang :	棒.	the cudgel :
tseng	憎	hating
urb	兒	your child,
to	多	much
yu	與	give
shè.	食.	to eat

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LV.

The small birds look around them, and eat; the swallow goes to sleep without apprehension. He who possesses an enlarged and sedate mind, will have great happiness but the man whose schemes are deep, will have great depth of misery.

Tsio	雀	Small bird
chs	啄	pecking,
szc	四	four sides

koo	顧	looks,
shè ;	食.	and eats :
yen	燕	the swallow
tsin	寢	sleeps
woo	無	without
y	疑	a suspicious
sin ;	心.	heart :
leang	量	(measure) liberality
ta	大	great,
fo	福	happiness
yé	亦	also
ta :	大.	great :
ky	機	schemes
shin	深	deep,
ho	禍	misery
yé	亦	also
shin.	深.	deep.

## LVI.

Past events are as clear as a mirror, the future as obscure as varnish.

Kwo	過	Past
kiu	去	gone

szc	事	the affairs,
ming	明	clear
ju	如	as
king:	鏡	a mirror:
wei	未	not
lac	來	come
szc	事	affairs,
gan	暗	obscure
ju	如	as
tsiè.	漆	lacker.

LVII.

What exists in the morning, we cannot be certain of in the evening; what exists in the evening, we cannot calculate upon for the next morning. The fortunes of men are as uncertain as the winds and clouds of heaven.

Ming	明	} Dawn of day
tan		
chy	之	}
szc.		
pö	事	} in the evening
moo		
pö	莫	} not
	不	

ko	可	may
pié :	必	be certain of :
pö	薄	} evening
moo	莫	
chy	之	's
sze	事	affairs,
poo	事	} in the morning (time
shy	時	
pö	不	not
ko	可	may, can
pié :	必	be certain of :
t'hien	天	heaven
yew	有	has
pö	不	un-
tsé	測	known (fathomable)
chy	之	the
fung	風	winds and
yun :	雲	clouds ;
jin	人	man
yew	有	has
tan	旦	morning and
sié	夕	evening

chy	之	the
ho	禍	misery and
fo.	福。	happiness.

LVIII.

When you are happier than usual, you ought to be prepared against some great misfortune. When joy is extreme, it precedes grief. Having obtained the imperial favor, you should think of disgrace; living in peace, you should think of danger: when your glory is complete, your disgrace will be the greater; when your success is great, your ruin will be the deeper. \*

Ky	既	} (Since) having obtained
tsiu	取	
fei	非	un-
chang	常	common
lo.	樂。	pleasure,
siu	須	must
fang	防	guard against
pö	不	un-

—— \* "Qui nimios optabat honores.  
 Et nimias posechat opes, numerosa parabat  
 Excelsæ turris tabulata, unde altior esset,  
 Casus, et impulsæ præceps immane ruinæ."  
 JUVENAL. Sat. x. 104.



tsé	測	fathomable
yew :	憂。	sorrow :
lò	樂	joy
kiè	極	extreme,
pei	悲	grief
seng	生	is produced :
tè	得	obtaining
chung	得	imperial favor,
sze	寵	think of
yò :	辱。	disgrace :
kiu	居	living
gan	安	in peace,
liu	慮	ponder on
wei :	危。	danger :
yung	榮	glory
shing	盛	being complete,
yò	辱	disgrace
ta :	大。	is the greater :
ly	利	success (profit)
chung	重	great (heavy)
hao	害	ruin
shin.	深。	is the deeper.

## LIX.

When the mirror is highly polished, the dust will not defile it: when the heart is enlightened with wisdom, licentious vices will not arise in it.

King	鏡	Mirror
ming	明	bright
tsé	則	then
chin	則	} dust
gae	塵埃	
pö	不	will not
yen:	染	defile it:
chy	智	wisdom
ming	明	bright
tsé	則	then
seay	則	} licentious vices
gö	邪惡	
pö	不	will not be
seag.	生	produced.

## LX.

In security, do not forget danger; in times of public tranquillity, do not forget anarchy.

Gah,	安	In peace, repose,
po	不	not
ko	可	may
wang	忘	forget
wei:	危	danger: in
chy	治	good government, order,
ps	不	not
ko	可	may
wang	忘	forget
luan.	亂	disorder, anarchy.

## LXI.

The fishes, though deep in the water, may be hooked; the birds, though high in the air, may be shot; but man's heart only is out of our reach. The heavens may be measured, the earth may be surveyed; the heart of man alone is not to be known. In painting the tiger, you may delineate his skin, but not his bones; in your acquaintance with

a man, you may know his face but not his heart. You may sit opposite to, and converse with him, while his mind is hidden from you, as by a thousand mountains.

Shuy	水	Water
ty	底	below
yu,	魚。	the fishes,
t'hien	天	in heaven's
pien	邊	boundary, horizon,
yen	際	the birds
kaou	高	high
ko	可	may be
shay,	可	shot,
ty	射	low
ko	低	may be
tiaou :	可	hooked :
wci	釣。	only
yew	惟	is
jin	有	man's
sin	人	heart
pö	心	not
ko	不	may be
leaou :	可	conjectured :
t'hien	料。	heaven
	天	

ko	可	may be
too	度	measured,
ty	地	earth
ko	可	may be
leang:	量.	surveyed;
wei	惟	only
yew	有	is
jin	人	man's
sin	心	heart
pö	不	not
ko	可	can
fang.	防.	put bounds to.
Hwä	畫	Drawing
hoo	虎	the tiger,
hwä	畫	draw
py	皮	skin
nan	難	(difficult) not possible
hwä	畫	to draw
kiö:	骨.	bones;
chy	知	know
jin	人	a man,
chy	知	know

mien	面	his face.
pō	不	not
chy	知	know
sin:	心.	his heart:
tuy	對	opposite
mien	面	his face,
yu	與	with (him)
yu:	語.	speak: (but)
sin	心	his heart
kē	隔	is separated
tsien	千	by a thousand
shan.	山.	mountains.

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 LXII.

Forming resentments with mankind may be called "planting misery;" putting aside virtuous deeds, instead of practising them, may be called "robbing one's self."

Kiē	結	Tying, knotting
yuen	冤	resentments
yu	與	with
jin,	人	mankind,
wei	謂	call

chy	之	it
chung	種	planting
ho :	禍.	misfortune :
shay	捨	putting down, laying aside
shen	善	virtue
pō	不	and not
wei	爲	practicing
wei	謂	call
chy	之	it
tsze	自	self
tef.	賊	robbery.

## LXIII.

Riches are what the good man considers lightly: death is  
what the mean man considers as of importance. >

Tsac	財	Riches
chay	者	.
kiun-	君	} man of worth
tsze	子	
chy	之	the
so	所	thing which
king :	輕.	considers as light, trivial :

szc	死	death
chay	者	.
siaou	小	is the mean
jin	人	man
chy	之	the
so	所	thing which
chang.	長	values.

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 LXIV.

When the man of a naturally good propensity has much wealth, it injures his acquisition of knowledge: when the worthless man has much wealth, it increases his faults.

Hien	賢	Worthy
jin	人	man
to	多	much
tsac	財	wealth,
tsé	則	then
sun	損	injures
ky	其	his
chy:	智	knowledge:
siaou	小	mean
jin	人	man



to	多	much
tsac	財	wealth
tsé	則	then
yé	益	increases
ky	其	his
kwo.	過	faults.

## LXV.

In enacting laws, rigour is indispensable: in executing them, mercy. \*

Lié,	立	In erecting, enacting
fá.	法	laws
pò	不	not
té	得	may be
pò	不	not
yen!	嚴	rigorous!
hing	行	in executing
fá	法	the laws,
pò	不	not

\* Whatever may be the truth or falsehood of this Maxim, it certainly appears to be the principle on which our own Criminal Code is both formed and administered.

tě	得	may be
pō	不	not
shoo.	恕	merciful, (excusing).

## LXVI.

Do not consider any vice as trivial, and therefore practice it: do not consider any virtue as unimportant, and therefore neglect it.

Wō	勿	} Do not consider
y	以	
gō	惡	a vice
siaou	小	trivial
urh	而	and (therefore)
wei	爲	practice
chy :	之	it :
wō	勿	} do not consider
y	以	
shen	善	a virtue
siaou	小	trivial
urh	而	and (therefore)
pō	不	not
wci.	爲	practice it.

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## LXVII.

If men's desires and wishes be laudable, Heaven will certainly further them.

Jin	人	Men
yew	有	having
shen	善	virtuous
yuen,	願	wishes,
Thien	天	Heaven
pië	必	must
tsung	從	accord with
chy.	之。	them.

## LXVIII.

Following virtue is like ascending a steep; following vice, like rushing down a precipice.

Tsung	從	Following
shen	善	virtue
ju	如	is as
tong :	登	ascending a steep :
tsung	從	following

gò	惡	vice
ju	如	as
peng.	崩。	rushing down a precipice.

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 LXIX.

All events are separately fated before they happen. Floating on the stream of life, it is in vain that we torment ourselves. Nothing proceeds from the machinations of men, but the whole of our lives is planned by destiny.

Wan	萬	All (ten thousand)
sze	事	affairs (are)
fun	分	separately
y	已	already
ting:	定。	fixed ;
fow	浮	floating
seng	生	in life
kung	空	vainly, emptily
tsze	自	ourselves
mang.	忙。	we trouble.
Wan	萬	All
sze	事	affairs
pò	不	not

yew	由	from
jin	人	men's
ky	計	} schemes;
kiou ;	較	
yē	一	the whole
seng	生	of life
too	都	all
shy	是	is
ming	命	by destiny
gan	安	} arranged.
pac.	排	

## LXX.

A vicious wife, and an untoward son, no laws can govern.

Man	蠻	Unruly, vicious
tsy	妻	wife,
yaou	拗	untoward, obstinate
tsze,	子	son,
woo	無	no
fa	法	laws
ko	可	can
chy.	治	govern.

## LXXI.

With the years of his parents, a man must by all means be well acquainted:—first, as a cause of joy; and again as a source of sorrow. (Joy, that they have lived so long: sorrow, that they are so old.)

