

measures that should enhance and facilitate such arduous & hazardous work as ours here is, granting also they steer safely through difficulties, or to be more correct, granting also the missionary family have grace & courage given them to bear up under difficulties, which the Committee do ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~more~~ ^{not} have a finger to remove or abridge. The mental energy, concerted activity & practical fruitfulness, it might be supposed, would be required of the managers, if indeed they were to be not lookers on, but useful cooperators with the agent or agents on the field of this dangerous mission. ^{Should} ~~It~~ ^{alone} ~~that~~ ^{alone} have induced our Committee to use our long voyage & stay at China to add to their number such as have leisure to meet ^{an hour & ability to} ~~with~~ ^{weight} matters well, whether "novel" or not, ^{it is a minor consideration} for any unnecessary question loaded on a rising Society, can ^{but rarely} ~~certainly~~ ^{not} be beneficial. They should certainly have done so when they saw - and from my voluminous journal they certainly must have seen - that this mission differs from any upon earth, & that in a country, where foreigners are not permitted to live as men, it must involve extraordinary risks to act as missionary. Once more should they have done so when they ^{learned} ~~had~~ ^{from} want of means or otherwise - they failed in finding more missionaries ~~for this station~~ ^{and} ~~they said they~~ ^{could} ~~keep~~ ^{their} ~~engagements~~ ^{both} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~public~~ ^{at} ~~home~~ [&] ~~their~~ ^{agent} ~~here~~, [&] ~~certainly~~ ^{they} ~~should~~ ^{have} ~~done~~ ^{so} ~~to~~ ^{this} ~~year~~, ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{beginning} ~~of~~ ^{last} ~~year~~ & doubt not, they must have had my letters of October last, in which I plainly told them - alas, the prediction is but too verified at present - that unless more agents are sent out immediately, the mission must sink. They have not done so, no doubt they must have reasons for it. With these, from total want of information, I can have nothing to do. Of their correctness it remains for your Grace & dear high public to judge. My business in this paper is simply to draw attention to such particulars as in my poor opinion have contributed to the fall of this mission, if peradventure ways may be devised of helping it up again.

Public Meetings. Protestantism, we know, is in all its great features opposed to the Church on those forehead & written "mystery." In fact Protestantism cannot live, cannot thrive, without liberty. It has nothing to fear, speaks freely out its pure nature & intentions, & expects to be paid in the same coin from others. It is at least accustomed to see his own children use sincerity one towards another, and denounce any thing of imposture to the Church is undertaken, its successes & failures, its encouragements & defeats, yet its very simple maintenance & management, especially when supported by public contributions, justly constitute matter for the hearing, deliberation, experience & exercise in various graces of the whole household of faith. Publicity is a wholesome check to many evil tendencies in the human heart, and in free countries nothing is more out of fashion than

* The moral Bible Society & other similar institutes owe their name to this object, and not to their own. I have read several striking speeches of pious clergymen in support of the Moral Bible Society, which are under the joint management of civilians as well as of the clergy.

measures that should embrace and facilitate such unions & associations with as one line in
providing also for their safety through officers, or to be more correct, providing also for
with every family from grace & comfort given them to keep up under the weight which
the Committee took more or less to remain a liberator. It would be sufficient, concerted
regarding a practical forwarding, it might be supposed, would be regarding of its manager
if indeed they were to do his business, but useful cooperation will be given or
agents on the field of his benevolent mission. In other words, the agents on the Committee
to see our way through & to pay it back to him to add to his number and as long as
to meet & work with his work. In other words, the agents on the Committee
two books or or being desired, can certainly be benefited by it. The third century
to have done to him from my voluminous papers, the Committee
must have been to him the same - and that his mission offers from my papers & that in a country
have perhaps we not previously to give as men, it must involve extraordinary
or rights to act as missionaries. There were about ten years ago when they were from
want of means or otherwise - but finding more missionaries for the same purpose
they had been engaged but to the public we have a line
agent here & certainly they should have done so this year, at the beginning of which
I should not, but must have had very little of October last, in which I had
told them - also, the prohibition is not to be violated at present - that unless more
agents are sent out immediately, the mission must sink. They have not done so
no doubt but must have reasons for it. Well here, from total want of information
I can have nothing to do. If I am corrected it remains for your grace & team
but further to judge. (I have reviewed in this paper a copy of your exhibition
to such propositions as in my own opinion have contributed to the fall of his
mission, if perchance some new way may be devised of repairing it up again.

