

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE STUDIES,

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China, during the past century, by furnishing raw materials and man power, has contributed largely to the development of Europe and the New World; China has provided a market for overseas commerce and manufactured goods, which has speeded modern industrialism and capitalism. But more than this, China has been a source of inspiration in art and philosophy and has contributed ideas and ideals which are very old in her own history but quite new to outsiders, and it is not surprising that the teaching of Chinese subjects in European and American universities has been progressing rapidly in the last quarter of a century.

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