Foo	父	Father and
moo	母	mother
chy	之	's
nien	年	years
pö	不	not
ko	可	may
pö	不	not
chy	知	know
yay ;	也	;
yě	一	one
tsé	則	consequence
y	以	to
hy ;	喜	rejoice ;
yě	一	one
tsé	則	consequence
y	以	to
kiu.	懼	fear ; grieve.

## LXXII.

Those who have discharged their duties as children, will in their turn have dutiful children of their own: the obstinate and untoward will again produce offspring of the same character: to convince you, only observe the rain from the thatched roof, where drop follows drop without the least variation.

Hiaou	孝	The dutiful and
shun	順	obedient
hwan	還	still
seng	生	produce
hiaou	孝	dutiful and
shun	順	obedient
tsze	子	children:
woo	忤	} obstinate and untoward
niē	逆	
hwan	還	still
seng	生	produce
woo	忤	} obstinate and untoward
niē	逆	
urh	兒	children:
pē	不	not

sin	信 但 看 簷 頭 水 點 點 滴 滴 不 差 移。	believing,
tan		only
kan		observe
yen		eaves
tow		top
shwuy		water, (where)
tien		} drop (follows)
tien		
tié		} drop
tié		
pö	without	
cha	error or	
y.	change.	

LXXIII.

He, who tells me of my faults, is my teacher: he who tells me of my virtues, does me harm.

Taou	道 吾 惡 者 是 吾	Speaks of
woo		my
gö		vices
chay		he who,
shy		is
woo		my



sze :	師。	teacher :
taou	道	speaks of
woo	吾	my
haou	好	virtues
chay	者	he who,
shy	是	is
woo	吾	my
tsé.	賊。	injurer, robber.

## LXXIV.

Let your words be few, and your companions select ;—thus you will avoid remorse and repentance ; thus you will avoid sorrow and shame,

Kwa	寡	Few
yen,	言	words,
tsé	擇	selecting
hiaou ;	交。	intercourse ;
ko	可	may
y	以	by these
woo	無	be without
hoey	悔	} remorse and repentance :
lin ;	吝。	

ko	可	may
y	以	by these
woo	無	be without
yew	愛	} sorrow and shame.
js.	辱。	

LXXV.

If a man's wishes be few, his health will be flourishing; if he has many anxious thoughts, his constitution will decay.

Ys	慾	Desires
kwa	寡	few
tsing	精	} the health (will be)
shin	神	
shwang:	爽	flourishing:
szc	思	anxious thoughts
to	多	many
hiuñ	血	the blood and
ky	氣	spirits
shwac.	衰	perishing, decaying.

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## LXXVI.

Be temperate in drinking, and your mind will be calm:  
restrain your impetuosity, and your fortunes will remain  
uninjured.

Shau	少	Moderately
yin	飲	drink,
pō	不	not
lōan	亂	confuse, perturb
sing:	性.	the mind:
siē	惜	restrain
ky	氣	anger
mien	免	and prevent
shang	傷	injuring
tsae.	財.	your fortune.

## LXXVII.

Honors come by diligence: riches spring from economy.

Kwei	貴	Honor, advancement,
tsze	自	from
kin	勤	diligence
chung	中	the midst of
tō:	得.	obtained:

fou	富	riches
taung	從	from
kien	儉	economy
ly	裡	within
lae.	來。	come.

## LXXVIII.

The mild and gentle must ultimately profit themselves,  
the violent and fierce must bring down misfortune. 7

Wun	溫	Gentle, mild, and
jow	柔	bland
chung	終	ultimately
yě	益	profit
kyi	己。	themselves ;
kiang	強	violent and
paou	暴	fierce
pié	必	must
chaou	招	induce, invite
tae.	災。	misfortune

## LXXIX.

Do not precipitate yourself into legal quarrels; but let concord and good understanding prevail among neighbours.

Kwan  
sung  
mo  
tow  
jŭ  
hiang  
tang  
yaou  
ho  
hiad.

官  
訟  
莫  
投  
入  
鄉  
黨  
要  
和  
諧。

Mandarin

disputes

do not

} precipitately enter into :  
the

} village, neighbourhood

should have

concord, and

good-understanding.

## LXXX.

Do not ascend the hills to ensnare the birds in nets; do not descend to the water-side, to poison the fish; do not slay the labouring ox; do not treat letters with irreverence, by casting away written papers. \*

wō	勿	Do not
teng	登	ascend
shan	山	the hills
urh	而	and
wang	網	net
kin	禽	} birds:
niaou:	鳥.	
wō	勿	do not
lin	臨	go down to
shuy.	水	the water,
urh	而	and
tō	毒	poison
yu	魚	the fish and

\* The Chinese think it fair to shoot birds, but not to net them; many, and indeed the greater number, will not eat beef; and they are very careful not to tread on written paper.

hia :	蝦.	shrimps :
wò	勿	do not
tsae	宰	kill
keng	耕	the ploughing
new :	牛.	ox :
wò	勿	do not
ky	棄	cast away
tsze	字	lettered
chy :	紙.	papers.

## LXXXI.

If you wish to know what most engages a man's thoughts, you have only to listen to his conversation ; (or, a man's conversation is the mirror of his thoughts).

Yaou	要	Wishing
chy	知	to know
sin	心	heart and
fó	腹	bosom's
sze :	事.	(chief) concern :
tan	但	only
ting	聽	listen to
kow	口	mouth

chung	中	midst
yen.	言.	words.

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LXXXII.

Do not rely upon your wealth, to oppress the poor; do not trust to your power and station, to vex the orphan and widow.

Wò	勿	Do not
shy	恃	trust to
haou	豪	} your wealth,
foo,	富	
urh	而	and
ky	欺	oppress, (deceive)
kōen	困	} the poor and destitute,
kiung:	窮。	
wò	勿	do not
y	倚	rely on
kiuen	權	your authority and
kwei	貴	high station,
urh	而	and
ling	凌	insult, vex,
koo	孤	the orphan and
kwa.	寡。	widow.



## LXXXIII.

Let no man for a private enmity, cause disagreement between father and son: let no one for trifling gain, breed dissension among brothers.

Wu	勿	Do not
yin	因	because of
ssu	私	a private
chow	讐	enmity
shy	使	cause
jin	人	people
foo	父	father and
tsu	子	son
pa	不	} discordant,
ho	和。	
wu	勿	do not
yin	因	for
ssu	小	a small
ly	利	profit
shy	使	cause
jin	入	man,
hiung	兄	elder brothers and
ty	弟	younger,

pö	不	not
mo.	睦。	to harmonize

LXXXIV.

Draw near to the virtuous, that their virtue may be imparted to you: flee away from the vicious, that misfortune may be kept far from you.

Shou	善	Virtuous
jin	人	people
tsé	則	then
tsin	親	} approach near to
kin	近	
chy,	之。	them,
tsou	助	assist
té	德	} virtuous deeds
hing	行	
yu	於	to
shin	身	} your person:
sin:	心。	
gö	惡	vicious
jin,	人	people,
tsé	則	then

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yuen	遠	}	See far from
piē			
chy:	之		them:
too	杜		keep off
tsae	災	}	misfortune and misery
yang			
yu	於		from
mei	眉	}	your view.
taif.			

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 LXXXV.

Cut away the brambles which obstruct the path; remove the bricks and stones which lie in the way; repair the roads which are injured by the lapse of years; build the bridges which may be crossed by multitudes.

Tsien	剪	}	Cut away
gae			
taou	礙		obstructing
chy	道		road
king	之		the
tsin;	荆	}	brambles,
choo			
	椽		
	除		remove

lang	當	occupying, lying in
too	塗*	the road
chy	之	the
wa	之	tiles and
shè	瓦	stones ;
sew	修	repair
soo	數	by several
pé	百	hundred
nien	年	years
ky	崎	} worn, rough,
kiu	嶇	
chy	之	the
loo	路	roads ;
tsaou	造	make, build,
tsien	千	} a thousand times ten
wan	萬	
jin	人	men
lae	來	coming and
wang	往	going

\* 塗 is used here in the sense of 途 a road. Vide Dictionary called 字彙 Tsze-hoey.

chy	之	the
kiaou.	橋。	bridges.

## LXXXVI.

Propagate good instruction, to correct men's vices; part  
with your wealth, to effect men's happiness.

Chuy	垂	(Stooping down) promulge
houa	訓	good instruction
y	以	to
hō	格	correct
jin	人	men's
fei:	非	vices:
kinen	捐	part with
taze	資	your wealth
y	以	to
ching	成	perfect
jin	人	men's
mei.	美。	good, happiness.

## LXXXVII.

In our actions we should accord with the will of Heaven;  
in our words we should consult the feelings of men.

Tsò	作	Acting, doing,
szc	事	an affair, business,
siu	須	must
siun	循	obey
t'hièn	天	} Heaven's will:
ly:	理.	
chú	出	uttering
yen	言	words
yaou	要	must
shun	順	accord with
jin	人	men's
sin.	心.	hearts.

## LXXXVIII.

If a man be not enlightened within, what lamp shall he  
light? If his intentions are not upright, what prayers  
shall he repeat?

Sin	心	Heart
pò	不	not

ming	明 來 點 甚 燈。 意 不 公 平 誦 甚 經。	}	enlightened
lae			
tien		light	
shin		what	
teng?		lamp?	
y		intention	
pō		not	
kung		}	just, upright.
ping			
sung		chant, recite	
shin		what	
king?	sacred book?		

## LXXXIX.

Throughout life, beware of performing acts of animosity; in the whole empire, let there not exist a revengeful minded man. It is very well for you to injure others: but what think you of others returning those injuries on yourself. The tender blade is nipped by the frost; the frost is dissipated by the sun: and worthless men will always suffer rubs from others as bad as themselves.

