

fascinating but falsifying glamour of its advocacy ! or if, after one third of the human race had been claimed for its adherents, Dr. Happer had exposed the shallow claim by his masterly proof that Mohammedanism, Confucianism, and Christianity each far outnumbered Buddha's followers ! Under plea of permitting no disputation, what assaults on Christianity, what erroneous statements went unchallenged !

No wonder the veteran missionary at Swatow remonstrates when three or four thousand American "Christians" shout themselves hoarse as bold flings are made at "Christian nations," unanswered ; and American—supposedly "Christian"—women, wild with delight, scramble over chairs and benches to get near Dr. Barrows's "right reverend" Shinto, who had been throwing mud at Christianity, and were, some of them, *kissed* by him !—a thing considered indecent where the "right reverend" exercises his priestly functions !

That sophisticated Hindu "monk," Vivekananda, among other applauded statements, said at Chicago :

"You come with the Bible in one hand and with the conqueror's sword in the other. You, with your religion of yesterday, to us who were taught thousands of years ago precepts as noble and lives as holy as your Christ's. You trample on us, and treat us like the dust beneath your feet. You degrade our people with drink, you insult our women. You scorn our religion, in many points like yours, only better because more humane. And then you wonder why Christianity makes such slow progress in India. I tell you it is because you are not like your Christ, whom we could honor and reverence. Do you think if you came to our doors like Him, meek and lowly, with a message of love, living and working and suffering for others as He did, we should turn a deaf ear ? Oh, no ! We should receive Him and listen to Him as we have done to our own inspired teachers."

As the *Madras Mail* remarked, these statements are only a mere echo of the usual cheap tirade against Christianity heard in India from the lips of every university undergraduate, at every street preaching, in every lecture-room, and sometimes read in the columns of the native journals ; but whose absurdity is patent even to every right-thinking Hindu, and therefore regarded as claptrap by the better portion of the educated classes.

If it were worth while to prick the bubble of this sophomoric bombast, we could easily expose the fact that there is nothing in it. It is easy to say, "You come with the Bible in one hand and the conqueror's sword in the other." *Who!* How many who heard or who will read these words ever were in India, ever handled a sword, or had any part in India's conquest ? Hundreds of thousands of Christians do not believe in a sword, and condemn utterly British rule in India, especially as represented by the East India Company !

"Your religion of yesterday !" as though the basis of our whole Christianity were not found in the promise of a redemptive seed, made in Eden ; and as though its ethical basis were not as old as the Decalogue . . . ancient