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LORD WILLIAM DECEIL WRITES

THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE

WAY OF CHINESE PROGRESS

IN BUILDING

(By Lord William Cecil.)

On the Yangtze, China, April 8.

In my last letter I said that there

were difficulties in the way of educa-

tional advance in China, difficulties

which impede the development of the

organization of a complete education-

al system. To begin with, China

thinks that Western education as it

comes to her is demoralizing, and

as it comes to her, that is, after

it has passed through the hands of the

Western missionaries and their

Japanese imitators.

Western education, for instance, as

it is taught in Tokio University, ap-

pears to the Chinaman—and I think

to others also—to be a sort of mental

poison, calculated to reduce the mor-

ality of any nation down to zero, even

if that nation be blessed with high

ethical principles. And when poor

China tastes this mental poison, she

is disgusted by her Japanese teachers

who realize that it will soon bring her

State with its time-honored customs

to nothingness.

Japanese thinkers say, for instance,

that it is no good believing in religion

since all the ablest men of the West

are unbelievers. Leaving on one side

the falseness of such a statement, can

you wonder that the Chinese find the

result of such teaching demoralizing?

Chinese morality, even before it has

been submitted to such a destructive

process, is not very exalted, but there

are matters on which its teaching is

excellent, and which depend on Chi-

nese religion.

Honesty?

A Chinese will cheat and will lie

against anyone in most things but on

certain points he is absolutely reliable.

These points, under the process of

Westernization, are getting disinte-

grated. As the German traders in Tien-

tsin have found out, who are now

rather ruefully counting over their

bad debts, which they have allowed to

accumulate on the theory that the Chi-

nese always meet their trade obliga-

tions.

Again, the Chinaman will leave a

fellow-Chinaman to die in a gutter

of water, as the Chinese engineer of this

ship saw done in Shanghai. And this

was not an exceptional case. As Dr.

Macklin, of Nanking, tells me, that

Chinese philanthropists—oh, also

our saint—pick up the roads,

picking up dying Chinamen, and saves

their lives, and, as a rule, he gets no

help from their fellow-countrymen.

Yet no Chinaman of the old sort will

allow his father or even his brother

or any relation, or even his guild-bro-

ther to want, even if he has to divide

his last crust with him. But the new

Westernized Chinaman has no such

scruples, and while he has not

learned to play the good Samaritan, he

has even forgotten the sacred obliga-

tion to his own father—thus I was

informed by several Chinese gentle-

men of rank.

Or, to take another instance, Chi-

nese permit polygamy; women are re-

garded as inferior beings, and their

condition, compared to women of the