Ping	平	Throughout (even, plain,)
seng	生	life

pō	不	do not
tsō	作	perform
tsow	皺	wrinkling, contracting
mei	眉	brow
szē	事	acts;
t'hien	天	} in the empire, world,
hia	下	
ying	應	should
woo	無	not exist
tsiē	切	} revengeful
chy	齒	
jin.	人	men.
Urh	爾	You
hac	害	injuring
piē	別	other
jin	人	people,
yew	猶	so
tsze	自	indeed
ko :	可	it may (answer):
piē	別	other
jin	人	people
hac	害	injuring



urh	爾	you.
ki8	却	truly
ju	如	} how (will this answer ?)
ho?	何.	
Nun	嫩	The tender
tmen	草	blade of grass
pa	怕	fears
shwang:	霜.	the frost ;
shwang	霜	the frost
pa	怕	fears
je:	日.	the sun :
g <sup>5</sup>	惡	bad
jin	人	men
tsze	自	truly
yew	有	(have) experience
g <sup>5</sup>	惡	bad
jin	人	men's
mo.	磨.	rubs.

XC.

Man perishes in the pursuit of wealth, as the bird meets with destruction in search of its food.

Jin	人	Man
wei	爲	on account of
tsae	財	wealth
szc :	死。	dies :
niaou	鳥	the bird
wei	爲	on account of
shē	食	its food
wang.	亡。	perishes.

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XCI.

Knowing what is right, without practising it, denotes a want of proper resolution.

Kien	見	Seeing
y	義	righteousness,
pō	不	without, or not
wei,	爲	practising,
woo	無	a want of
yung	勇	courage, manhood
yay.	也。	.

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## XCII.

There are plenty of men in the world, but very few heroes.

Mang	茫茫	} Unlimitedly
mang		
szc	四海	four
hae		seas (four quarters)
jin	人	men
woo		without
soo,	無數。	number (but)
na		} what
ke	} male, or man	
nan		那個男兒
urh	是	
shy		in
chang	丈夫。	} a hero!
foo!		

## XCIII.

Poverty and ruin must in the end be proportioned to a man's wickedness and craft; for these are qualities which Heaven will not suffer to prevail. Were riches

and honors the proper result of crafty villainy, the better part of the world must fatten on the winds.

Yuě	越	More
kien	奸	wicked
yuě	越	more
kiaou,	狡	crafty,
yuě	越	the more
pin	貧	} poor and destitute;
kiung,	窮	
kien	奸	wickedness and
kiaou	狡	craft
yuca	原	} from the beginning
lac	來	
T'hien	天	Heaven
pō	不	will not
zung.	容	bear with.
Foo	富	Riches and
kwei	貴	honors
jō	若	if
tsung	從	from
kien	奸	villainy and
kiaou	狡	craft

tsi,	得。	obtained ;
shy	世	world, present generation
kien	間	within
gae	呆	simple
Han	漢	people of China
hié	吸	must inhale
sy	西	the western
fung.	風。	wind.

## XCIV.

The duration of wealth ill-gotten, is as that of snow on which hot water is poured: the possession of lands, improperly obtained, endures as long as the sands, heaped up by the waves. If you make craft and deceit the rule of your life, you will be like the flower, which blows in the morning, and in the evening drops.

Woo	無	Without
y	義	right, justice,
tsien	錢	} wealth (is like)
tsac	財	
tang	湯	hot water
pe	滌	being poured
siut:	雪。	on snow:

t'hang	儻來田地水推沙。若將狡譎爲生計。恰似朝開暮落花。	} obtained by wicked con- nivance	
lae			
lien			fields and
ty			lands (are like)
shuy			by water
tuy			heaped up
sha:			the sands:
jō			if
tseang			you take
kiaou			craft and
kiuō			deceit
wei			to be
seng			your life's
ky,			plan,
hia			exactly
sze			resemble
chaou			morning
kae			opening,
moo			evening
lō			dropping
hwa.	flower.		

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## XCV.

The best cure for drunkenness is, whilst sober, to observe a drunken man. A

Jo	若	If
yaou	要	you want (radicating
luan	斷	a cutting away from, e-
tsaw	酒	wine
fa,	法	rule, plan,
ning	醒	with sober
yen	眼	eyes
kan	看	behold
tsay	醉	a drunken
jin.	人.	man.

## XCVI.

(Three subjects of consideration for the wine man.) If he does not learn in his youth, he will be good for nothing when grown up: if he does not give instruction in his old age, his posterity will have nothing by which to remember him: if he is possessed of wealth, and does not

make good use of it, should he become poor, no one will relieve him.

Shaou	少	Young
urh	而	and
pö	不	not
hiö,	學。	learn,
chang	長	grown up
woo	無	not
neng	能	} capable ;
yay :	也。	
laou	老	old
urh	而	and
pö	不	not
kiaou,	教。	instruct,
szc	死	dead
woo	無	not
szc	思	} thought of, remem- bered ;
yay :	也。	
yew	有	having, possessing,
urh	而	and
pö	不	not
chy	施	using



kiung,	窮	poor,
woo	無	not
yu	與	given to, (relieved)
yay.	也。	.

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 XCVII:

The opening flower blooms alike in all places: the moon sheds an equal radiance on every mountain and every river. Evil exists only in the heart of man; all other things tend to shew the benevolence of Heaven towards the human race.

Hwa	花	Flower
kae	開	opens, blows,
pe	不	without
tsé	擇	choosing
foo	富	} rich person's
kiä	家	
ty:	地	ground:
yué	月	the moon
chaou	照	irradiates
shan	山	mountains and
ho	河	river

taou	到處明。世間只有人心惡。凡事須還天養人。	}	every place (equally)
chu			bright :
ming :		world	
shy		within	
kien		only	
ché		are	
yew		men's	
jin		hearts	
sin		evil :	
go :		all	
fan		(other) things	
sze		must	
siu		resolve themselves into	
hwan		Heaven's	
t'hien		parental care of	
yang		man.	
jin.			

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## XCVIII.

Of things defective, there is nothing more so than ill-obtained wealth; of the destitute and orphaned, there are none more so than the self-sufficient man.

Toan	短	Insufficient, defective,
mo	莫	not
toan	短	more defective.
yu	於	than
kow	苟	} ill-obtained wealth;
tá,	得。	
koo	孤	orphaned,
mo	莫	not
koo	孤	more orphaned
yu	於	than (a man)
tse	自	} himself relying upon.
chy.	恃。	

## XCIX.

Confucius said, "A man, without thought for the future must soon have present sorrow."

Tse	子	Confucius
yué,	曰。	said,

jin	人	a man
woo	無	without
yuen	遠	distant
liu,	慮.	care,
pie	必	must
yew	有	have
kin	近	near
yew.	憂.	sorrow.

## C.

When you put on your clothes, remember the labour of the weaver: when you eat your daily bread, think of the hardships of the husbandman.

Shin	身	Body
py	披	put on, wear
ye	一	one
low,	縷.	garment,
chang.	常	always
sze	思	think of
chē	織	weaving
niu	女	woman
chy	之	's
laou :	勞.	labour, trouble :

je	日	daily
shē	食	eating
san	三	the three
tsan,	餐	meals,
mei	每	each, always.
nien	念	consider
nung-	農	} husbandman
foo	夫	
chy	之	's
koo.	苦。	bitterness, hardships.

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 CI.

Would you understand the character of the Prince, examine his ministers: would you know the disposition of any man, look at his companions; would you know that of father, look at his son.

Ys	欲	Wishing
chy	知	to know
ky	其	the
kiun,	君	prince,
sien	先	first
shy	視	look at

ky	其	his
chin:	臣。	ministers;
yö	欲	wishing
shě	識	to understand
ky	其	the
jin.	人	man,
sien	先	first
shy	視	look at
ky	其	his
yew:	友。	friends:
yö	欲	wishing
chy	知	to know
ky	其	a
foo	父	father,
sien	先	first
shy	視	observe
ky	其	his
tsze.	子。	son.

## CII.

A man is ignorant of his own failings, as the ox is unconscious of his great strength.

Jin	人	A man
po	不	not
chy	知	knows
ky	己	his own
kwo:	過	faults; (as)
new	牛	the ox
po	不	} is not aware of
chy	知	
lie	力	his strength
ta.	大	so great.

## CIII.

A man, by the cultivation of virtue, consults his own interest: his stores of wisdom and reflection are every day filling up.

new	修	(Adorning) cultivating
te	德	virtue,
taze	自	himself

yě:	益。	profits:
chy	智	wisdom and
liu	慮	reflection
je	日	daily
mwan.	滿。	filling up.

CIV.

Confucius says, "The capacity, for knowledge, of the inferior man is small, and easily filled up: the intelligence of the superior man is deep, and not easily satisfied."

'Tsz	子	Confucius
yue.	曰。	said,
siaop	小	mean (inferior)
jin	人	man's
chy	智	knowledge (capacity for)
twan	短	short, small.
ye	易	easily
ying:	盈。	filled up.
kiun-	君	} superior person's
tsz	子	
kien	見	(sight) intelligence
shin:	深。	deep;



nan	難	difficult
yǎ.	溢.	to overflow.

## CV.

Though the screen be torn, its frame is still preserved :  
 though the good man be plunged in want, his virtue  
 still remains to him.

Ping	屏	} Screen
fung	風	
su	雖	though
po.	破.	broken, torn,
kò	骨	} frame, or stand,
ké	格	
yew	猶	still
tsun,	存,	preserved ;
kian-	君	} virtuous man
taxe	子	
su	雖	though
pin	貧	poor,
ly	禮	his sense of propriety.
y	義	and rectitude

chang	常	always
tsac.	在.	present; remaining.

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✓  
CVI.

Without the wisdom of the learned, the clown could not be governed: without the labour of the clown, the learned could not be fed.

Woo	無	Without
kiun-	君	} sage, wise man,
tsze	子	
mo	莫	not
chy	治	govern
yay	野	uncultivated
jin:	人	man:
woon	無	without
yay	野	} the uncultivated man,
jin	人	
mo	莫	not
yang	養	nourish, support,
kiun-	君	} the sage.
tsze.	子.	

## CVII.

The cure of ignorance, is study,—as meat is that of hunger.

Y	以	By
shē	食	eating
yu	愈	cure
ky,	飢	hunger,
y	以	by
hio	學	learning, study
yu	愈	cure
yu.	愚	ignorance.

