

**China and Christianity.**

In missionary operations is to a great extent the secret of the hostility displayed, especially among the official classes in China. The influence of western civilization, in whatever shape it manifests itself, is an abomination in the eyes of the rulers of China, whose days would be counted were it ever to permeate the masses. The hatred directed against the missionaries is only a peculiarly virulent form of the hatred against Europeans generally, and it is easy to understand why it should be a peculiarly virulent one. Missionary work is practically the only agency through which the influence of western civilization can at present reach the masses

The missionary alone goes out into the byways as well as the highways, and, whether he resides in a treaty port or in some remote province, strives to live with and among and for the people. The life which he lives, whether it be the ascetic life of the Roman Catholic missionary or the family life of a Protestant missionary with wife and children, is in itself a standing reproach to the life of gross self-indulgence led by the average mandarin. But in the eyes of the latter it becomes a public scandal when, in glaring contrast to every vice of native rule, the foreign missionary in his daily dealings with the people of his district conveys a continuous object lesson of justice and kindness, of unselfishness and integrity. —*Selected.*

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God will never send us where it will not be for our highest good to go.

The devil feels at home in the heart where envy dwells. —*Ram's Horn.*

As One who sees and knows us altogether: as One who understands the nature of sin and its unhappy results; as One who remembereth that we are dust; as One who loves purity and hates sin; as One who made us, and loved us, and gave Himself for us—so does the Lord look upon us. It is out of His very strong character that His pity, and love, and mercy, and our salvation come. —*Independent.*

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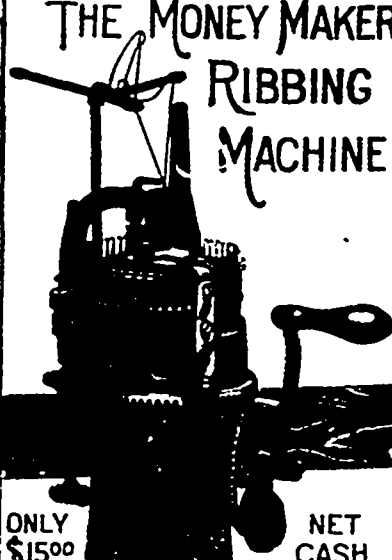
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