

and self-reliance; indeed, Count Okuma has said:

“The next century will see the resources of the European powers exhausted in unsuccessful attempts at colonization. Therefore, who expect to be their proper successors if not ourselves? As to intellectual power, the Japanese mind is in every way equal to the European mind. More than this, have not the Japanese opened a way to the perfection of a discovery in which foreigners have not succeeded even after years of labour? Our

“Japan, well named the ‘Land of the Rising Sun,’ is now that representative, and bids fair to become the leader of an entire hemisphere.”

In an article on “Non-Christian First-Class Power,” the New York *Independent* speaks as follows: “There is one phase of the emergence of Japan which has not received the attention which it deserves. It is that now for the first time since the fall of the Saracen Empire, the



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people astonish even the French, who are the most skillful among artisans, by the cleverness of their work. It is true the Japanese are small of stature, but the superiority of the body depends more on its constitution than on its size. If treaty revision were completed, and Japan completely victorious over China, we should become one of the chief powers of the world, and no power could engage in any movement without first consulting us. Japan could then enter into competition with Europe as the representative of the Oriental nations.

world sees a first-class power asserting itself in the sisterhood of great nations which is not Christian.

“Nevertheless the civilization which Japan has accepted is wholly the product of Christianity. It has been produced and perfected by Christian nations. When, in 1853, Commodore Perry opened Japan, that Empire was an absolute nonentity among the nations of the earth. Its people had never before seen a ship-of-war.