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But it is in China that the manners are indestructible. Besides the fact that the women there are completely separated from the men, manners as well as morals are taught in the schools. An educated man can be recognized by the gracious way he bows. [1] These things first given as precepts, and by grave scholars, become fixed as moral principles and never change.

[1] Says Father du Halde.