

*Handwritten mark* The principal street in the city is the Mo Loong Ka (the dragon street) with its tail at the Great Pagoda and its head at the Confucian cluster of buildings to the south. This is a very important part of Soochow.

Perhaps nowhere in the world is learning more revered than in China, yet there are few places where a larger percentage of the population is without formal education, while almost every one is trained in some skill or another, whether it be farming or a trade; in no other equally large population is the general level of modern knowledge so low.

In the broad sense of the word "education," it cannot be said that a ricksha man is "uneducated" if he possesses a vast and ready knowledge of his own culture and folklore, can sing the most famous parts of his great operas or repeat long and pertinent passages from the equivalent of Shakespeare or Schiller even if he can't read and write. Education in this broad sense penetrates deep into the life of the Chinese people.

The entire culture is based on writings of the sages who lived 500 years B. C., prominent among the group was Confucius whose life today stands for rationalized social order through the ethical approach, based on personal cultivation. When a young man he took up politics as a profession, prospered in it, but later gave it up rather than compromise his principles. He then devoted his life to literary work which consists of statements of his philosophical, religious, and moral positions but there is no devotional system of thought.

The records with their random accounts and sayings of the master, are more like the Gospels than like the works of