

science, and only so long as it is dominant is even civilization secure of permanence, not to say progress.

Slavery has long been regarded as the open sore not only of Africa, but of Rome as well, where single families controlled fifty thousand chattels. But slavery was and is only a boil that argues bad blood. The evil is deeper; slavery could prevail only where the political conscience is paralyzed, where man either knows not or feels not his duty to his brother man. So of communism and its kindred evils. "The want of a bridge of duty between rich and poor will in time bring any nation to destruction."

The most startling revelations made in modern times of a decidedly unchristian and iniquitous influence exercised by nominally Christian nations have been those concerning the forcible introduction of *opium* into China, the licensing of *prostitution* in India, and the importation of *rum* into Africa. As to the last, no greater outrage has ever been committed by an enlightened Christian nation. In 1884 a congress composed of fourteen great powers, Protestant, papal, Greek, and Moslem, met in Berlin to create the Congo Free State. And while the chiefs of Southern Africa, like Kahma, not only prohibit traffic in rum, but even forbid its carriage through their territory, these enlightened powers connive at the infamous trade in this new territory!

One distillery in Medford, Mass., contracted to furnish 3000 gallons a day for seven years to parties within the Free State, an aggregate amount of 7,665,000 gallons—enough to intoxicate every man, woman, and child in that fifty millions; and that is but one contract! Mr. Hornaday's "Free Rum on the Congo" shows the total shipments of intoxicating drinks to African natives in one year, from five countries, to be nearly ten and a half million gallons; and those five countries are all nominally Christian, and four of them Protestant! And such liquor! the cheapest, vilest, most poisonous compounds that ever went down the human throat! If it had been manufactured in hell it would scarcely have been worse.

II. Christian governments may do much for foreign missions by not practically *ignoring Christianity*. We have met not a few in England who regard British rule in India as a perpetual warning to all other nations. An ancient politician seems to have advised that Christ be put to death as a matter of expediency, to avoid a greater calamity to the nation at large. In his view, it was policy to sacrifice an innocent victim to avoid collision with a stronger enemy that might destroy the Jewish State and Church alike. It is very remarkable that the very ruin his statecraft sought to avert came by the very means used to avert it. The innocent was surrendered to death, and that death brought destruction at the hands of the very Roman power which Caiaphas had sought to appease.

England sought, by ignoring Christianity and upholding caste and Brahmanism, to conciliate the Sepoys. Missionaries had little or no access to the native regiments, and Christians were seldom if ever allowed