

ing the overthrow of the Roman Empire; the associations of mercy, hospitals, asylums, refuges, schools, and centres of charity have directly emanated from the teachings of the "Son of Man."

The grace, heroism and humanity, infused in Middle Age society, and so into modern life, was through the action of His faith on the German temperament. Chivalry has indeed a large proportion of transitory, whimsical and earthly elements in it, but the humanity infused by it into wars, the respect inspired for woman, the courtesy and consideration taught, the grace and gentleness cast over society, the compassion it illustrated, belong to him who embodied such pure qualities without the alloy of class feelings, and who, as the "Son of Man," was in sympathy with all conditions of men, an eternal ideal of compassion to the unfortunate.

Mr. Darwin once said of some persons who were criticising foreign missions: "They forget, or will not remember, that human sacrifice and the power of an idolatrous priesthood—a system of profligacy unparalleled in any other part of the world; infanticide, a sequence of that system; bloody wars, that all these things have been abolished, and that dishonesty, intemperance and licentiousness have been greatly reduced by the introduction of Christianity. In a voyager to forget these things is a base ingratitude, for should he chance to be at the point of shipwreck on some unknown coast, he will most devoutly pray that the lesson of the missionary may have extended thus far."

The new constitution of Japan as promulgated from the throne by the Mikado, marks a great stride by that country towards Republicanism, and to a higher