

embraces about one-third of the entire population of the globe; which was consolidated as a government 1688 B.C.; whose astronomers, two centuries before Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, had recorded observations which have been verified by modern scientists; whose literature was fully developed before England was invaded by the Norman conquerors; whose people, before America was discovered, had built a canal 1,200 miles long, and 220 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem, had constructed a wall from 15 to 30 feet in breadth and thickness, which passed over mountains and through valleys in an unbroken line for 1,500 miles—we say, rearing of such a country, no historian could do more in such space as Dr. Gracey has occupied than give the merest outline. Yet that outline, although it be a skeleton, is by no means one of *dry bones*. The ingenuity exercised in working up comparisons by which to give one an idea of the size, population, antiquity, etc., of the nation, makes it refreshing, and fixes the facts in the mind as an ordinary recital of them would fail to do; while the description of the various religious systems, as well as of their relation to the people; the people's attitude toward them and toward Christianity; the facts selected to bear evidence of the progress and genuineness of the work, and the aptness of the quotations from other writers, with reference to several of the points discussed, all tend to increase one's interest, appetite and enthusiasm.

The book closes with a table compiled at a General Missionary Conference held at Shanghai in May, 1890, showing the names of all the Protestant societies then at work in the country, when they commenced, the number of missionaries, helpers, churches, hospitals, dispensaries, patients, pupils in schools, communicants, etc., as well as the contributions by native Christians, and appeals by attendants at that Conference for many more workers in the next few years. To Christians desiring a knowledge of the country, upon which to found intelligent missionary action, the succinct information contained in these appeals is alone worth the price of the book.

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