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I admit that some of the criticisms in reference to certain missionaries and missions are true so far as they relate to particular instances, but they are unjust and misleading because of lack of discrimination, and the proper sense of proportion, for their reports are made to reflect upon the work of foreign missions as a whole. I well remember what the Prime Minister of Japan, Count Okuma, said to me in a long interview in his home, during which I asked him many questions concerning Christianity in Japan. To a certain question he replied: "Yes, send us many more missionaries, for we need them for the moral elevation of our people, but send us only good and able ones, for you have made some great mistakes in this respect." He had special reference to some years gone by, and the mistakes were not repeated, for the missionary cause had suffered.

At times there have been some ill-advised methods pursued that tended to denationalize and Westernize the converts, and which naturally tended to prejudice the spirit of patriotism and national pride against the missionaries as well as their converts. But much has been learned from experience, and a more rational and sympathetic attitude has proved more successful, by recognizing all that is best in their religious beliefs, and then seeking to adapt our religious and moral conceptions to their modes of thought so as to win their acceptance of the essence and cardinal truths of the Gospel, and trusting to its divine power to transform their lives and practices, instead of divorcing them from the things that are distinctly national, and which must remain Indian.

We cannot, and we should not attempt to transplant all the human infirmities and man-made peculiarities