

from the time when, through a successful war, Japan sprang at once into the position of a world-power. China, which had been thought to be on the very verge of dissolution, seemed to shake itself like a giant, and is now busy in bringing about changes with a rapidity which can only be described as bewildering. All through Asia a similar ferment is in process. The non-Christian religions are losing their hold on the educated classes, the leaders of the people; and at the same time these leaders themselves are more and more feeling the necessity of religion for the people, of religious teaching for the young. Here is the opportunity for the Christian teacher. But the call is urgent. At the great missionary conference in Edinburgh in 1910 a Chinese professor from Peking said: "The people of China are now giving away the old, but they have not yet grasped the new. The minds of the Chinese are now empty, and this is the time for Christ to step in. If you wait four or five or even three years, you will find such a change in China that the minds of her people will be blocked."

With the stirring of the spirit of nationality