

despotic rule and representative government, between tyranny and civil liberty, between repression and toleration, between a nation where liberty is unknown, where an oligarchy rules and where imprisonment or exile to Siberian wastes is the punishment of those who aspire to be free and a nation open to all, seeking the best forms of civilization, brave, patriotic and progressive.

The great liberty-loving nations may be officially neutral, but they must yield their sympathies to brave, little Japan.

4. Japan should win because it would mean the better solution of the "Yellow Peril."

There are some possible dangers in the awakening of a mummified nation of four hundred million of homogeneous people like the Chinese. When they begin to move some changes will be made in the military, industrial, social and religious conditions of the world.

Russia's solution of the perilous problem is by methods that crush rather than colonize. This is only likely to irritate rather than allay the anti-foreign feeling ever present in

advance will be in the interests of future peace and the better balanced equilibrium of world powers.

Napoleon said, "In a century Europe will be all Republican or all Slav."

Checkmated in Europe Russia has sought a complete Asiatic empire. The shores of the Pacific have now become the storm centre of the world. Three of the greatest empires have been struggling for foothold and control, the British, the Russian and the Chinese, and to these we may now add a fourth, the Japanese.

Suddenly our back door has become our front door. Our commercial interests demand an open door in China, and we cannot but feel and hope that it will be another case of the survival of the fittest.

7. Japan should win because her triumph would most likely help on the more speedy evangelization of the East and the world.

We believe that God is in all these world movements and He is calling our attention to the greatest battle-ground of



THE DEATH OF WOLFE.

Copy of the famous painting loaned by His Majesty King Edward VII. to the Canadian National Exhibition.

China, which now and then breaks out destructively, as in the terrible Boxer movement.

It will be better for China and the world if she be gradually leavened with new life as Japan has been.

China is turning to Japan for leadership. She sees that Japan has not been slavishly imitating Western civilization, but assimilating it to her Oriental methods of life. Chinese students are going to Japan for their training and Japanese editors are moulding the thought of China in their most influential papers. We need not fear the international bogey of the "Yellow Peril" if China follows in the path of Japanese progress.

5. Japan should win because defeat at this juncture of her history would do Russia a vast deal of good.

It is time the braggart bully got a good thrashing from some nation. Of course it would mean the loss of commercial control and of national prestige. If Russia wins it would mean at home the strengthening of despotism and bureaucracy. If she be defeated it might mean at home the devotion of the Czar and his court to internal reform and development. The hope of new Russia is to be found more in defeat than in victory.

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our Christianity, which is yet to become the universal religion.

We owe our greatest debt to the East and as the Church Militant we are yet to win our greatest victory there. From it we have received some of the most important initial contributions to our civilization—music, the drama, gunpowder, the compass and, most important of all, that great compass for life's ocean and eternity's harbor, the Bible.

The greatest problem of the future is the saving of the East with its three quarters of the world's population and its conflicting religions. The Christianizing of China will "convert it into the friendliest of friendly powers," in the words of Sir Robert Hart.

If China should be dismembered and largely Russianized it would have to be Christianized over again, but if China is Japanized it will be open to the leavening influence of the best form of Christian civilization that Japan and the world can produce.

Japan will doubtless soon become a Christian nation and she is the natural leader of China religiously as well as in national civilization. Mr. Emerson, our missionary in Japan, wisely says: "After this conflict, I believe, the destiny of Korea and China will be decided by Japan and the oppor-