

AGAINST THE EXCLUSION ACT.

A Strong Sermon Preached in Favor of the Celestials.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The Rev. Edward P. Payson, one of the most eloquent of the Presbyterian clergymen of New York, preached at the old Canal Street Presbyterian church this morning, on the Chinese exclusion law, to a large congregation. He branded the law recently adjudged as constitutional by the United States Supreme court as unjust and un-Christian. He began his sermon by reviewing briefly the history of the Chinese empire and its contributions to the world.

"It has given the world," he said, "teas, spices and silks, and in inventions, gunpowder and the mariner's compass. I do not hesitate to say that it has given more varied benefits than any other nation on earth. The Chinese have proved themselves to be strong intellectually and commercially, as has been shown by what they accomplished in the ten years following the war carried on by the Christianized nations of Europe and the United States itself, which resulted in the breaking down of the Chinese wall of exclusion and the admission of Christian missionaries. In those ten years the Chinese made their exports double their imports and they have shown themselves to be the equals as merchants and diplomats of any nationality on the face of the earth."

Dr. Payson then exhaustively argued what he claimed to be the injustice of the exclusion act, which discriminated against the Chinese and yet admitted the immigrants from Europe.

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