

discord among us in the West; and we shall find as time goes on, and as extra-territorial privileges lessen, as they have ceased entirely in Japan, that we shall be more and more held to account for the doings and preachments of our missionaries.

I mean this not in the least as derogatory to the work of these men and women, for I know of nothing more courageous, patient and self-sacrificing than the work some of them are doing. I mean merely that the East is growing strong enough to resent dictation upon this or any other subject. Now that they are strong enough to make their resentment dangerous, we can no longer force ourselves upon them. In our attitude toward the East we must take up new ground; as the strategists say, take other positions. Our authority and superiority are no longer to be taken for granted.

It is a pretty problem, this, of our suddenly altered relations with the East. The chief difficulty lies in the fact that our great democracies of the West must necessarily be governed by the uneducated, the superficial, and the untravelled. Nothing is haughtier than savage ignorance, nothing more opinionated than racial prejudice, nothing more difficult to deal with than that narrow uprightness which expresses itself in downrightness. In our domestic affairs these