

troubles from Christianity itself: for in one important aspect they exhibit unmistakable symptoms of alarm at the true progress of the only Power which can renovate China and the Chinese. I cannot better conclude than in the words of Dr. Griffith John upon this very point:—"The main aim of the missionary in coming to China," he says, "is not to teach a system of ethics, but to preach Christ, the one true Saviour of men. The great need of China to-day is vital religion. The Chinese need a heavenly principle that shall infuse a new moral and spiritual life into the nation, a mighty power that shall transform them in their inmost being, a divine inspiration that shall create within their breasts aspirations after holiness and immortality. In other words, what they need is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Apart from Christianity, I can see no hope for China. There is no power in the religious systems of the country to develop a holy character, a true manhood. China cannot advance in the path of true progress without a complete change in the religious life of the nation. It is Christ alone who can lead in the glorious dawn of the Chinese renaissance; the new birth of a mighty nation to liberty and righteousness, and ever expanding civilization. Feeling this to be true in our heart of hearts, we, the missionaries, have come to China to preach Christ, unto one a stumbling block and unto another foolishness, but unto them that are called, whether the one or the other, Christ, the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

J. H. MACVICAR.

*Honan.*

Beauty is a sacred trust given to advance the moral interest of the world

*Prof J. Clark Murray.*

Interest is the touchstone of friendship.

--*Selected.*

Raptures and transports of joy are not the daily bread of God's children

*Matthew Henry.*

The history of the world is the biography of great men.

—*Carlyle.*

The soul grows beautiful on beauty fed

—*Selected.*

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

—*Emerson.*