his wives and ministers. He was taught that it was unfitting that a descendant of the gods should mingle in ordinary earthly affairs. The administration of the government was left to the Shogun. In theory, the Mikado was still the source of all authority, but the Shogun wielded all power. The Mikado lived in Kyoto; the it must open its gates to all. In deal-Shogun lived in Yedo. Sometimes ing, with the foreigners the right of the Japan. And, as revolutions never go the Shogun was dealt with as was the Shogun to make treaties was called in backward, we may feel sure that what Mikado. All power was taken from him and was exercised by his chief retainers. At such times the government The blame of admitting the hated was a triple one. But a Shogun was foreigners and making treaties with not a son of the gods, and could be them was laid at the Shogun's door. displaced by a successful general of Japan was awakening from the slumber another clan. This happened several of ages. A dual government was felt when a review is made of the condition times. There grew up around the Shogunate a feudal system. The land was divided by the Shogun among his followers. By so doing, he bound America. They reported what they life's problem and figure for themselves All are cordially invited to these services. them to his house. The feudal barons governed their own provinces. They urged to resign. He did so, and the sheet. Though the bank account may ST. THOMAS-Church, corner of Railway and assessed and collected taxes, made office was abolished. The feudal bar- be large and each one's material gain roads and bridges, promoted education, punished crime, enforced contracts. In Japan there is no such thing as law emanating from the capital. Below these fcudal barons were the Samuria. They were the fighting class. Below these again were the farmers, artisans and merchants.

Japan was "the land of the gods." Other peoples were barbarians, and the sacred soil must not be polluted with their presence. This could not continue. China and California being opened to trade, Japan, lying between, must be opened also. There must be ports into which ships could go in a storm, and into which they could go it must disestablish Buddhism and for coal and provisions in time of need. The shipwrecked must be cared for. The opening of Japan became a necessity. Commodore Perry visited Japan in 1853. He bore a letter from Japan has now as fine ships of war President Fillimore to the Emperor. He had four ships in his squadron. Such a force had never been seen in Absolutism has granted a constitution. Japanese waters. The officials wanted him to leave, but he would not till he had executed his commission. He was determined to exhaust every peaceful resource before resorting to coercive to, the moral and intellectual faculties measures. A Japanese writer says that it was tortunate that Japan was tain the prosperity of the state, gave not brought into contact with the this constitution. In this docuworld earlier than it was. Had it been, it might have fared as did Mexico and Peru. He regards Perry as one of the greatest friends of humanity the earth has ever seen. Unlike Cortes and Pizarro and Clive, he woke up a hermit nation without wounding its p:ide. The next year Perry returned for an answer to the President's letter. The but it is a great stride in advance. upshot of this expedition was that a The Emperor exercises the legislative treaty of peace and amity between the power with the consent of the Imperial.

were opened for trade; coal and provisions were to be furnished American successors shall rule in an unbroken ships when they needed them; the shipwrecked were to be cared for; and consuls or agents of the United States were to be allowed to settle in Japan. The empire being opened to our nation, question. The conservatives gathered has been accomplished is only an about the moved his capital from Kyoto to Yedo and changed the name of the city to Tokyo.

The change could not stop with the termination of the Shogunate and the feudal system. If Japan was to preserve its independence, it must have a modern army and navy; it must have schools of all grades; it must have a postal system, the telegraph, railways; cease to persecute Christianity. All this has been done, and much more. Once, all ships over fifty tons were burned; only the junks remained. as any other nation. Her postal system is unexcelled. Nor is this all. The emperor has sworn to forego many of the powers claimed by his predecessors. This ruler, desiring to promote the welfare of, and to give development of his subjects, and, hoping to mainment it is said that no Japanese shall be arrested, detained, tried or punished unless according to law. The right of property of every Japanese subject shall remain inviolate. Except in special cases, no house shall be entered or searched without the consent of the owner. The constitution is not perfect,

two nations was formed. Two ports Diet. He declares war, makes peace and concludes treaties. He and his line for eternal ages. The suffrage is based on property and not on manhood. This disenfranchises the bulk of the nation. But, making all deductions and abatements, it must be conceded that a new day has dawned in Mikado in Kyoto, earnest of what is to come.

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A Significant Departure.

With the departure of another year, to be an anachronism. Feudalism of affairs, it is only right that some Sunday. 11 a. m., 7 p. m.; Sunday School, was felt to be a thing of the past. thought be given to the physical body p. m.; Senior Endeavor, S.15 p. m. Embassies were sent to Europe and which enables everyone to battle with Wednesday, Prayer-meeting, S p. m. saw and heard. The Shogun was the profit or loss on the trial balance ons surrendered powers which they be great, it would not be surprising if it Public worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p. m. Mission had held for centuries. The Mikado suddenly dawns upon many that good emerged from the seclusion in which health has teen greatly impoverished Wednesday evening Prayer-meeting, 8 p.m. he had lived and took part in the affairs by the low condition of the blood. It Strangers welcome to all services. of the nation. To emphasize the is in this state that the lactic acid in change that had taken place, he re- the vital fluid attacks the fibrous tissues, particularly the joints, making known LONDON .- Elizabeth Street Church. the local manifestations of rhoumatism. (Thousands of people have found in ing Service. 2:30 p.m., Sunday-school. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood p.m., Preaching Service. purifier, a positive and permanent cure for rheumatism.

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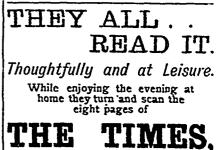
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