

ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

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This Distinguished American Journalist Is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Missionary from a Purely Disinterested, Secular and Non-Sectarian Standpoint. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

CHRISTIANITY AT THE GATEWAY TO THE ORIENT

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Yokohama. — This mongrel city is the most that many travelers see of Japan, yet it is neither Japanese nor foreign, and is spoken of disparagingly by everybody throughout the empire except those whose business interests lie here. The city is a comparatively recent creature of foreign trade. It is not characteristically Japanese even in its speech. The "Yokohama dialect" is a byword throughout Japan. Nor is the city Chinese, though it has a large colony of Europeans. Still less can it be called European, although its 600 European residents make it the most foreign city in Japan.

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site gable ends) illustrates the catholicity of Yokohama, yet the city is scarcely hospitable toward Christian missionary enterprise. It is perhaps the center of the criticism of foreign missions. Here it is that the traveler hears that missions are only "a bluff." It is asserted that nobody here knows anything about missions and that the missionary is chiefly engaged in the profitable task of shutting up the eye of the church at home.

Looking After Americans Abroad.
The stories one hears concerning Europeans (as all white people are called) in the port cities of the orient are not pretty. The criticism of missionaries pales into insignificance besides the criticism of the American business man. In fact the two are said to have a relation. I have heard missionaries charge that it is because

flown ostentatiously. The sailor is fair prey for certain classes of natives. He has money, and the orient knows well the art of fattening on such. Up in Tokio I met a couple of American sailors who explained their presence there with the remark, "There is nothing doing in Yokohama for a man unless he is drinking hard."

For the sailors' comfort the American Seamen's Friend society maintains a mission in Yokohama, which attempts to care for the diversified needs of Jack ashore. There is a reading room, a game room and an auditorium, where entertainments are given. A lodging house is maintained and the missionary pays regular visits to the warships that may be in port. This mission, however, is largely for the men of war's men. For the common man before the mast, who is ashore from the merchant vessels that crowd this harbor there is only the Salvation Army and its rescue work. Here, as in America, this organization goes splendid service, no man being too low to be worthy of its kindly offices.

When Hawaii Helped Japan.
Other signs of the presence of mission work here are to be seen on many sides. In addition to the imposing edifices of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches, there are a number of native church buildings. The oldest of these has a chapel that was built nearly 50 years ago by money sent from the native Christians of Hawaii for the help of the heathen Japanese!

Up on the bluff, where most European residents dwell, one would have to shade his eyes to escape seeing the large buildings of the mission schools. Most impressive, perhaps, is Ferris Seminary, of the Dutch Reformed church, although large institutions are maintained, with liberally equipped class rooms and big dormitories by the Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists. The Women's Missionary Union runs a school for Bible women. The Baptists have an important theological seminary. This educational work of the missionaries is beyond question creditable and a success. The schools are filled with girls from all grades of Japanese homes, and the quality of the work done is guaranteed by the government, which will not permit the maintenance of an inefficient school. In addition to having received an education most of the graduates have become Christians.

What They Say of Missionaries.
From the foregoing it is plain that the sweeping statement that nothing is to be seen of missionaries or their work in Yokohama is without foundation. Just what those best qualified to speak think of the missionaries and their work is another matter. I have been asking various types of Yokohama business men their opinion upon this point. At the Yokohama United club, which is the leading social organization of the city, I asked an American whom I chanced to meet what he thought of the missionaries. He has been a resident here for 30 years, and, I later learned, is not a church-going man himself. He is a Missourian, plain and outspoken, the type of man who says what he thinks. His opinion was as follows: "Oh, I think the missionaries are all right. Of course, I believe that missions are a business with them. It is their way of making a living. Some few of them are of no account, just as there are men in every other kind of business, in Yokohama or anywhere else, who are of no account. Most of them are men of real ability. I never heard a whisper against the morality of any of them. You will hear some people say that they are rich, but that is all nonsense. They do not live as well as the business men here. One reason that they do not go into society, I suppose, is that they work, whatever one thinks of religion, there is no denying that their educational institutions are a success."

