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she become imbued with the Christian motive? Christianity has a magnificent response for every vice in the thought and practice of the East. She has an answer for Japanese materialism: it is, that "man does not live by tread alone." She has an answer for Indian rationalism: it is, that "he who leaves out the supra-sensual and transcendental, perishes." She has an answer for Japanese legalised prostitution: it is, "war to the death." She has an answer for Chinese footbinding: it is, "the Christian home."

The Laymen's Missionary Movement with its heroic programme is really a reversion to the spirit of the early Church. And whenever the Church wishes to be effective, she must resort to the methods of the first centuries! Those were the Church's gallant days! Those were the days when there was flung about her brow a flood of deathless glory! Think what a little band of men and women did after Pentecost. They girt their sword upon their thigh and went up—against what? Against the whole force of the Roman Empire, the mightiest, the vastest, the most ruthless instrument of repression