

examinations in the Chinese Classics—the books of Confucius. By imperial edict this whole system has been changed, and henceforth these examinations will be based upon the Western system of education. This change has been described by those thoroughly conversant with China as the greatest educational revolution the world has ever seen. Public schools to teach this Western learning are being established by the Government in every province. The establishment of girls' schools under the patronage of the court, is not a less striking indication of the changed attitude of the Chinese people, for heretofore woman has been completely ignored in their educational system. In two of the chief provinces of the Empire, containing a population of over 50,000,000, by order of the Viceroy the Bible is taught in all public schools side by side with the books of Confucius, taught not because of its religious truth, but as being the book upon which our Western civilization is founded.

The newspaper, a few years ago regarded as an evidence of the handiwork of the "foreign devil," is now everywhere published and read. There are 10 daily newspapers in Peking, one a woman's, probably the only woman's daily newspaper in the world. Chinese students, who formerly thought all knowledge worth acquiring could be gained from the study of their own classics, are now flocking by the thousands to Tokio and in smaller numbers to the universities of Europe and America to learn the secret of Japan's marvellous success, and of the power of the Western nations. Chinese students are not slow to learn. Their Grand Canal was the greatest engineering feat of its age and they rested on their laurels. To-day, swallowing their prejudices, they