

Harnack, (1) tradition; the church contains a deposit of truth handed down by tradition and no distinction is made between the beggarly elements, the accidental and temporary, and the permanent, (2) sound doctrine; orthodox doctrine is indispensable for salvation. One never hears in the Eastern church that a man may believe what he likes so long as the life is right, in fact one who holds heretical doctrine is to be shunned with greater care than a man with a contagious disease, for while the latter can only kill the body the former will kill the soul, (3) ritualism; the one means whereby man is brought into relationship with God is through ritual. The worship of God is no longer with the Greek, as Christ said it must be, in spirit and in truth, but consists of an elaborate, complicated system of symbolical forms.

Has the Greek church accomplished anything or been of any permanent good to the world? In many respects it has. (1) It has abolished polytheism and the idolatry of heathenism in the countries it has conquered. (2) "It has," to quote Harnack again, "managed to effect such a fusion with the individual nations which it drew into its bosom, that religion and church become to them national palladia, nay palladia pure and simple." What is meant by this is, that religion and nationality are inseparably bound together. Further, it must not be thought that though as a general rule the clergy stand low in the social scale and often are ignorant and immoral, there are no notable exceptions. There are many instances of self-sacrifice, sympathy and devotion to truth which might put those to shame

who claim to have greater enlightenment and a surer deposit of truth.

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On Monday, the 9th inst., the Rev. Murdoch MacKenzie addressed an open meeting of the Association on certain phases of missionary work in China. Mr. MacKenzie's long experience as a missionary, together with his thorough scholarship and great natural ability, enables him to discuss the Chinese missionary problem in a most interesting and luminous way. Mr. MacKenzie is a man who sees life whole, and therefore takes a sane and practical view of the problems confronting the Christian missionary in China. Those who had the privilege of hearing this address could not fail to be impressed with the vastness of the task imposed by the duty of evangelizing the Chinese Empire, instructed as to the training of mind and heart necessary for successful missionary effort, and convinced of the value of Christianity as a humanizing, uplifting force in heathen lands.

Professor Jordan, who had previously introduced the speaker, closed the meeting with a few appropriate words.

The regular meeting of the Association was held on Friday evening following. At this session members of the graduating class in Divinity addressed those present, giving some account of the meaning and value of university life. The leader, Mr. T. J. S. Ferguson, in a characteristic speech, urged that freedom, tolerance and sympathy are indispensable if the best results are to be derived from a course at college. Other speakers were Messrs. Grey, MacKinnon, McLeod, Crawford and Mahaffy.