

ing that they are hopeless and unpractical. On the other hand, Miss Bird's Japanese attendant, being asked by her what his feelings had been in a situation of peril from which he had just escaped, replied, " I thought I had been good to my mother and honest, and I hoped I should go to a good place." This looks like the presence, in a rudimentary form, of natural religion.

The London *Spectator* whimsically upbraids the people of the United States for not lending aid to the cause of oppressed nations. American journals naturally retort by pointing to Bulgaria, Afghanistan, the Transvaal, and other weak points in the philanthropic record of the Old Country. They say with truth that if the American Republic has not crusaded, it has assisted the oppressed of all nationalities by affording them an asylum, which, they might add, would have been altered in character and impaired in value by the maintenance of armaments, such as crusades would have entailed. They might also say that by the presence of her citizens in China and Japan, and the friendly relations into which she has entered with the Chinese and Japanese Governments, she has practically done not a little towards preserving these two important and interesting, though quaint and barbaric, nationalities from the filibuster, who, as all readers of the Jingo press of England must be well aware, had marked them for his prey. Lord Elgin, who, as Envoy to China, and as Governor-General of India, served iniquity with a heavy heart, had dark forebodings of the doom of Japan. " This," he says, after describing the pleasant aspect of Japanese life, " is what I find in Japan in the year 1858, after one hundred years' exclusion of foreign trade and foreigners. Twenty years hence, what will be the contrast?" His parting words are, " we are again plunging into the China Sea, and quitting the only place which I have left with any feeling of regret since I reached this abominable East—abominable, not so much in itself, as because it is strewed all over with the records of our violence and fraud, and disregard of right." Jingoism has had its day: a better spirit now reigns in England, and Englishmen who cherish the honour of their country as a moral power, have reason to hope that the danger of piratical