

Her armies were armed and disciplined in accordance with the best system of the West, and her warlike operations conducted on the most approved methods, though only native officers were employed. The rapidity with which troops, amounting to eighty thousand in all, and the necessary supplies were carried across the sea, and the skilful evolution, under native officers, of a fleet of vessels of a type not dreamed of in Japan thirty years before, was a new revelation to the observing world. And in another direction it was made evident that Japan had learned a valuable lesson from the nations of Christendom. Instead of the massacres of their earlier wars, they now displayed the most humanitarian moderation. There was no ill treatment of the peaceful inhabitants, while ambulances and field hospitals were put at the disposal of the wounded of both sides, with a humane kindness greatly to be commended.

It is not only in politics and war that Japan has progressed. In all other directions activity, intelligence, and development have been shown. In the art of manufacture there has been a steady advance, and the island workshops are now coming into active competition with those of Europe and America and threatening a dangerous commercial rivalry. Steamship lines, under Japanese control, connect with all the leading ports of Asia, and trade is in a flourishing state. The telegraph and telephone have been introduced and are widely extended, while railroads connect all the principal cities. The newspaper is an established institution in Japan, libraries and colleges are flourishing, a new literature, based on that