

notes that more leagues of territory have been taken from her than leagues of progress have been made in converting her. The assumption of moral superiority has been accompanied by a very commercial demand for payment, not in the things of the spirit, but in the things of the flesh. "Doth the wild ass bray, when he hath grass?"

The only book every Westerner knows is an Eastern book. Eastern from cover to cover. Eastern in its modes of thought, Eastern in its images, Eastern in its belief in autocracy, Eastern in its belief in the subordination of women, Eastern in its occasional pictures of gross immorality, Eastern in its lazy gentleness, Eastern in its unconscious cruelty. The West accepts the Bible as its best literature. Even in the matter of material possessions, the East is still our teacher, and those Orientals, the Jews, are our most powerful bankers. The enlightened among the Orientals, therefore, and though they be few in numbers, they rule, claim that they have given us enough to prove that along spiritual lines they are not in our debt; and further, that their consent should be asked before we force them to accept the mechanical and material mould we call progress. We have assumed superiority because we could enforce it; our superiority has not won its way by conversion