

Nevertheless, in the year 1853 we hear of the offering up of ~~saith~~ is required a prayer as the following, every day, by every individual in to be expected crowded camp of a powerful revolutionist, who is shaking China extremes in its centre: "I thine unworthy son, kneeling down on the ground declared by pray to thee the great God our Heavenly Father, that thou wouldst that the do grant me thy merciful protection, and constantly bestow upon action in n thy Holy Spirit, to change my wicked heart, and never more all millions of me to be deceived by demoniacal influences; but perpetually regard Isolated ing me with favour, that thou wouldst forever deliver me from thus far in evil one, through the merits of our Saviour and Heavenly Brother upon Euro the Lord Jesus, who redeemed us from sin."

Whatever may be the significance of this phenomenon—whether prelatic. T it is to issue in the establishment of a Christian dynasty on the ecclesiastical imperial throne or not,—it is manifest that Christianity is an active congregating element in the fermentation that is going on among the people. been check Missionaries with the Holy Scriptures in their hands,—many of the The door with the Prayer-Book besides—are entering the vast field of China admission by the five Ports recently opened to the commerce of the West possible, cl World.—In like manner Japan also, which has already once heard continue w from the lips of Italian missionaries, some echoes of revealed truth received w is about to receive the offer of an enlightened Christianity. In February

We have taken a rapid survey of the Eastern Provinces occasion of Christendom where Christianity was first planted,—where it began recently pu first to decline. We have seen that, in the present day, providential approved breathings are everywhere brought to bear, tending to revive the slain sincere me

Let us now turn our eyes for a moment towards the Christian "If pro dom of the West, where, though a torpidity unworthy numerous Christianity, has in many quarters prevailed, yet, on the whole, scandalous considerable amount of vitality has been maintained. to the laws

Here, during the present century, have been also felt the pulsation tianity, th of a new life. The Holy Scriptures have been circulated in the Court in t dialects of the different populations. The human mind has asserted testantism for itself freedom of action. The necessity of universal Education dience to has come to be generally recognized. International missionary effort to-day wit has almost ceased to be interdicted. tics,—I d

Germany no longer continues passive under the Transalpine yoke my sentin The movement of Rongè in 1839 revealed the wide-spread yearning of the cro after spiritual liberty which exists among its people. out the na

In Italy, the heavings of the popular heart, under the inspirations An act of the age, are unavailingly kept down by physical force—by the for the ab presence of foreign armies. Rome itself has become conscious of of the H the moral malaria which broods within its walls. The rattle of French The Sc drums in its gloomy streets cannot drown the cry for a purified revivifyin atmosphere. Traditionally bound to resist change, the guardians of in each c of instru a sensuous Christianity have been stimulated into energy by the connecte activity and ubiquity of its assailants. Spiritual pretensions long late Arc kept in abeyance are now asserted without reserve. Areas of Europe liberty openly parcelled out as subject territory. Concordats are ostenta which, c tiously negotiated with despotic courts. An additional article of