

## The Three Kings of Orient

"We are indebted to the West absolutely for all the development that has been made. We are an imitative race, and we have not hesitated to adopt those features of your civilization that make for progress and success. In military matters, in educational policy, in commercial expansion we have followed your lead, and to-day we take our place among the civilized powers. Our young men have gone forth to seek truth in all the world. Travel where you will you cannot avoid the youth of our land. Everywhere they glean principles and methods and then carry them back to adjust them to the needs of our own land. I do not come to seek your civilization—we already have it. But I have come to seek something more."

He leaned forward towards his host and in low, intense words, made the request that the Western Monarch had learned by the experience of the night to expect:

"We need your Christ, my brother!"

"Yes, your Majesty, the whole world seems to need Him. You have not been the first to make the statement before me to-night."

The words astonished the hearer, but as no further explanation was offered, he pressed on with his message.

"The position is more serious than the West can possibly know. You will not deem me arrogant if I say that my country is leading the entire Orient. We have been the first to awake to the superiority of Western ideals, but the others are following. It is a question now of *where* we are leading the East. The introduction of Occidental ideas has broken up our own system, made poor and unsatisfactory our religious beliefs, but what are we getting in place