

## The Three Kings of Orient

is a prophecy which declares that they 'shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.' Into the great Christian concept of character we dare to hope that we may bring something that you have failed to discover. Humbly, therefore, we lay at the feet of the world's Saviour our poor gifts."

His request was ended. The passion of his own soul had kindled a flame in the heart of the monarch and already he burned with zeal to grant this request. In a speech full of generosity and love he assured the representative of his far distant subjects that a speedy answer would be given to his cry for help.

"In the name of all my brethren I desire to thank your majesty. This morning I bent my knee in worship at your wondrous Abbey service and prayed that the spirit of the Master would fill the heart of the king of this great empire and incline his subjects to yield up to their distressed and hungry brethren the Bread of Life. If the prayer is answered, and your generous assurance fills me with a rich hope that it will be, then the West will receive Christ back again, a more glorious Saviour than He was before."

As the dignified Oriental quietly retreated towards the door, a marvellous transformation passed upon him. The white trident upon his forehead melted away and in its place there came the sign of the cross. He lifted his hands in a gesture of benediction, and upon the palms two red spots glowed like living hearts of flame. The king was transfixed in wonder. Was this the Christ? And had the appeal been really His? His majesty bowed his head in shame for the nation that had so long denied the claim of the Eastern land. When he had courage to lift his eyes the King who bore the Trident was gone, and another stood in his place.