## CVIII.

The poverty of others is not to be ridiculed, for the decrees of destiny are in the end equal: nor are the infirmities of age a fit subject for laughter, since they must at last be the portion of us all. When the day that is passing over us is gone, our lives are proportionably contracted,—what reason, then, have the fish to be merry, when the water in which they swim is ebbing away.

Mo	莫	Do not
siaou	笑	laugh at
t'ha	他	} other people's
hia	家	

pin,	貧	poverty,	
lun-	輪	wheel's	} metemp- sychosis
hwuy	迴	revolution	
sze	事	affairs	
kung	公	} just, equal:	
taou:	道。		
mo	莫	do not	
siaou	笑	laugh at	
t'ha	他	other	
jin	人	men's	
laou,	老	age,	
chung	終	in the end	
siu	須	it must	
hwan	還	revert	
taou	到	to	
wo.	我。	me, us.	
Shy	是	This	
je	日	day	
y	已	(already) once	
kwo,	過	gone by,	
ming	命	life	
ya	亦	also	

shy	隨	consequently
kien :	減	lessened :
ju	如	if
shaou	少	decreasing
shwuy	水	water
yu	魚	to the fish
yu	於	in
sze	斯	this
ho	何	what
ly :	樂	to rejoice at :

## CIX.

An immoderate use of dainties generally ends in disease ; and pleasure, when past, is converted into pain. It is better to avert the malady by care, than to have to apply the physic, after it has appeared.

Shwang	爽	Pleasant
kow	口	to the mouth
wü	物	things
to	多	many
chung	終	in the end
tsä	作	create
tsi :	疾	disease :

kwac	快	glad	} pleasures
sin		heart	
szc	事	things	
kwo		gone by	
piě	過必	must	
wei		cause	
yang :	為殃	unhappiness ;	
yu		allow that	
ky	與	the	
ping		disease	
how	病後	after	
neng		can	
kew	能	seek	
yü,		medicine,	
pö	不	not	
ju		as	
ping	如	the disease	
tsien		before	
neng	病前	can	
tsze		one's self	
fang.	能	take care of.	
	防		

## CX.

Though the white gem be cast into the dirt, its purity cannot be (lastingly) sullied: though the good man live in a vile place, his heart cannot be depraved. As the fir and the cypress withstand the rigours of the winter, so resplendent wisdom is safe in situations of difficulty and danger.

Pü	白	White
yö	玉	gem
y	移	removed
yu	於	into
woo	汚	impure
uy.	泥	mud,
pö	不	not
ueng	能	can
chen	沾	} sully
shë	溼	
ky	其	it's
sé :	色	colour :
kiun	君	} sage, good man,
tsze	子	
chu	處	placed

yu	於	in
chù	濁	vile, unclean,
ty,	地	place, situation,
pò	不	not
neng	能	can
jea	染	taint or
lwan	亂	disorder
ky	其	his
sin.	心	heart.
Sung	松	Fir and
pò	栢	cyprus
ko	可	} can
y	以	
nao	耐	bear, withstand
siuè	雪	snow and
shwang,	霜	frost:
ming	明	bright
chy	智	wisdom
ko	可	} can
y	以	
shé	涉	walk through
kien	艱	difficulties and
wei.	危	dangers.



## CXI.

If you do not intreat their assistance, all men will appear good-natured: if you do not want to drink, it makes little difference whether the wine be dear or cheap: it is easier to seize the tiger in the hills, than to obtain the good offices of men.

Woo	無	Not
kew	求	seeking, asking.
taou	到	} every place
chu	處	
jin	人	men's
tsing	情	natures
haou	好	good:
pö	不	not
yin	飲	drinking,
tsung	從	let, permit
t'ha	他	other's
tsew	酒	wine
kea	價	price
kaou	高	to be high:
jo	入	entering

shan	山	hills
kin	擒	to seize
hoo	虎	the tiger
y:	易	is easy:
kae	開	opening
hou	口	mouth and
kaou	靠	} obtaining the support of
jin	人	
nan.	難。	is difficult. *

## CXII.

It is not easy to stop the fire, when the water is at a distance: friends at hand, are better than relations afar off.

Yuen	遠	Distant
shwuy	水	water,
nan	難	difficult
kew	救	(to rescue) to stop
kin	近	near
ho:	火。	fire:

\* i. e. To seize the tiger is easy, compared with the difficulty of obtaining the assistance of mankind in our troubles. This is one of the methods of forming the comparisons of Adjectives in Chinese.

yuen	遠親不如近鄰。	distant
tsin		relations
pe		not
ju		(so good) as
hin		near
lin.		neighbours, friends.

## CXIII.

Though the sun and moon be bright, their rays cannot reach under the inverted bowl; though the sword of justice be swift, it cannot slay the innocent man; nor can sidelong mischance penetrate the doors of the careful.

je	日月雖明不照覆盤之下。	Sun and
yué		moon
tsuy		though
ming		bright,
pe		not
chaou		illuminate
fo		up turned
puan		bowl
chy		} beneath:
hin :		

taou	刀劍	} sword (of justice)	
kien			
suy			though
kwae,			swift,
pō			will not
chan			behead
woo			without
tsuy			crime
chy			the
jin :			man :
fei	非災	} unlooked for misfortune	
tsae			
hung			sidelong
ho			mischance
pō			will not
jō			enter
shin			careful
kia			family, person
chy			's
mun.			doors.

\* Also written 飛災 "Flying misfortune."

## CXIV.

If a man wish to attain to the excellence of superior beings, let him first cultivate the virtues of humanity; for if not perfect in human virtue, how shall he reach immortal perfection ?

Ys	欲	Wishing
sew	修	to cultivate
sien	德	immortal
taou.	道	excellence,
sien	先	first
sew	修	cultivate
jin	人	human
taou :	道.	virtue :
jin	人	human
taou	道	virtue
ps	不	un-
sew.	修	cultivated,
sien	德	immortal
taou	道	excellence
yuen	道	will be distant
y :	遠	!
	矣.	

CXV.

Man is born without knowledge, and when he has obtained it, very soon becomes old:—when his experience is ripe, death suddenly seizes him.

Jin	人	Man
seng,	生	being born,
chy	智	knowledge
wei	未	is not
seng,	生。	born (with him),
chy	智	knowledge, experience,
seng,	生	being born, (or obtained)
jin	人	man
y	易	(easily) soon
laou:	老。	becomes old:
sin	心	heart's
chy	智	experience
ye	一	} wholly, completely
tsie	切	
seng,	生	born, obtained,
pö	不	not
kiö	覺	aware } suddenly

weo	無 常 到。	}	death •
chang			
taou.			

## CXVI.

Let those, who are the instructors of mankind, cherish their virtuous feelings, and vice will of itself vanish; let the rulers of the people teach them mutual respect and deference, and contentions will of themselves cease.

Kiaou	教 人 者 養 其 善 心 而 惡 自 消。	Instruct
jin		men
chay		those who,
yang		(let them) cherish
ky		their
shen		virtuous
sia		hearts, dispositions,
urh		and
gö		vices
taze		of themselves
siaou :		will melt away, vanish :

• 無常 literally means, "not eternal," a phrase for death; as is also 大限 Ta-hien, "the great limit."

chy	治	govern
min	民	the people
chay	者	those who,
taou	道	let them teach
chy	之	them
king	敬	respect, regard, and
jang	讓	deference,
urh	而	and
tseng	爭	contentions
tszo	自	themselves
sié.	息。	will cease.

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CXVII.

There are only three great rules, to be observed by those who hold public situations; viz. To be upright,—to be circumspect,—to be diligent. Those who know these three rules, know that, by which they will ensure their own safety in office.

Tang	當 官 之 法	} Public officer
kwan		
chy		's
fa		rules of action,



ché	只	only
yew	有	are
san	三	three
sze :	事。	things :
yué	曰	(to say), viz.
tsing,	清	purity, integrity,
yué	曰	viz.
shin.	慎	circumspection,
yué	曰	viz.
kin :	勤	diligence :
chy	知	knows
tsze	此	these
san	三	three
chay,	者	he who,
tsé	則	then
chy	知	knows
so	所	} that by which
y	以	
chy	持	he may hold, preserve.
shin	身	himself, his body
y :	矣。	:

## CXVIII.

A man's prosperous, or declining condition, may be gathered from the proportion of his waking to his sleeping hours.

Kwan	觀	Observing
chaou	朝	morning and
siē	夕	evening
chy	之	's
tsou	早	early and
gan,	晏	late,
ko	可	may
y	以	thereby
shē	識	know
jin	人	} a man
kia	家	
chy	之	's
hing	興	prosperity or
ty.	替.	decline.

## CXIX.

Unallied poverty is always happy; while impure wealth brings with it many sorrows.

Tsing	清	Pure, clear
pin	貧	poverty
chang	常	always
lâ:	樂。	happy:
chô	濁	impure
foo	富	wealth
to	多	many
yew.	憂。	sorrows.

## CXX.

The goodness of a house does not consist in its lofty halls, but in its excluding the weather: the fitness of clothes does not consist in their costliness, but in their make and warmth; the use of food does not consist in its rarity, but in its satisfying the appetite: the excellence of a wife consists, not in her beauty, but in her virtue.

Fang	房	} House
ô	屋	
pô	不	not

tsac	在 高 堂。 不 漏 便 好。 衣 服 不 在 綾 羅。 和 暖 便 好。 飲 食 不 在 珍 饈。	consists in
kaou		lofty
t'hang :		halls :
pö		not
loŋ		leaking,
pien		then
haou :		good :
y		} clothes
fo		
pö		not
tsac		consist in
ling		flowering and
lo ;		net-work ;
ho		fitting and
nuon		warm,
pien		then
haou :		good :
yin		drinking and
shö		eating
pö		not
tsac	consist in	
chin	} costly, rare articles :	
sew :		

yē	一	once
paou	飽	satisfied, filled
pieu	便	then
haou :	好。	good :
tain	娶	taking, marrying
tsy	妻	a wife
pō	不	not
tsar	在	consists in
yen	顏	} beauty :
sé :	色。	
hien	賢	} virtuous,
té	德	
pieu	便	then
hanu.	好。	good.

