

MISSION FIELD.

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WHAT THE JAPANESE PROPOSE TO DO.

The Rev. Dr. George W. Knox of Tokio, makes the following statement of what the Japanese have been saying since the beginning of the anti-foreign agitation, and of what they now propose to do: 'Japan has too thoughtlessly adopted foreign ways. We have been imitators, and everything with a foreign brand has been accepted as superior to our best. But the time has come for a wiser policy. We have studied the West and know its defects as well as its excellencies. We shall henceforth pick and choose, modifying our own civilization instead of destroying it, assimilating our foreign importation and using the best in all. We shall have more self respect, and shall honor our own modes of life. The new we must have, but in combination with the old we shall work out a civilization that shall be peculiarly our own. In this task we need foreign ideas and aid, but not the leadership of foreigners. They do not understand us or our needs. We have studied in their best schools. In every department we only are competent to form a policy suited to the situation, needs and idiosyncracies of Japan. In politics we shall follow our own course and cease to look so eagerly for foreign approval. The treaties must wait until we can revise them on equal terms. Our self respect will permit no revision with any clause that indicates inferiority. For full equality we may have to wait, but in this we prefer no bread to a half loaf. Not every man can pursue this 'middle course,' and the impulsive and half-educated take the anti-foreign cry in earnest.'

The Rev. Dr. John G. Green, also of Tokio, writes: 'With regard to the effect of this new phase of thought upon the missionary work opinions differ. This diversity of opinion depends in part on the location and in part on the kind of work in which the missionary is engaged. The change of feeling is most manifest in the large cities, especially in the capital, and in these cities, chiefly in the schools. Hence, the missionaries living in the smaller towns, or those occupied mainly with evangelist work are little affected by it. Many of these claim they cannot see the slightest difference in the attitude of the people toward them. Not only do old friends maintain their cordiality, but strangers also show hardly less readiness to listen to Christian preaching.'

AN ARISTOCRACY OF INTELLECT.

The Rev. Marcus L. Taft, of the University of Pekin, in a recent address in this country on Chinese education past and present, said:—'Throughout China there is no system of public education. Many schools are started by wealthy parents for their sons, and other pupils are allowed for a small sum to attend.



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The attractive incentives to study are honor office and immunity from corporal punishment, to be obtained through the civil service examinations. District, provincial and national examinations, if successfully passed, open the door to rank and office. Nearly all youths in the empire may compete in these public examinations. Throughout China there is no aristocracy of wealth, rank or caste. Only the aristocracy of intellect prevails. The son of a poor coolie as well as the son of a rich mandarin may alike compete in this intellectual tournament. Whoever succeeds, whether of a rich or poor lineage, may, provided he has the brains, attain a position next to the emperor himself. This, in fact, is the ballot of the Chinese. This system of competitive examinations, in operation during nearly thirteen centuries, has done more to maintain the integrity of the Chinese empire than any other factor, excepting, perhaps, filial piety, to which God attached the first promise in the Decalogue.'

THE SECOND COLONIZING RACE.

Dr. Barry, who was formerly Bishop of Sydney, Australia, and is now the Suffragan Bishop of Rochester, England, said in a recent address at Salisbury: 'In Australia there is a large amount of immigration. The Chinese come in enormous numbers from their vast empire. We object sometimes; but utterly forget that it is in consequence of our policy in the past.

There was a day when China was separated by a great wall of separation from the rest of mankind, but by an arbitrary and even high-handed and unjust policy we chose to pierce that wall, entirely oblivious of the fact that if Europeans could get in, the Chinamen could come out, which they have done to an enormous extent. The Chinese, next to the Anglo-Saxons, are the colonizing race of the world. They make their way to Australia, and take up certain branches of industry. Of course it is our duty not merely to civilize, but also to Christianize them. When I was in Sydney, I had the privilege to direct a not inconsiderable Chinese mission, and I ordained the first Chinese catechist to be a Deacon of the Church of England.'

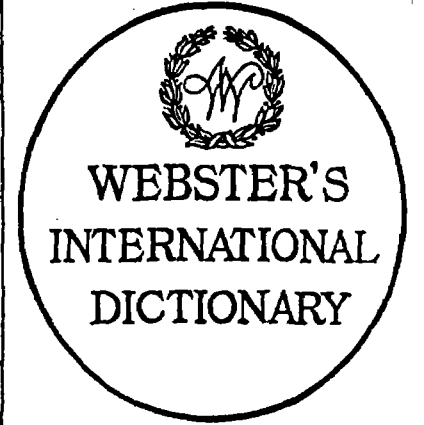
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