

along peaceful lines. Japan was driven to martialism to defend herself from China, then from Russia, and then from the demands of all Europe and America for extra-territoriality for their citizens.

If we take the high moral ground, therefore, that we must force our code upon them by foul means or fair, they ask why we do not first convert the agnostics of France and Italy, the socialists of Germany, and the avowed unbelievers in those countries and in America and the British Empire. Further they make reply, that a century of effort along those lines has accomplished practically nothing. India, China and Japan are no more at heart Christian to-day than an hundred years ago; and they claim that the first light of equality and fair-play came to them from the flashing sword of Japan. The sword, not the cross, delivered them.

They recall that privileges were extended to the missionaries in China by a contemptible addition, surreptitiously made, to a French treaty, and signed by the Chinese before it was discovered. They recognize that we would not permit a Confucian teacher to rail against religion; a Shinto priest to spread his doctrine of "Follow your natural impulses and obey the Mikado's decrees"; a Hindu prophet of Sivaji to foment