## CXXI.

In disposing of his daughter in marriage, let a man choose for her a husband, superior to herself (in rank and fortune): she will then serve her husband with respect and awe; in choosing his own wife, let a man take care that she be his inferior (in those respects): she will then serve her new relations as a woman should. \*

Kia	嫁	Disposing of in marriage
nu	女	
pie	必	} it must be to
siu	須	
shing	勝	superior to
woo	吾	my
kia	家	family,
chay	者	him who is: (being)
shing	勝	superior to
woo	吾	my
kia	家	family,

\* In China, when a woman is married, she is obliged to regard the father and mother of her husband, exactly in the light, in which she before regarded her own

te	則女之事人必飲必戒娶婦必須不如吾家者不如吾家	then
niu		wife
chy		's
sze		servng
jin		her husband,
pie		must, or will be
kin,		respectful,
pie		will be
kiac,		careful:
tsiu		marrying
foo		a wife,
pie		} it must be
siu		
pö		} inferior to
ju		
woo		my
kia	family,	
chay:	her who is:	
pö	} inferior to	
ju		
woo	my	
kia,	family,	

tsé	則	then
foo	婦	wife
chy	之	's
sze	事	serving
kew	舅	father-in-law, and
koo	姑	mother-in-law
piě	必	will be
chě	執	according to
foo	婦	a wife's, woman's
taou.	道。	rule, way.

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 CXXII.

He who receives a benefit, and is not ungrateful,—as a son,  
will be dutiful,—as a minister, will be faithful.

Show	受	Receives
jin	人	men's
gun	恩	favours, kindnesses,
urh	而	and
pb	不	not
jin	忍	can bear
foo	負	to abuse them, or be un- grateful.



chay :	者。	he who :
wei	烏	} as a son
tsze	子	
pië	必	must be
hiaou	孝	dutiful,
wei	爲	} as a minister
chin	臣	
pië	必	must be
chung.	忠。	faithful.

## CXXIII.

The fame of men's good actions seldom goes beyond their own doors; but their evil deeds are carried to a thousand miles distance. \*

Hiaou	好	Good
sze	事	deeds
po	不	do not
chü	出	go out of
mun :	門。	the door :
gö	惡	evil

\* "The evil which men do, lives after them :

"The good is oft interred with their bones."

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szc	事	deeds
chuen	傳	are transmitted
tsien	千	a thousand
ly.	里。	ly.

CXXIV.

Tae-kung says, "In the practice of hospitality, no difference should be made between relations and others; all who come must be well received."

Tae-	太 公 曰。 客 無 親 疎。 來 者 當 受。	} Tae-kung	
kung			
yuē,			says,
kě			among your guests,
woo			no
tsin			near, related, or
soo ;			distant, loose ;
lae			come
chay			those who,
tang			ought (all)
shou.	to be received.		

## CXXV.

The sincerity of him, who assents to every thing, must be small: and he, who praises you inordinately to your face, must be altogether false.

King	輕	Lightly
no	諾	assents
chay	者	he who,
sin	信	his sincerity
pie	必	must be
kwa :	寡	few, small ;
raien	面	to the face
yu	譽	praise, inordinately
chay	者	he who,
kiae	皆	altogether
pie	必	must be
fei.	非.	false.

## CXXVI.

If sincerity be wanting between the prince and his minister, the nation will be in disorder; if between father and son, the family will be discordant; if between brothers, their

affections will be loosened; if between friends, their intercourse will be distant.

Kiun	君	Prince and
chin	臣	minister
pō	不	not
sin	信	sincere,
kwō	國	nation
pō	不	not
gan :	安	quiet, well ordered :
foo	父	father and
tsze	子	son
pō	不	not
sin	信	sincere,
kia	家	family
pō	不	not
mō :	睦	harmonizing :
hiung	兄	} elder and younger
ty	弟	
pō	不	not
sin	信	sincere,
tsing	情	feeling, affections,
pō	不	not

tsin :	親朋友不信交易疎。	related, close :
prng		} friends
yew		
pō		not
sin		sincere,
kiaou		} intercourse
ye		
soo.		loose, distant.

## CXXVII.

Petty distinctions are injurious to rectitude ; quibbling words  
violate right reason.

Siaon	小辯害義小言破道。	Little
pien		distinctions
hae		injure
y :		rectitude :
siaon		little, frivolous,
yen		words
po		violate
taou.		right reason.

## CXXVIII.

Though powerful medicines be nauseous to the taste, they are good for the disease; though candid advice be unpleasant to the ear, it is profitable for the conduct.

Leang	良	Good, fine
yō	藥	medicines,
koo	苦	though bitter
kow	口	to the mouth,
ly	利	profitable, good,
yu	於	for
ping :	病.	the disease :
chung	忠	candid
yen	言	speech,
niē	逆	though adverse
urh	耳	to the ear,
ly	利	is profitable
yu	於	for
hing.	行.	the conduct.

## CXXIX.

To shew compassion towards the people, by remitting the severity of the taxes, is the virtue of the prince; and to offer up their possessions, sinking their private views in regard for the public, is the duty of the people.

liwan	緩	To remit
ching	征	exaction of taxes, and
po	薄	thinly, lightly
lien	歛	collect
hia	加	adding, bestowing
hoey	惠	compassion
yuen	元	} on the people
yuen	元	
hiun	君	the prince
chy	之	's
te	德	virtue
yay	也	,
y	以	with
hiä	下	what is below
fung	奉	to offer up
shang	上	above,

sien	先	advancing
kung,	公	public,
how	後	keeping back
sze	私	private, (views) is
min	民	the people
chy	之	's
chë	職	duty, office
yay.	也.	

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 CXXX.

Though the life of man be short of a hundred years, he gives himself as much pain and anxiety, as if he were to live a thousand.

Jin	人	Man's
seng	生	life,
pö	不	not
niwan	滿	a full
pë	百	hundred,
chang	常	yet always
hwac	懷	cherishes, broods over,
tsien	千	a thousand
buy	歲	years
yew.	憂.	griefs, anxieties



## CXXXI.

The advantages of wise institutions, can be sought for only in an inflexible observance of them.

Leang	良	Excellent
fa	法	laws,
chy	之	their
yew	有	} profitableness
ly	利	
yu	於	to
min	民	the people,
tsac	在	in
fung	奉	} zealous observance of
hing	行	
chy	之	them (we)
piě	必	must
kew	求	seek
ky	其	their
shē	實	reality.

## CXXXII.

If a man does not receive guests at home, he will meet with very few hosts abroad.

Tsac	在	At
kia	家	home,
pö	不	not
hwuy	會	} meet and receive
yin	迎	
pin	賓	} guests,
kê,	客	
chu	出	} going abroad,
loo	路	
fang	方	then
chy	知	know
shaou	少	few, a want of,
choo	主	} hosts, entertainers.
jin.	人.	

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## CXXXIII.

Where views and dispositions agree, the most distant will unite in friendship; where they disagree, relations themselves will soon be at enmity.

Y	意	Dispositions, intentions,
hó	合	fitting, agreeing,
tsò	則	then
Woo	吳	} Woo and Yuě, (two distant nations)
Yuě	越	
seung	相	mutually
tsin,	親	be intimate, related:
y	意	dispositions
pó	不	not
hó	合	agreeing
tsò	則	then
kò	骨	bones and
jow	肉	flesh } kindred
wei	爲	become
chow	仇	} enemies.
fié.	敵	

CXXXIV.

Without a clear mirror a woman cannot know the state of her own face; without a true friend, a man cannot discern the errors of his own actions.

Niu	女	Woman
woo	無	without
ming	明	clear, bright,
king	鏡	mirror,
pö	不	not
chy	知	know
mien	面	her face
shang	上	upon
tsing	上	beauties and
tsou:	精	deformities:
szc	粗	scholar
woo	士	without
leang	無	good
yew	良	friend,
pö	友	not
chy	不	know (whether)
hing	知	} steps, actions,
poo	行	
	步	

kwei	虧 踰。	} injurious, and transgress-
yu.		

## CXXXV.

A man should chuse a friend who is *better* than himself: if only *like* himself, he had better have none.—There are plenty of acquaintances in the world, but very few real friends.

Kie	結 朋 須 勝 己。 似 我 不 如 無。 相 識 滿 天 下。	} Knitting friendships,
pung		
sin		better, surpassing
shing		self:
ky:		the same as
sze		myself.
wo		} better, rather
pö		
ju		mutually
woo:		recognizing, knowing,
seang		fill
shé		} the world:
mwán		
t'hien		
hia:		

chy	知 心 能 幾 人。	knowing	} true friends,
sin		hearts	
neng		can (find)	
ky		a few	
jin.		men.	

CXXXVI.

The evidence of others is not comparable to personal experience: nor is "I heard," so good as, "I saw."

Kow	口 說	Mouth	
shwō		speaking,	
pō	不 如	}	not equal to
ju			
shin	身 途	body, person,	[ing:
fung :		meeting with, experienc-	
urh	耳 聞	ear	
wun		hearing	
pō	不 如	}	not comparable to
ju			
mō	目 見	eye	
kien.		seeing.	

## CXXXVII.

We should make it the business of our lives to control our temper, and whenever we find it becoming unruly, that instant bring it into order.

Ping	平	Uniformly } through-
jē	日	
yaou	要	must
tiaou	調	regulate and
ho	和	harmonize
tze	自	} one's own
ky	己	
tiē	的	
sing	性	} disposition, temper:
tze:	子.	
fan	凡	always, whenever
yu	遇	it happens
ying	性	} the temper
tze	子	
paou	暴	violent and
taou	躁	disturbed
ky	起	} becomes,
lae,	來	

suy	隨	}	then, forthwith
tsiè			
gan	按	}	quiet them.
sing.			



CXXXVIII.

The three greatest misfortunes in life, are,—in youth, to bury one's father;—at the middle age, to lose one's wife,—and, being old, to have no son.

San	三	Three
pò	不	un-
hing ;	幸.	happiness ;
shaou	少	} in youth
nien		
sang	喪	to mourn for
foo ;	父.	father ;
chung	中	middle
nien	年	years
sze	死	death
tsy ;	妻.	of wife ;
laou	老	} having become old.
læ		



woo	無	to be without
tszc.	子。	a son.

