

## The Three Kings of Orient

And then the other Christian nations began to move. The flame of zeal leaped the seas and kindled a passion in the hearts of Christian sovereigns and rulers everywhere. The world was girdled with missionary enterprise. There was a holy rivalry among the Christian peoples, each emulating the other in acts of unselfishness. The world had become apostolic—the church was at last realizing her Catholic mission.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of this holy passion was the effect upon the home Christianity. Church members were losing their selfishness and prejudices. They were being lifted out of their denominational partizanship to the mountain-top of catholic grandeur and outlook. The divisions of Christendom were melting away and men were carried out of their sectarian narrowness and bigotry into the wide and inspiring view of a common enterprise. High walls of separation fell flat when the clarion call to united action was sounded. Protestant and Catholic worked together side by side, ignoring the sectarian barriers that had so long kept them apart. Out of this supreme effort to help humanity would come the remedy for the evils of a divided Christianity. The prayer of the Master was about to be realized, "that they all may be one." The fiat of condemnation hitherto so often uttered by churches against other churches was heard no longer, and universal harmony prevailed. It was impossible for the least selfishness to stand against the devouring fire that swept through the world. Everything sordid and mean was burned to ashes. At last, at last, the great idea of the Universal Brotherhood, for so many centuries the hope and goal of all the visionaries and prophets, was becoming a fact.