

## The Three Kings of Orient

be danger from the yellow races if they are educated along Christian lines. It is a matter of common prudence to take up this pressing duty. Without Christianity, the vast Eastern continent with its eight hundred million people, will be a serious menace to the world's peace."

For several hours these two rulers sat and talked over the plans for the world's salvation. In a moment of patriotism, the Oriental spoke of the virtues of his own people, that would make a valuable contribution to the universal faith.

"Open mindedness is our most valuable asset. It is a rare virtue. It seems to me to be an eminently Christian virtue. Love of country, the surrender of individual right in the interests of the common good—these are characteristics of our race, and they seem necessary to your Western civilization, where the individual claim stands before everything else. The riches of all the East may be brought into conjunction with the treasures of the West, and the two spheres of thought will make a complete interpretation of the Divine character which is essential to the world's uplift and salvation."

As the vibrant notes of his voice died away, the Monarch of the West reached forth his hands and clasped the hands of his visitor in a grasp expressive of the deepest feeling. Then his head fell forward on his arms and his whole being was in the grip of conflicting emotions. How was he to face the stupendous duty that seemed clearly marked out for him? If he assumed the task of calling the subjects of his empire to the discharge of this missionary obligation, would he not be accused by the heads of other nations of stepping outside his royal sphere, of interfering with