

tipathy to foreigners, and often give credence to absurd stories about them, such as that they have "no joints to their knees," and that their sailors have "webbed feet"; that foreigners see a hundred yards into the earth, and missionaries extract the eyeballs of murdered Chinese children for the purpose of making charms.

In the face of all this, they are learning of the foreigner and accepting many of his improvements. Dock-yards and arsenals have been established, gunboats and corvettes built and equipped at the Foo-Chow dockyard, and superintended by French inspectors; a post-captain of the British navy taught the future officers of a Chinese fleet, and a frigate has been built and launched at the arsenal at Shanghai. Retiring officers of the British army command the Camp of Instruction at Shanghai, and Americans, the drilled force of Ningpo. The Taku forts are armed with Krupp guns. They have re-organized their army, furnishing them with the Enfield, Colt and Remington rifles. The cumbersome junks are giving way on the coast and great rivers to fine steamships. Chinese banks, insurance companies and boards of trade are to be found in all the leading ports. The Imperial College of Pekin, presided over by Dr. Martin, the missionary, is the West Point of China, with a hundred students mastering western sciences and languages. Scientific and popular magazines circulate among the literati and the ruling portion of society.

They exhibit great tact and skill in the use of modern appliances, and do not hesitate to migrate for business purposes. They are seamen on Pacific steamers, brakemen on Cuba railroads, miners in Peru; are in the shoe shops, laundries, kitchen and woollen mills of the United States; are on the sugar plantations of the West Indies, and are to be found from San Diego to Puget Sound. Dr. R. H. Graves says: "There are 50,000 of them in the Philippine Islands; 50,000 in the English colony at Singapore, where they own four-fifths of all the real estate; 50,000 more in the Malay Peninsula; 1,300,000 in Siam; thousands in Cochin China, and thousands more in Borneo, Java and Sumatra. The colonies founded by the Spaniards, Dutch, French and English are being rapidly filled up by Chinese. In the Sandwich Islands there are more Chinese men than men of the native race."

They are equal to every climate, whether that of the iceberg of the north, or the malarious tracts of the tropics. Their power of endurance of all climates is unequalled by those of any other race. A British writer has said, "If the hard work of this world were to be farmed out to the lowest bidder, with political protection and honest pay, it seems likely that the Chinese race would take the contract."