Another man said that the only definite criticism he had to make, or had heard made of the missionaries, was against their tendency to sanctimoniousness and offensiveness. They are inclined to draw apart from the other foreigners in the community. He and others with whom I talked made an exception in the case of Rev. Dr. J. L. Dearing, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary upon the bluff, who, it appears, mingles socially with the leading European families and, I take it, exercises considerable influence over young Americans as well as over the Japanese.

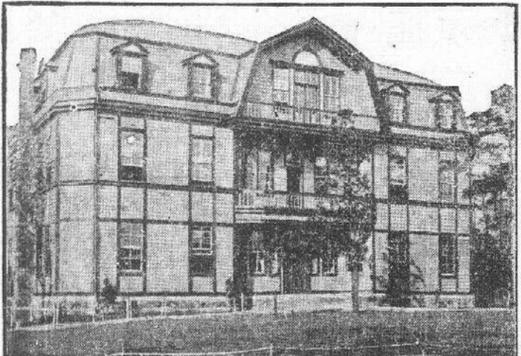
Still another man said that his only criticism was that while the missionaries worked during most of the year, they had longer vacations than any other white men in the east. The man who is said to be the bitterest antagonist of missions, in the east, himself formerly a Unitarian missionary, as a newspaper editor here, as his objection was chiefly to Christianity itself I shall not quote him here.

Summing up a number of interviews, I would say that the missionary is criticized most sweepingly by those who know practically nothing of Yokohama outside of its foreign hotels, and who are not near enough to the native life to be aware of the large number of Japanese Christians in the city. There is manifest to the most casual observer many evidences of long established, important and successful missionary work in the city. The simple fact that were it not for the missionary, there would be no Christian services here for the American community is itself of considerable weight. To the missionary's character not a whisper of blame attaches. He is a gentleman and a useful member of the community.

the big hybrid hotels along the Yokohama bund, which neither the east nor the west would own, which charge Waldorf-Astoria prices for Oshkosh accommodations, where the tourists hear the stories concerning missionaries that are retailed around the world as the first-hand knowledge of those who have been on the scene and really know.

The Devil and the Cannon.
A curious story illustrates the composite character of this important city and shows, not only the commingling of the old and the new here, but also the chaotic state of the Japanese mind at present with respect to religion. Upon Yokohama's famous bluff a rich American has built an elaborate home, which so greatly resembles a Buddhist temple that the Japanese were at first angry at what they thought to be mockery. Fearing that for this reason the building might be burned, the insurance companies for a long time declined to accept it as a risk.

At one end of the gable of this curious structure is the grinning head of a huge wooden devil. A short distance away from this peculiar home is the residence of a wealthy English-



Pierson Hall—Bible Woman's School at Yokohama.

man, whose servants one day fell ill. They consulted the Buddhist priest near by, who told them that their illness was caused by the malignant influence of the devil on the American house. It would be impossible for them to recover so long as that hideous creature shot its baneful glances in their direction.

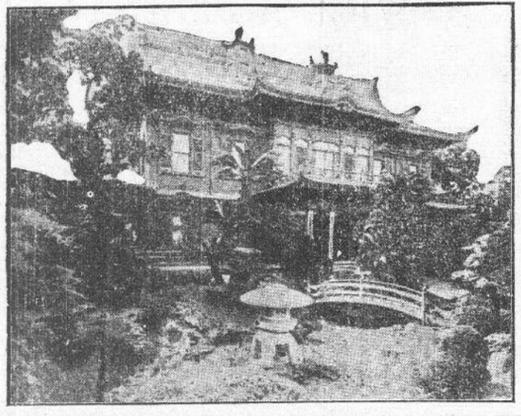
Straightway the servants reported to their employer that they must leave. Now the servant problem is a problem the world over, and the merchant viewed with consternation the loss of his present servants and his probable inability to replace them, for the same reason. He urged them, for the same reason, to consider some other remedy, since it was impossible to have the image removed. Whether the Englishman saw the priest at the same time or not does not appear in the story.

