

tion now adhered to by some of the wisecracks of the pulpit.

The mistake in Japan has been in experimenting with methods that have made the leaders of thought in Christian countries infidel to their own religion ; which is, letting the fact slip that the first step in Christianity is an awakening from moral declension by a consciousness of its dangers. In order to salvation, the conscience of a nation must be aroused ; a fact recognized in the terrors of Mount Sinai, and by the voices of the original heralds of Christianity. Once bring the conscience of the Japanese into living action by sufficiently heralding the day when the secrets of men are to be revealed and judged, and Christ will become a necessity ; until then, the felt need will be for the latest improvements in ships and artillery.

Were our knowledge of the earliest ages of the world, those that preceded and those that followed the deluge, as intimate as of the age