

these studies can we hope to produce men who will meet and satisfy the aspirations of the higher heathenism which is pressing to the front more and more in India and Japan.

I have thus stated very briefly some of the reasons why I believe that no missionary student can be thoroughly equipped for his work without a knowledge of comparative religion. The truth is, we have here a mere question of policy. We send missionaries into the lands which have been preëmpted by non Christian systems. We meet them on their own ground geographically. Shall we do the same spiritually? Shall we use the best of what they have, to enable us to give them the better what we have? At any rate, as has been remarked by Dr. Griffis, it is a wise economy of force to show the missionary before he comes upon the field the defects and the excellencies of the religion which he is to supplant by the Gospel. A training like that which has been briefly outlined will lengthen missionary life, it will intensify its usefulness, it will hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

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