The revised verdict was, however, that if a large cannon were placed on the gable of the Englishman's house, pointing directly at the wooden devil, the power of the latter would be counteracted. So, whoever visits Yokohama may see a new brass cannon about three feet in length and of three-inch bore mounted on the top of a modern Englishman's residence, with its muzzle pointed threateningly toward the house of the next door neighbor. All this, mark you, is not a tale of old Japan, but a happening of recent months.

Where Missionaries Are Criticized.
Perhaps the incident (for which I myself can vouch, having seen the cannon and the wooden devil on oppo-

Christianity rebukes the lax moral code of the foreign community that the latter so strongly condemn missions. This is rather too sweeping, and too easy an answer to the charges laid at the door of the missionaries.

First, it is worth finding out just what the churches are doing for the English-speaking settlement. There is in Yokohama a prosperous and well-attended Church of England, supported by individuals and by English business firms, who follow the old English custom of renting a number of sittings for their employees. In a sense, this Church of England is the center of the social life of the community. There is also a French Roman Catholic church, well established and successful. For Americans there is a Union church, which every Sunday morning holds services in the building of one of the Japanese congregations, and in the evening a vesper service in the attractive auditorium of the Dutch Reformed girls' school on the bluff. These services are supplied by different missionaries each Sunday. An effort is afoot on the part of American residents here to build a church for this congregation and to call a pastor from America, thus centering in the



The Roof With the Devil in It. (The Devil Around Corner to the Left Cannot Be Seen.)

church an aggressive moral force which will be able to reach the foreign young men of Yokohama, who constitute the city's greatest religious problem.

I cannot find that conditions among the latter are as bad as reported, although they are bad enough, as might be expected when a host of single young men go half a world away from home and its restraints, and find themselves in a community where there is no public sentiment. The number of Eurasian children to be seen in Yokohama are a more eloquent argument for the improvement of moral conditions here than any abstract preachments. The tourist who comes here to see sights is not always exactly a moral influence. Indeed, there are many forces at work to cultivate the worst side of American manhood, with the result that one views some pitiable wrecks of once promising lives. Yet Yokohama has many clean, strong, able American gentlemen, both young and old. Any sweeping condemnation of this American community must be declared false.

When Jack Tar Gets Shore Leave.
A more acute religious problem is indicated by a ride through certain sections of the city where sailors are wont to resort. This reveals the side of Yokohama life which Jack Tar sees when he gets shore leave. Some streets have lines of saloons and dives, blazoned forth as "Old Glory Saloon," "Red, White and Blue Saloon," "American Sailors' Resort." The flags of America, Britain and France are

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Memento for President Diaz.
With a simple but impressive ceremony President Diaz was presented with the military painting portraying the action of his command in the battle of Puebla against the French forces in the war of the invasion. The painting, which was the work of the artist Francisco de P. Mendoza, a professor in the national school of fine arts and of the military college, was executed at the request of the governors of 12 Mexican states, and was presented as a personal gift to the chief magistrate. The painting represents Gen. Diaz in action in the glorious battle which won fame for the Mexican forces, and at the moment when the forces under the direct command of Gen. Diaz saved the day.—Mexican Herald.

Our Queer Sense of Humor.
"Americans have a strange sense of humor, don't you know," began the Englishman. "The other day, for example, I went into a restaurant with a friend and he asked for sinkahs. I was surprised to see them bring him three biscuits of some sort or other. Again at another time I dined with him at a table d'hote cafe. He said to the waiter, 'Bring us a couple of bottles of pink ink.' What the waiter brought him, don't you know, was two bottles of red wine."

"Really, it is very strange, the American sense of humor. You catch onto my meaning?"—N. Y. Press.

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Lawyer—Why?
Client—By the way you charge, there would be little left of the enemy.

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