

but generous; 30 enjoy a comfortable income, depending upon their own exertions. Only 6 are in straitened circumstances, but of highly reputable character. Can 55 men be found among their detractors whose record can favorably compare with theirs? To their fathers and these sons are the Hawaiian Islands indebted for their educated and Christian condition. In liberality and Christian activity the Central Union Church of Honolulu, with its 500 members, sets an example worthy of being followed by churches in this country. The amount they do for their own and other islands of the Pacific is truly wonderful. Many of these sons left the islands for work in the United States, of which the late General Armstrong, of Hampton, Va., was a worthy sample. To the missionaries and their sons is the honor of making, in spite of the opposition of the native rulers, a Christian country out of the former degraded and wretched condition."

Minister Denby, who represents the United States in China, has given many testimonies to the character and work of the Christian missionaries in the Middle Kingdom. His latest despatch to the Department of State, at Washington, May 16th, may well be put alongside of the open assaults or covert attacks of enemies of the Lord's work, or hypocrites who would see only flaws and spots even in the sun.

Mr. Denby says in substance:

"No one can controvert the fact that the Chinese are enormously benefited by the labors of the missionaries. Foreign hospitals are a great boon to the sick. China, before the advent of the foreigner, did not know what surgery was; now there are more than twenty charity hospitals, presided over by men of as great ability as can be found elsewhere in the world; Dr. Kerr's, at Canton, is one of the great institutions of the kind in the world. The Viceroy Li Hung Chang has for years maintained at Tien-Tsin, at his own expense, a foreign hospital. In education, the movement is immense. There are schools and colleges all over China taught by the missionaries. I have been present often at the exhibitions given by those schools. They showed progress in a great degree. The educated Chinaman who speaks English becomes a new man. A long time before the present war the Emperor was studying English, and, it is said, was fast acquiring the language.

Nowhere is education more sought than in China. The Government is to some extent founded on it. There is a Chinese imperial college at Peking, the Tung-Zoen, presided over by our distinguished fellow-citizen, Dr. W. A. P. Martin; also a university conducted by the Methodist Mission. There are also many foreign orphan asylums in various cities, which take care of thousands of waifs.

"The missionaries translate into Chinese many scientific and philosophical works. A former missionary, Dr. Adkins, translated a whole series of school readers. Reflect that all their benefactions come to the Chinese without much, if any, cost to them. Where charges are made they are exceedingly small, made only when they are necessary to prevent a rush, which in this vast population would overwhelm any institution. There are various anti-opium hospitals, where the victims of this vice are cured. There are industrial schools and workshops.

"This is a very brief and incomplete summary of what missionaries are doing for the Chinese. Protestant and Catholics from nearly every country under the sun are engaged in this work, and, in my opinion, they do nothing but good. There are supposed to be 40,000 Protestant converts now in China, and at least 500,000 Catholic converts. There are many native Christian churches. The converts seem to be as devout as people of any other race.

"As far as my knowledge extends, I can and do say that the missionaries in China are self-sacrificing; that their lives are pure; that they are devoted to their work; that their influence is beneficial to the natives; that the arts and sciences and civilization are greatly spread by their efforts; that many useful Western books are translated by them into Chinese; that they are the leaders in all charitable work, giving largely themselves and personally disbursing the funds with which they are intrusted; that they do make converts, and such converts are mentally benefited by conversion."

Detractors and depreciators of missions might do well to scan the following summary of the work of William Carey:

The first complete or partial translations of the Bible printed in 40 languages and dialects of India, China, Central Asia and neighboring lands at a cost of \$80,143; the first work and