Butter meetings. The objection, we have is in all its force, that we are to be chosen as
that of a "mission" in fact. The objection is correct, we cannot have a
to be in the same way from them. It is at least necessary to see how we shall
we necessarily are towards another, and therefore every kind of importance to be chosen
is established, its success & failure, its encouragement & defeat, and its
single continuance & management, especially when supplied by public contributions.
I have endeavored to make for the hearing, deliberation, experience & success in various
cases of the late Committee of fact. The objection is a welcome check to many evil practices
and in the human mind, even in free countries, nothing is more out of fashion than
the small little things & the small little things are the same to his effect, and not to his
I have not seen any kind of success of from England in support of the land, the
before others and when the first management of citizens in who are the

Zeal. If then the spirit of Protestantism, of free England, and the practice of all societies
make public meetings reasonable, they should, the London Naval Mission also, but they may meeting
If not yearly, why not at least once in two years, or say only once in four years? The answer to
this question is easy enough; there has been no Committee meeting, how should a public meeting
be projected, or even thought of, and in want of clerical support, the cause being young,
and as yet destitute of public interest, what attractive could be announcing placed
show to draw, & the meeting, supposed it convened, to gain a respectable number of
Christians, from whose countenance the mission might expect encouragement & aid?
But easy as the answer is, the loss its very easy entry on the mission is not so
easily made good. Still it might, in some sort have been remedied, had the Committee
only had a common share of managing tact. What a splendid idea that of the re-
cently started Irish Church Mission, to show at once the urgency of their case &
the confidence they place in the English religious public, to convene a meeting out
of season, a November meeting! Simple, but somewhat extraordinary, & we soon
saw it elicited corresponding attention to its claims, and as nothing escapes the
sanctified penetration of Mr. Bickersteth, he laid hold on the circumstance, &
congratulated the meeting on the bright rays they had for Irish notwithstanding
the gloomy November fog, in which they had assembled. Now brief as the history of
our mission is, it had phases quite calculated for engaging in a prominent way the atten-
tion not only of Christians but of any sensible man. When beyond all expecta-
tion we were enabled to effect a landing, to open a mission, not only bearing
on - as was intended - but really working in Japan. It was a most fitting oppor-
tunity to thrill England with a fact startling & novel even to the political
world, and which could not have failed to rouse ^{the} special interest & the gratitude of
the Church to God Almighty for his signal favour on this rare undertaking.
When the season of promise was neglected, neglected for nearly two whole years during
which divine mercy vouchsafed prosperity on this mission, a meeting should
have been convened when a sudden reverse suddenly befell us. ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{and} espe-
cially, when rumours of our appropriation were afloat, & public sympathy
was alive & universal, and needed only be directed & concerted to speak
itself out in an useful act. The least we might have obtained would have
been a petition to the Government or Parliament itself to investigate
in the case, and all the funds of the Society, uselessly locked up in stocks,
should have been spent to send out another missionary as he ready in China
to embark in the man of war it was but probable Government would
over to London. Much later the English Cabinet, on my

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...and all necessary to secure it from ... on Japan as well as ...
It must be remembered Japan is the last in the series of Kingdoms, with the name, that exists contact
with the Kingdom of God & his Christ, and it is but natural to expect the Prince of Darkness will pour
out all his power and artifices to prevent the completing of some thing in an evangelized world,
which, it appears from scripture, is indispensable to prepare it for the second advent of the Lord. The
isolated corner location of Japan made its conflicts with the western world comparatively rare,
& its non-provocation kept it secure from the aggressive movement of Christianism from
the West. Its old quarrel against popery, which it confounded with Christianity, is all but
forgotten, and the vilifying disgrace it has recently heaped on the cross, by making some
dirty unfortunate wretches jump, and dragging this over it, has refused a willing humili-
ation, and once more it is wrapped up in impenetrable seclusion. But the great God
verifier of the universe, who has sworn, every knee shall bow at the name of Jesus &
all nations shall come & worship before him, hold no doubt reserved for these latter
days the stunning stimulus of California gold - and more, just after China had been
opened - to draw Japan in the way of Christian commerce and enterprise between
China and America. We have seen, and it is hoped, that soon we may distinctly see the
movements of the West compel Japan to come to a party, and it is high time to
the Church to fix her eye attentively on the great, probably concluding scene of
the gospel drama bursting upon her, ^{from the sunset East.} The world is to

