

ourselves a curse instead of a blessing, by assuming that Chinese social custom rules the government of Heaven. In the true Celestial Kingdom, the boot must expand with the expanding foot. Christianity becomes lame when the growing foot is cramped into the rigid unchanging form of its incasement.

The Church has changed her forms of practice in baptizing: she had a perfect right to do so.

If any Christians prefer the earlier to the later forms, or the later to the earlier, who shall condemn them? If any see not the wisdom of baptizing children, who shall force them to observe the practice before they see it to be right? Cannot mutual forbearance find a ground of closer unity between organizations not uncongenial to each other, that they may not be crippled in their efficiency by divisions based upon things of merely minor importance?