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'In the whole of Church history there is no story more wonderful than that of the Church in Korea in our lifetime.

'It is a glorious Church, the Church in Korea. It is a Church that believes in prayer and it believes in the Bible. It is a Bible-reading, Bible-loving Church.'

At the present time the fortunes of Korea are tied up with Japan, but, so far, her sons are not conscripted for military service. The prices of commodities have risen. The police are exercising more control over the affairs of life. A great many of the younger people, who are suspected of having 'dangerous thoughts' have been imprisoned. The Christian Endeavour Society, with a membership of 40,000, in 1,500 branches, has been suppressed. There is a greater insistence that students in the schools should attend services at the shrines, which officially are said not to be religious but patriotic acts only. Some of the missions have not been able to accept the Government's statement on this question, and have closed their schools rather than allow their pupils to attend these services.

Korean civilization has been Chinese and her ethics have been Confucian, her classics are Chinese, the scholar reads and writes Chinese, and she has for hundreds of years looked to her big neighbour for the best things in her life. Now she finds herself a silent partner in a struggle that, in common with the thinking peoples of the world, she cannot approve.

Korea

The last paragraph of the foregoing article touches very lightly, and in the wise and restrained way characteristic of missionaries, upon a situation in the Far East to-day which is of grave concern.

'Thinking peoples of the world,' and the very best of them at that, rejoiced when Japan included 'religious liberty' in her constitution. 'To grant religious liberty,' they said, 'is an indication of the wisdom of the Japanese.' But (not from missionaries) we hear stories of intolerance and barbaric torture being practised upon those who cannot conscientiously acquiesce in things which they hold to be at variance with the principles of religious liberty.

Smaller officials often act in a way contrary to the wishes of those in higher positions. Japan does not want to add to the enmity which she is at present encountering, and everything possible should be done, either to prove that these stories are untrue, or, if true, to stop the practices which give rise to them.