## CXXXIX.

In her accomplishments, it is not requisite for a woman to display talents of a famous, or uncommon description: in her face, it is not requisite that she should be very handsome: her conversation need not be very pointed or eloquent: her work need not be very exquisite or surpassing.

Foo	婦	A woman's, wife's
te	德	} virtues, accomplishments
chay	者	
pó	不	not
pió	必	must, or need be
tae	才	talents and
ming	名	name, reputation
tsuē	絕	very
yi	異	uncommon,
foo	婦	a wife's
yung	容	} countenance
chay	者	
pó	不	not

piē	必	顏	}	need be
yen				colour, complexion
sē	色	美	}	very beautiful,
mei				
ly :	麗	婦	}	a wife's
foo				
yen	言	者	}	speech,
chay				
pū	不	利	}	not
piē				need be
ly	口	辨	}	sharp
kow				mouthed, and
pien	詞	婦	}	disputatious,
tsze :				a woman's
foo	工	者	}	work,
kung				
chay	不	必	}	need be
pū				
piē	技	巧	}	artificial and exquisite
chy				
kiaou	過	人	}	surpassing
kwo				
jin.				other people's.

## CXL.

A virtuous woman is a source of honour to her husband ;  
a vicious one causes him disgrace.

Hien	賢	Virtuous
foo	婦	wife
ling	令	causes
foo	夫	her husband
kwei :	貴.	to be honorable :
gö	惡	vicious
foo	婦	wife
ling	令	causes
foo	夫	her husband
tsien.	賤.	to be cheap, mean.

## CXLI.

It being asked, "Supposing a widowed woman to be very poor and destitute, might she in such a case take a second husband." It was answered, This notion arises merely from the fear of cold and hunger : but to be starved to death is a very small matter compared with the loss of her respectability.

Wun,	問.	Being asked,
hwo	或	suppose

yew	有	there was
koo	孤	} a widow,
shwang	孀	
pin	貧	} poor and destitute,
kiung,	窮.	
woo	無	without
tò	託	} one on whom to rely,
chay,	者.	
ko	可	might she
tsac	再	again
kia	嫁	marry
fow?	否.	or not?
Yuè,	曰	Answered,
chě	只	only
shy	是	is because
how	後	after
shy	世	life
pa	怕	fearing
ky	饑	hunger and
han	寒	cold,
ngo	餓	starved
sze	死	to death,
koo	故	therefore

yew	有	have
shy	是	this, or thus,
shwü,	說.	say ;
jen	然	but (being)
ngo	餓	starved
sze	死	to death
sze	事	is a matter
kië	極	very
siaou	小	trifling,
shë	失	losing
tnië	節	self-control
sze	事	an affair
kië	極	very
ta.	大.	important.

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 CXLII.

When offences proceed from inadvertency, let gentle re-monstrances be used to inculcate a better knowledge for the future: where they are wilful, make use of severer denunciations, to prevent a repetition.

Chu	出	Proceeding
yu	於	from
woo	無	without

sin	心	(heart) intention
chay,	者。	,
hwan	緩	gently
yen	言	speak
y	以	in order to
hiaou	曉	instruct
chy:	之。	them: (the offenders)
ching	成	done
yu	於	from
yew	有	having
y	意	intention } wilfulness
chay:	者。	,
wei	危	threatening
yen	言	speak,
y	以	in order to
kiae	誠	deter
chy.	之。	them.

## CXLIII.

Those who promote disputes, and instigate to legal discussions, (for their own profit) convert the pen into a sword as the means of a livelihood; and regard quarrels, which affect the dearest interest of others, as mere child's play.

Kiaou	教	}	Teach and promote
so	唆		
tze	詞	}	discussions
nung	訟		
chay	者		those who,
y	以		of
taou	刀		the knife-
piē	筆		pencil
wei	爲		make
seng	生	}	a livelihood;
yac	涯		
shy	視		and regard
yō	獄		prison
sung	訟		strife
wei	爲		as, to be,
urh	兒		children's
hy.	戲		plays.

CXLIV.

Those who cause divisions, in order to injure other people,  
are in fact preparing pit-falls for their own ruin.

Tsaou	造	Making
hin	霧	divisions
y	以	in order to
king	傾	overthrow
jin:	人	men:
kew	究	examine
chy	之	it,
poop	布	it is providing
tsing	阱	wells, pits
y	以	for
tsze	自	one's self
hien.	陷.	to fall into.

CXLV.

Though the Mow-tan be beautiful, it is supported by its  
green leaves.

Mow	牡	} The Mow-tan.
tan	丹	



suy	雖	though
haou	好	good, beautiful
lô	綠	green
yf	葉	leaves
foo	扶	} support it.
chy.	持.	

## CXLVI.

A man's patrimony must suffer by trifling and idleness, as it must flourish by diligence. The chief rule to be observed, in one's plan of life, is to be strenuous in the beginning, and to increase one's exertions to the last.

Niô	業	Patrimonies
mei	每	each, all
hwang	荒	diminished
yu	於	by
hy	嬉	trifling, idling,
urh	而	and
pi <sup>f</sup>	必	must
tsing	精	flourish, be perfect, . . .
yu	於	by
kin:	勤	diligence:
chy	志	in plan of life,

kwei	貴	honorable, chief thing
fun	奮	to be strenuous
yu	於	in
chy	始	the beginning,
urh	而	and
yew	尤	still more
ly	勵	diligent
yu	於	in
chung.	終.	the end.

## CXLVII.

Even the carriers of burthens may, by honesty and diligence, obtain a sufficiency. The proverb says, "Every blade of grass has its share of the dews of heaven;" and "though the birds of the forest have no garners, the wide world is all before them."

Pei	背	(On the back
foo	負	carrying,
kien	肩	on the shoulders
tiaou,	挑	bearing,
ch'f	只	only
yaou	要	necessary to be

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laou	老 實 勤 謹 也 得 衣 食 無 虧 俗 語 說 一 根 草 有 一 根 草 的 露 水	}	honest, and
shé			}
kin		and	
kin		may obtain	
yay		clothes and	
té		food	
y		without	
shé		deficiency.	
wou		}	The popular proverb
kwei.			
fú	One		
yu	root		
shwá.	of grass		
yé	has		
ken	one		
tsou	root of		
yew	grass		
yé	'		
ken	}	dew	
tsou			
tié			
loo			
shuy			

yang :	養。	to nourish it :
yew	又	and again
shwō	說	it is said,
yay	野	forest
tsiō	雀	birds
woo	無	have no
leang	糧	grain, (stored up)
t'hien	天	but heaven and
ty	地	earth
kwan.	寬。	are broad.

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 CXLVIII.

Wisdom, and virtue, and benevolence, and rectitude, without politeness are imperfect.

Taou	道	Wisdom,
tē	德	virtue,
jin	仁	benevolence,
y	義	rectitude,
woo	無	without
ly	禮	politeness
pō	不	im-
ching.	成。	perfect.

## CXLIX.

He, who fears the laws, will not be likely to violate them.

The dread of punishments is the best method of avoiding them.

Kiu	懼	Fearing
fa	法	the laws,
tsze	自	indeed
po	不	not
fan	犯	offend against
fa :	法	the laws :
wei	畏	dreading
hing	刑	punishments.
tsze	自	indeed
ko	可	may
mien	免	prevent
hing.	刑.	punishments.

CL.

Do not think lightly of crimes, and fancy that they may be trifled with; for to every crime there is a law adapted, for its punishment.

Wu	勿	Do not
y	以	of
tsuy	罪	crimes
king	輕	think lightly, (or as)
ko	可	} fit to be trifled with:
wan:	玩	
yew	有	if there exists
yě	一	a
tsuy	罪	crime,
tsiě	即	then
yew	有	there exists
yě	一	a
fa	法	law
y	以	to
siang	相	} punish it.
ching.	懲	

## CLI.

He, who wishes to know the road through the mountains, must ask those who have already trodden it; (i. e. we must look, for instruction, to the experienced.)

Yaou	要	Wanting
chy	知	to know
shan	山	mountains
hia	下	below
loo,	路.	road,
siu	須	must
wun	問	ask
kwo	過	across
lae	來	coming
jin.	人.	men.

## CLII.

Rich men look forward to the years that are to come: but the poor man has time to think of only what is immediately before him.

Foo	富	Rich
jin	人	men
szc	思	think of

lae	來	coming
nien :	年.	years :
pin	貧	poor
jin	人	men
sze	思	think of
yen	眼	eyes
tsien.	前.	before

## CLIII.

It is better to believe that a man does possess good qualities  
than to assert that he does not.

Ning	寧	Better
ko	可	may
sin	信	believe
ky	共	he
yew	有	has.
pō	不	not
ko	可	may
yen	言	say, assert
ky	共	he
woo.	無.	has not.



## CLIV.

The mischiefs of fire, or water, or robbers, extend only to the body; but those of pernicious doctrines, to the mind.

Shwuy	水	Water,
ho	火	fire.
tsou	盜	} and robbers,
tsé	賊	
hac	害	the mischiefs
chy	止	only
kié	及	extend to
shin	身	the body;
y-	異	} un-orthodoxy
twan	端	
chy	之	's
hac	害	injuring,
hac	害	injury
kié	及	extends to
jin	人	men's
sin	心	hearts.

CLV.

The original tendency of man's heart is to do right; and if a due caution be observed, it will not of it's self go wrong.

Sin	心	Heart
chy	之	's
pun	木	original
ty	體	structure, body
yew	有	was
ching	正	correct
woo	無	and not
scay :	邪。	depraved :
kow	苟	if
yew	有	have
choo	主	} control,
chy	持	
tsze	自	} spontaneously, of itself,
jen	然	
pö	不	not
hwö.	惑。	be deceived, mistaken.

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## CLVI.

As it is impossible to please men in all things, our only care should be to satisfy our own consciences.

Ky	豈	How
neng	能	can
tsin	盡	completely
ju	如	according to
jin	人	men's
y:	意。	ideas:
tan	但	only
kew	求	seek
woo	無	not
kwei	愧	to shame
wo	我	my own
sin.	心。	heart.

