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BUDDHISM—THE LIGHT OF ASIA.

A RELIGION whose votaries outnumber the members of all the Christian churches, inclusive of Romanists and adherents of the Greek church, which has fed upon the life and covered the institutions of the various types of civilization in the East, which confronts our missionaries in China and India, which itself is to-day sending out missionaries to Christian countries—to Australia, to California and to Paris—and which is making a vigorous effort to prove one of the most powerful factors of history, demands surely our earnest study. But our attention has recently been specially called to Buddhism by the parallelism which has been drawn between it and Christianity, between its founder—Siddartha Gautama, called also Buddha—and our Lord Jesus. Of this parallelism infidel writers are very proud; and our age has witnessed the spectacle of learned professors, poets and editors, men supposed to represent the intelligence and enlightenment of our boasted civilization, extolling and glorifying Buddhism and calling upon all to recognize it as the Light of Asia. In this Sir Edwin Arnold excels; for his genius asserts itself in ignoring the trash found in such abundance in the sacred books of Buddhism and in painting