

ordinary difficulty of their position. As an experienced missionary in China has said: "They are shut off from what is the life of many a Christian in a Christian country and what is so helpful, the tradition behind it, the hereditary examples and traditions, the Christian atmosphere. The Christian converts in the mission field stand up without any of these helps. They stand up, to the eye of the flesh alone, to face an unchristian world; can we wonder if they sometimes stumble and fall?" In India, the loss of caste consequent on baptism separates the convert absolutely from all his former friends and relations—from everything on which his former life was built. Yet Christians may often be recognised by the happiness and peace in their faces, and in every land and in every age of the Church's history down to the present day, converts have gladly sacrificed wealth and position and friends, and have endured persecution and horrible torture and cruel deaths for the sake of the Master they have chosen to follow. That the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church is as true in the