## CLVII.

He who at once knows himself, and knows others, will triumph as often as he contends.

Chy	知	Knowing
ky,	己	himself,

chy	知	knowing
py.	彼。	others,
pö	百	hundred times
chen	戰	contend,
pè	百	hundred times
shing.	勝。	conquer.

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 CL.VIII.

One man's good fortune, is the good fortune of his whole family.

Yè	一	One
jin	人	man
yew	有	having
fó	福	happiness,
hy	携	sustains and
tac	带	carries along
mwan	满	his whole
ü.	屋。	house.

## CLIX.

Though brothers, are very near relations, the difference of fortune widely separates them.

Ty	弟	Younger and
hiung	兄	elder brothers
say	雖	though
tsin,	親,	related,
tsai	財	money and
pé	帛	fine clothes
fun	分	separate them
ming.	明。	clearly.

## CLX.

Eat your three meals in the day, and look forward to sleeping at night. \*

Jü	日	By day
shü	食	eat

- \* "Carpe, mortalis, mea dona lætus,  
Carpe, nec plantas alias require,  
Sed satur panis, satur et saporis,  
Cætera sperne."

san	三	the three
tsan,	餐.	meals;
yay	夜	at night
too	圖	look forward to
yē	一	a
shō.	宿.	sleep.

## CLXI.

A man's countenance is a sufficient index of his prosperity or adversity, without asking him any questions.

Jō	入	Entering
mun	門	a door,
hew	休	cease to, or do not
wun	問	ask about
yung	榮	prosperous or
koo	枯	unprosperous
sze ;	事.	affairs;
kwan	觀	} look at
kien	見	
yung	容	} the countenance
yen	顏	
pien	便	and then

te	得	you will obtain
chy.	知.	information.

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 CLXII.

Adversity is necessary to the development of men's virtues.

Pa	不	}	Were it not for
chy			
yě	一	}	once
fan			
han	寒	}	the cold
chē			
kū.	澈	}	penetrating
tseng			
lě	骨。	}	its stem, (bones),
mei			
hwa	怎	}	how
pō			
py	得	}	could obtain
hiang.			
	梅		Mei
	花		flower
	撲		put forth
	鼻		nose
	香。		fragrance.

## CLXIII.

He who neglects to study diligently in his youth, will, when he is old, repent that he put it off until too late.

Shaou	少	Few	} in youth
nien	年	years	
pò	不	not	
chy	知	knowing	
kin	勤	diligent	
hiò	學	study	
tsau,	早	early,	
pè	白	white	} in age
tow	頭	head	
fang	方	then	
hwuy	悔	repent	
tò	讀	reading	
shoo	書	books	
chy.	遲	late.	



## CLXIV.

He who studies ten years in obscurity, will, when once preferred, be known universally.

Shē	十	Ten	
niēn	年	years	
chwāng	窗	window	} studying.
hiā	下	below	
woo	無	without any	
jin	人	man	
wān,	問。	asking (about you),	
yē	一	once	
kiū	舉	raised, and	
ching	成	perfected	
ming,	名	name, reputation,	
t'hien	天	} the whole empire	
hiā	下		
chy.	知。	knows you.	

## CLXV.

It is too late to pull the rein, when the horse has gained the brink of the precipice: the time for stopping the leak is passed, when the vessel is in the midst of the river.

Ma	馬	Horse
taou	到	having reached
lin	臨	descent
yen	巖	of precipice
chow	收	receives
keang	韁	the rein
wan	晚	too late;
chuen	船	vessel
taou	到	having reached
kiang	江	river's
sin	心	heart,
pou	補	supplying, mending,
low	漏	the leak
chy.	遲	too late.

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## CLXVI.

The scholar is acquainted with all thing, without the trouble of going out of doors.

Sew-	秀	}	The scholar (a particu-
tae			
pü	不	,	without
chü	出		going out of
mun	門		his door,
neug	能		can
chy	知		know
t'hien	天	}	the whole empire's
hia			
szé.	事。		affairs.

## CLXVII.

He who advances, may fight ; but he who retreats, may take care of himself. \*

Chü	出	Going forth,
tsü	則	then

- \* "He who flies, may fight again ;  
Which he can never do, that's slain ;  
Hence, timely running's no mean part  
Of conduct, in the martial art."

*Heu,*

ko	可	}	may, can
y			
chen,	戰.		fight,
tuy	退		retreating
tsé	則		then
ko	可	}	can
y			
show.	守.		guard, preserve.

CLXVIII.

Those who respect themselves will be honorable, but he, who thinks lightly of himself, will be held cheap by the world.

Tsze	自	Themselves
tsun	尊	respecting,
tsze	自	themselves
kwei:	貴.	will be honored:
tsze	自	themselves
king	輕	thinking lightly of
tsze	自	themselves
tsien.	賤.	will be base.

## CLXIX.

Do not believe that all are honest, who appear to be so :  
but beware, lest the semblance of goodness turn out  
to be the reverse.

Mo	莫	Do not
sin	信	believe
chē	直	of honesty
chung	中	in the midst,
chē:	直。	there is honesty :
sin	須	but must
fang	防	beware (lest)
jin	仁	goodness
pō	不	be not
jin.	仁。	goodness.

## CLXX.

Walls have ears, and there are listeners under the window.

Ke	隔	Coming between, dividing,
tsuang	牆	wall
siu	須	must
yew	有	have

lien	點	speck
tiè	的	of
shè	實	true
hing.	行.	action.

CLXXIV.

Neat compositions, and elegant hand writing; skill in drawing pictures, or in playing at chess,—are nothing more than a species of mechanical skill; what great value is there in them?

Tso	做	Making
wun-	文章.	} neat compositions,
chang,		
scay	寫	writing
haou	好	good, handsome
tsze,	字.	characters,
hwa	畫	painting
hwa,	畫.	pictures,
hia	下棋.	} playing chess,
ky,		
po	不	not
kwo	過	more than

## CLXXII.

Expression for, "He has met with his match."

Ky	棋	Chess player
fung	逢	meets
tiē	敵	an enemy, opponent
show ;	手。	hand :
tsang	將	general
yu	將	falls upon
krang	良	} a worthy opponent.
tsar.	材。	

## CLXXIII.

Great promises are not followed by corresponding actions.

Kaou	高	High
tan	談	talking, and
hws	闊	broad, big
lun	論	expressions,
mo	莫	not
yew	有	have
y	一	one

shy	是	are
y	一	a
tsung	宗	species of
chy	技	} mechanical arts:
y:	藝	
yew	有	have
shin	甚	} what
me	麼	
hy	希	} rarity, value?
han?	罕	

## CLXXV.

As the behaviour of the world towards men of learning is respectful, learned men should have a due respect for themselves.

Jin	人	Men
chy	之	's
so	所	} treatment of
y	以	
tae	待	} scholars
szc	士	
chay	者	(is)



chung,	重則士之所以自待者益不可輕。	respectful, (weighty);
tsé		honcs
szc		scholar
chy		's
so		} treatment of himself
y		
tszc		
tae		
chay,		,
yé		the more
pé		not
ko		ought to be
king.		light.

CLXXVI.

Expel pernicious doctrines, that the true code may be duly honoured.

Chü	黜異端以	Turn out
y-		} false doctrines,
twan		
y	in order to	

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tsung	崇	honour, extol.
ching	正	the correct
his.	學.	doctrine, learning.

## CLXXVII.

If the stream be not confined, it will soon flow away and become dry: if wealth be not economized, there will be no limits to its expenditure, and it will soon be wasted.

Shway	水	Water
chy	之	's
lew	流	flow
pe	不	not
chs	蓄	confined
tsé	則	then
ye	一	at once
sié	洩	flows away.
woon	無	without
yu:	餘	an overplus, remainder:
urh	而	and
shway	水	water
lié	立	immediately

koo	涸	dried up
y:	矣。	:
tsac	財	wealth
chy	之	's
lew	流	flow
pō	不	not
tsiē	節	economized,
tsē	則	then
yung	用	using
chy	之	it
woo	無	no
too	度	measure,
urh	而	and
tsac	財	wealth
liē	立	immediately
kwei	匱	exhausted
y:	矣。	!

## CLXXVIII.

It is easy to convince a wise man : but to reason with a fool  
is a difficult undertaking.

Ko	可	May
wei	爲	to
chy	知	} a wise man
chay	者	
taou :	道	speaking reason :
nan	難	difficult
yu	於	with
ss	俗	a vulgar, foolish
jin	人	man
yen.	言	to talk.

## CLXXIX.

To meet an old friend in a distant country, may be com-  
pared to the delightfulness of rain after a long drought.

Kew	久	(After) long
han	旱	drought

\* This is not a common use of 爲 Wei.

fung	逢	meeting with
kan	甘	sweet
yu.	雨.	rain, (is)
t'ha	他	in another
hiang	鄉	country, (village)
yu	遇	falling in with
kou	故	old
che.	知.	acquaintance.

## CLXXX.

Speak of men's virtues as if they were your own, and of their vices, as if you were liable to their punishment.

Yen	言	Speak of
jin	人	men
chy	之	's
shen	善	virtues,
jo	若	if
ky	己	yourself
yew	有	possessed
chy:	之.	them:
yen	言	speak of
jin	人	men

chy	之惡若己受之。	's
gō		vices, failings,
jō		if
ky		yourself
show		(receive) had
chy.		them.

## CLXXXI.

The slow horse is fated to receive the lash: the worthless man will ultimately get his deserts.

Noo	駑馬自受鞭策。愚人終受毀棒。	Slow
ma		horse
tsze		truly
show		will receive
pieu		} the whip:
ts'è :		
yu		worthless
jin		man
chung		ultimately
show		will receive
hwuy		} punishment
chuy.		

## CLXXXII.

Diligence is a treasure of inestimable price: and prudence  
is the pledge of a security.

Kin	勤	Diligence
wei	爲	is
woo	無	without
kia	價	price
chy	之	the
paou :	寶.	treasure:
shin	慎	prudence, care,
shy	是	is
hoo	護	guard
shin	身	person
chy	之	the
foo.	符.	pledge.

