

navy, drilled under French and German officers, has made Japan a menace to the western world; the new education, with its bringing into Japan all the philosophies and theologies of the world, has filled the minds of students with scepticism and unbelief. Greedy for knowledge they have devoured all that has come their way and there is a mental as well as a physical indigestion. The literature of all ages has come to them in the course of half a century and they have fed full of the isms and doctrines that it took centuries to develop. Some have been pessimistic with Schopenhauer and others have been indoctrinated with the philosophy of Arnold or Mill. Some have tried to revivify the teachings of Buddha and Confucius. Then, too, the simple, contented life of the masses under the old conditions has changed into that of struggle and unrest—the conflict of capital and labor. Wants have increased with the means to gratify them; luxuries have become necessities; extremes of poverty and wealth are resulting from changed conditions. This makes a weighty list on the side of loss. But look at the profit sheet before closing the account. In the late Russo-Japan war what infinite progress was shown in the safeguarding of conditions attending conflict. The individual soldier was cared for as never before in the history of the world. The humane and sane measures for wounded and prisoners suggest the practical application of the Golden Rule. As for education—never were students put to such a test as those of Japan. Out of the great mass of world knowledge how quickly they have assimilated what they needed and discarded what they could not use. And they have gone in independent investigations in many lines, paying back in this way part of their debt to the Occident. Through the leaven of Christian teaching and the active work of the missionary of the cross numbers of young men and women have yielded their minds and hearts to the Saviour of mankind and the Church of Jesus Christ is founded there to endure for all time. There is no room for any view but the optimistic, for in the providence of God along with the awakening mind and the new enlightenment such men as Dr. Verbeck, Dr. S. R. Brown, Dr. Hepburn, so recently called to his reward, stood out as leaders beloved of those who knew them, and revered now by the nation as a whole. And in the social world, where though the new constitution proclaimed all equal before the law, new conditions of class division, the rich and the poor, are fixing themselves as never before, there has been gain,