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of cohesion will be needed to bring to their best these surging forces of human life. Thus it is that just when Europe has dishonoured Christ, eager hearts looking out on the world-field find fresh and more confident assurance than ever that Christ is the world's need, that in the great reshapings and upspringings of nationality Christ will be the only sure foundation.

They will recognize that even now the 'day' of opportunity for the West is not so wholly past, but that from the West the seeds of this Christianity must come, though the soils and climates of India, China, and the rest must influence their growth. And in the work of building abroad we may get clearer vision of what is needed to rebuild at home.

It remains to be seen whether the unhappy divisions which in the purely religious sphere our sons may find as inevitable as ourselves are to forbid a unity of Christian action in upholding the standard, in instilling the principles, in laying the foundations on which national and international life in the future in East and West alike must depend for its freedom, harmony, virility and capacity for loyalty and sacrifice.

Without being too sanguine we may rightly discern favourable omens. For it has been a notable feature of younger Christian life among us that, whereas formerly men of different conviction either stood aloof from one another, or came together through some sort of laxity or indifference, it has been latterly found by the juniors