## CLXXXIII.

Mencius said, "All men concur in despising a glutton,  
because he gives up every thing that is valuable, for  
the sake of pampering what is so contemptible.

Meng-	孟	} Mencius
tsze	子	

yuē,	曰.	said,
yin	飲	drinking and
shē	食	eating
chy	之	} men,
jin,	人	
tsē	人	as a consequence
jin	則	men
tsien	賤	despise
chy	之	them
y!	矣.	!
wei	爲	because
ky	其	they
yang	養	pamper
siaou	小	what is little
y	以	by which
shē	失	they lose
ta	大	what is great
y!	矣.	!



## CLXXXIV.

Him, whose words are consistent with reason, and whose actions are squared by the rule of rectitude, what man shall dare to oppose?

Fä	發	Issuing
yen	言	words
tang	當	consistent with
ly,	理。	reason,
tung	動	motion, and
chy	止	rest } actions
hü	合	coinciding with
kwei ;	規。	square, rule ;
ho	何	what
jin	人	man
urh	而	and
kan	敢	shall dare
wei	違	to oppose
ming ?	命。	his dictates ?

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## CLXXXV.

Inattention to minute actions, will ultimately be prejudicial to a man's virtue.

Pü	不	Not
king	矜	to attend to
sy	細	small
hing	行	actions
chung	終	ultimately
luy	累	involves
ta	大	great
té.	德.	virtue.

## CLXXXVI.

To the contented, even poverty and obscurity bring happiness, while to the ambitious, wealth and honours themselves are productive of misery.

Chy	知	Know
tsó	足	what is enough,
chay	者	those who, (to them)
pin	貧	poverty and
tsien	賤	lowly condition

yě	亦	are even
lǚ:	樂。	pleasant, joyous:
pǐ	不	not
chǐ	知	know
tsū	足	what is enough
chay.	者。	those who,
foo	富	riches and
kwei	貴	honours
yě	亦	are even
yew.	憂。	sorrowful.

## CLXXXVII.

As the light of a single star tinges the mountains of many regions, so a single unguarded expression injures the virtue of a whole life.

Yē	一	One
sing	星	star
chy	之	's
ho,	火	light,
neng	能	can
shaou	燒	illuminate
wan	萬	ten thousand

king	頃	regions
chy	之	the
shan :	山.	mountains :
pwan	半	half
kiu	句	a sentence
fei	非	} of unguarded speech
yen	言	
woo	誤	} injures
sun	損	
ping	平	} a whole life
seng	生	
chy	之	,
té.	德.	virtue.

## CLXXXVIII.

The evidence of a single glance should not be relied on as true: nor are words, spoken behind a man's back, deserving of much credence.

King	經	Lightly	} A single
mū	目	eyeing	
chy	之	,	
sze	事	affair	

yew	猶	the more
kung	恐	to be feared
wei	未	not
chin:	真	true:
pei	背	the back
how	後	behind
chy	之	's
yen	言	words
ky	豈	how
tsò	足	sufficient for
shin	深	deep
sin.	信.	belief.

CLXXXIX.

If a horse goes slowly, it is only because he is weak: if a man is not luxurious, it is only because he is poor.

Ma	馬	Horse
hing	行	going
poo	步	step
man,	慢	slow,
chě	只	only
yin	因	because

sow:	瘦.	thin, weak:
jin	人	man
pō	不	not
fung	風	} luxurious
lew	流	
chē	只	only
wci	爲	because:
pin.	貧.	poor.

## CXC.

Though a poor man should live in the midst of a noisy market, no one will ask about him: though a rich man should bury himself among the mountains, his relations will come to him from a distance.

Pin	貧	Poor
kiu	居	living
naou	鬧	in a noisy
shy,	市	market,
woo	無	no
jin	人	man
wun:	問.	enquires:
foe	富	rich

tsac	在	in a
shin	深	deeply retired
shan	山	mountain
yew	有	there will be, or come
yuen	遠	distant
tsin.	親	relations.

CXCI.

Knowledge is boundless ; but the capacity of one man is limited.

Koo	古	Ancient and
kin	今	modern times
chy	之	the
aze	事	} affairs
ly	理	
woo	無	in-
kiung t	窮	exhaustible ;
yě	一	one
jin	人	man
chy	之	
chy	知	} knowledge
shē	識	

yew	有	has
hien.	限.	bounds.

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 CXCII.

Plausible words are not so good as straight forward conduct :  
 a man, whose deeds are enlightened by virtue, need not  
 be nice about his expressions.

Kiaou	巧	Artful
yen	言	words
pö	不	not
ju	如	so good as
chê	直	straight
taou :	道	road of reason, virtue :
ming	明	enlightened
jin	人	man
pö	不	} not needs
yung	用	
sy	細	nicely
shwé.	說.	to speak.



## CXCIII.

A single hair of silk does not make a thread: one tree does not make a grove.

Tan	單	Single
szc	絲	silk hair
p8	不	not
neng	能	can
ching	成	perfect
sien :	線.	a thread :
tā	獨	single
mō	木	tree
yen	焉	how
neng	能	can
ching	成	make
lin !	林.	a grove !



## CXCIV.

A single conversation across the table, with a wise man, is better than ten years' mere study of books.

Yu	與	With
kiun	君	a wise man

c ?

yē	一	at one
siē	席	feast
hwa,	話	conversation,
shing	勝	surpasses
tē	讀	reading
shō	十	ten
niēn	年	years'
shoo.	書.	books.

## CXCIV.

Virtue is the surest road to longevity; but vice meets with an early doom.

Shen	善	Virtue
piē	必	must
shou	壽	} attain to longevity.
kaou,	考。	
gō	惡	vice
piē	必	must
tsou	早	early
mang.	亡。	perish.

\* This is the ancient sound and meaning of the character. It is at present written 老 and pronounced *Loou*.

## CXCVI.

By a single day's practice of virtue, though happiness may not be attained, yet misery may be kept at a distance: by a single day of ill doing, though misery does not immediately follow, happiness is prevented.

Yē	一	One
jē	日	day
hing	行	practising
shen	善	virtue
fō	福	happiness
suy	雖	though
wei	未	not
chy,	至	come,
ho	禍	misery
tsze	自	indeed, truly,
yuen	遠	will be distant
y:	矣.	:
yē	一	one
jē	日	day
hing	行	practising
gō,	惡	vice,

ho	禍 雖 未 至 福 自 遠 矣。	miser
say		though
wri		not
chy,		come,
fu		happiness
tsze		truly
yuen		will be distant
y.		.

## CXC VII.

If in the way of riches, do not use improper means to possess them: if in the way of misfortune, do not use improper means to avoid it.

Lin	臨 財 無 苟 得。 臨 難 無	Meeting with
tsac		riches,
woo		do not
kow		improperly
té:		obtain them:
lin		meeting [tunes,
nan		with difficulty, misfor-
woo		do not

kow	苟	improperly
mien.	免.	prevent, avoid them.

CXCVIII.

No medicine can procure long life, even to the ministers of the emperor: no money can purchase for any man a virtuous posterity.

Woo	無	No
yò	藥	medicine
ko	可	can
yen	延	prolong
king	卿	} a minister's
seang	相	
show :	壽.	longevity :
yew	有	though having
tsien	錢	money
nan	難	it is impossible
mac	買	to buy
tsze	子	sons and
sun	孫	grandsons } posterity
hien.	賢.	virtuous.

## CXCIX.

A single false move loses the game.

Chē	只	Only
yin	因	because
yē	一	one
chō	着	move
tsò	錯	wrong
mwan	滿	the whole
pan	盤	(chess) board
kiu	俱	all
shy	是	is
shoo.	輸。	lost, conquered.

## CC.

Prudence will carry a man all over the world: but the impetuous find every step difficult.

Siaou	小	}	With prudence,
sin			
t'hien	天	}	through the whole em-
hia:			
	下。		pire, world:

kie	去 得 大 膽 寸 步 難 行。	go, travel
ts		can
ta		} with temerity
tan		
tsun		gall
poo		one inch
nan		of step
hing.		difficult
		to proceed.

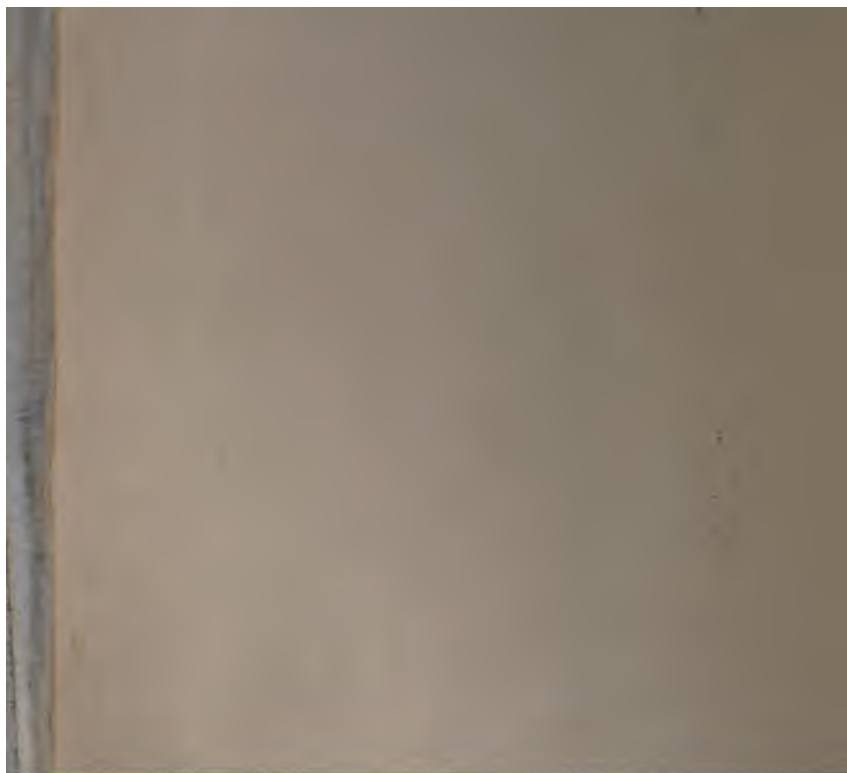
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