

are building railways to open up their country, and teaching their own civil engineers for this and other engineering work. They are establishing agricultural colleges to improve the cultivation of the soil. This spirit of reform is touching the foundations of government. A constitution and representative assembly is promised, and already some municipal councils are being established and the people trained in the principles of self-government. The social status of the soldier has been raised, modern weapons are being introduced and a standing army trained in the science of modern warfare.

Under an Imperial Decree dated the 20th of September, 1906, the great national vice, the opium habit, is being outlawed, and the growth of the poppy, and the use of opium will be completely abolished in ten years so far as China can control the situation. Another imperial decree has placed a ban on foot-binding. In all Government offices Sunday is a legal holiday. China is awaking. What will China be when awake? We to-day know the power and influence of Japan in the world's civilization. Multiply Japan by ten and we have some faint conception of the power and influence which China may possess in the days to come. "Confucianism represents the intelligence and morality of China, Taoism, its superstitions, and Buddhism, its ritualism and idolatry, while yet it acknowledges no God."

Sir Robert Hart, that great English statesman who has given his life service to China says: "China is to-day the greatest menace to the world's peace unless she is Christianized." "How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a