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every remembrance of London has quite faded out of the pages of the heart. I am troubled at
 a lot has to account for this at all times, on the supposition that our Committee consists
 money, & is in full harmony with the ignorance, in which I found ^{the} are they ^{truly} ^{truly}
 kept in the business part of the Society, & with the total darkness in which he missionary
 himself is kept in all things relative to the mission at home. If other Societies are not
 ashamed to appeal to the public through newspapers, if they are not ashamed to adver-
 tise for missions, why should we? A well known Journal is better in the
 faces of the mighty & noble of the land, & may under providence, be made to many
 of interesting them in our object. Can any private Circular reckon upon such a
 chance? Nothing is more repugnant to the spirit of the age & of Protestantism
 than to creep in darkness with a good cause in hand, & daily experience proves that
 nothing better than publicity supports, because nothing better guarantees the right
 principle & procedure of any cause whatever, and truly nothing does in a larger
 amount of public effort will ever succeed to keep his mission up until he
 many dangers besetting it. If the rumour of our mission was a single one
 now once it did not follow it may not be regarded as a wonderful fact at
 any other time. The elements for such barbarous deeds are still at work. The
 chosen-Japanese government instead of releasing truly missionary is oppression
 & it will. They will absolutely get rid of us. Nothing short of our total defeat
 will appease them. Patience is no weapon against a hypocrite. With a society
 surpassing the whole code of western politeness they perpetrate against us deeds
 such fall short only of open murder, as half-brotherhood is between us & death,
 if this evil cunning forsake them, & our submission & caution forsake us,
 for a moment, humanly speaking, fall we must, or it will end either upon
 another period of our transports' sentence in a final Japanese settlement.
 The machinery for our rescue, & the moving spring of a public sym-
 pathy, should always be kept in readiness to help in time of sudden need.
 you, if rightly advised, it may be made partly or entirely to assist
 fatal consequences. But how shall this be done without excluding the
 vacancy of public organs, whose advice is looked to in Christendom?
 want of personal agency. That has ever never less than two missionary intentions for
 this matter the very first circulars of the Committee plainly stated that I never
 engaged for remaining here so long alone - that I was naturally prepared to have
 to wait some time for the arrival of a brother-missionary - will be clear from
 a question. I shall have further to make from a letter of our Committee
 in which it was proposed to be removed from the office a year or so, that
 of course in other matters missionary work be pursued here during our
 absence. The humanity & spiritual obligation to give up
 * I should state on each printed leaf beginning with "I am troubled at"

necessary all necessary to examine a firm will in Japan as well as in London.
 must not be too slow to have any one to take it from Christian states & to forward
 organizations that only for which Providence has so long been to form, & they will be
 most likely to grant it, these, while involving their own interests, will be
 seen, then each would be found in his own time, and our Society, for the sake
 of the welfare of Japan, become the means of uniting & keeping in sympathy
 of the highest and noblest of the Government that is governing the people of this
 paper in teaching Japan, would not only have found to become an agency of
 first, but we do some time ago, humanly speaking, have been
 involved, in great practical protection would have been rejected & found by
 a weak Government, & which has been left of the quite unassisted at last
 in some degree to enjoy these civil rights that the Government of our
 occupation, & which were that of a mission, is impossible. - Government
 want to maintain law, that the position of the Committee & work of protection
 and missionary law has some time to undergo the work of Government
 that have taken broken steps against Japan, which is the
 engaging an arbitrary authority beyond what would be our duty, & England
 that extend help to a further suffering for conscience sake, but a certain
 enough to want protection from a Christian in London as it was to
 receive the British from the indignation of France. The only difference in France
 mean, & in London one was in a number of our foreign affairs for
 papers, which London is as the only matter, & which were as
 without any before our own great influence, & which offer it as
 would have, not in any arrangement made to act in communication
 circulation of those papers, who stand in regard for respect & their
 postage, and in fact for society and paper (except perhaps a few
 in London, which by our treaty) but in another piece of incommunicable
 respect in our Committee. It is not only and astonishing that a church
 society of thousands of members, should have nothing at all to do with the
 means, a paper which would encourage dissent, in connection
 will be published about a month for an a number of courses, but
 a single advertisement concerning a bill for a law in the last form was
 except a letter bearing the names of our subscribers, forward for a copy.
 between, the name of the contributor was not at all of consequence.