HOW AN EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE IN CHINA IS IMPEDED.

Lord William Cecil Visits the Far East to Study Christian Missions-The Boxer Movement Against Foreigners Not Christians.

Lord William Cecil, the clever and devoted churchman, has been visiting the East to stucy Christian missions. His letters home are more | English-speaking races, for it was the Pilgrim than interesting. They are instructive and Fathers who founded the States, and it is the valuable. The latest received was from Yang- Wesleyan thought that has largely guided tsze, China:

tators. Western education, for instance, as it that have any result? Why, China is a living is taught in Tokio University, appears to the proof to the contrary. depend on Chinese religion.

he is absolutely reliable. These points, under education without religion, of morality with tinctively fewer as the German- traders in minded men in the west, and can such Tientsin have found out, who are now rather course make high-minded men in the East? ruefully counting over bad debts, allowed to What China wants at the present day is highaccumulate on the theory that the Chinese al- minded men. Can you be high-minded withways meet their trade obligations. Again, the out religion? in a gutter full of water, as the chief engineer are meditating sorrowfully on this question; proper, about 16000,000 are Mohammedans and trate, aldermen, and councillors, headed by a of this ship saw done in Shanghai. And this is especially true of the missionaries. 6,000,000 Christians. Both Moslems and Christians brass band, proceed to the nearest point of was not an exceptional case, as Dr. Macklin, Many have lived for years in discomfort and tians are divided into many sects, between the boundary, which happens to be the middle of Nanking, tells me. That Canadian Phil- danger, many have died from pestilential clianthropist—or shall I say saint?—rides along mates or by the sword. They think little about the blands of the bellman clangs his bell the roads, picking up dying Chinamen, and such matters. They are only anxious for the ly bloodshed. The Christians include Arr for order, the charter of the borough is read, saves their lives, and, as a rule, he gets no future of those for whom they have lived and Delans, Greeks, Syrians, Jacobites, Copts, and the mayor is then seized by stalwart arms, help from their fellow-countrymen. Yet no suffered. Many mission bodies have erected Bulgarians, Protestants and Roman Catholics. lifted and bumped vigorously on the top of Chinaman of the old sort will allow his father splendid schools. What will be the fate of The American Board the post. This process is repeated at every or his brother or any relation, or even his the pupils of these schools? The Chinese learn by Mission Societies. The American Board point of the boundary, so that the mayor has guild-brother to want, even if he has to divide readily, and some of the bright boys in those his last crust with him. But the modern westernized Ch'naman has no such scruples, and them if they can only get a good university the Balkans, Asia Minor, and Mesopotamia. Directly after electing the mayor at High while he has not learnt to play the good education. But what will be their fate if they The Presbyterian Church of the United States Wycombe, the town council adjourns to the Samaritan, he has even forgotten the sacred fall into the hands of some unbelieving pro-

men of the West, is very miserable. There Perhaps the reason why people think that churches in the Balkan states, chiefly in Bulhave been a few white women who have been western education in China must be irreligious garia. The Anglican (C.M.S.) has a flourish copy, together with biographical details, is under western influences their nation is going ers.

Perhaps what impedes the development of western education in Chinese universities most of all is the reputation that the westernized Chinaman who teaches in these universities has of being a revolutionary. The consequence is that China halts in her advance. Mind you, I am not saying that there is going to be a reaction in favor of the old learning; China quite understands that unless she will accept modern ideas she will no longer be able to call her land her own. She is constantly reminded of this by the Russians in the north, by the English at Wei-hai-wei and Hong Kong, by the French in Yunnan, by the Germans in Shantung, and, lastly and especially, by the Japanese in Manchuria, who will not even let her build railways in her own country; and so

she is going to modernize. To many a Chinaman it seems as if it were a choice between two evils-the demoralization of western education or the certainty of western domination; sadly they prefer the former. Of course, many of my readers will say, "Why must western education be regarded as demoralizing." The answer is because all education divorced from religion has, by the universal experience of mankind, been found demoralizing. Christians, Buddhists, Brahmins, Jews, Mahometans disagree about most things, and yet on this point they are agreed that education and religion must go hand in hand, or else there will be bad results. The western educator of the Far East, if he is not a missionary, believes in education without religion. Irreligious education is in full swing at Tokio; the Germans are going to start an- Calgary Herald. other non-religious university at Shantung; Hong Kong is going to be non-religious, but | years. There is lots of time in childhood's rate, religious hostels in connection with the life. Clear eyes and vigorous bodies are more or so-called Christians, is a hard and dis-

university will be permitted. work turning out not good Confucians, good they can digest within the limit of school tently consist and consis-Buddhists, good Jews, or good Christians, but hours. It is a matter of knowing how. Home for the common people The bernard vaughan, in a lecture against tently opposed to any policy of enlightenment socialism, thus described the order of which just producing men without faith, and thereout honesty, who shall go throughout the girls because he is at work all day and they been a terrible trial and wet and the been a terrible trial and wet and the been a terrible trial and wet all day and they been a terrible trial and they been a terrible trial and wet all day and they been a terrible trial and they be all day and they been a terrible trial and they be all day and they be all d length and breadth of China making the name have to work all evening. They would like to been a terrible trial, and yet out of these awfore without principle, without truth, and withof the west odious to all right-minded men. become acquainted, but there is no time. hitherto proved a failure. Certainly, western A publisher has been talking of old times Redeemer. It is to be hoped that the new we are told, and for as long as we are told, civilization without Christianity is like Hamlet when he was the editor of a country paper. tian, and it is an unreasonable system unless in reporting a country tea-meeting. I intended you accept a Christian basis for your thought. to say that the Methodist choir furnished the

inspiration to the teaching of the Bible. A Shanghai newspaper said the other day that it wanted a Chinese Howard to reform the Chinese prisons. Would Howard ever have

reformed the prisons if he had not been a Christian? Would Wilberforce have freed the slaves if he had been educated at Tokio or at Shantung Universities? Think of the statesmen who have made England great from Bur- IT leigh to Gladstone. Statesmen who have differed absolutely on many points, as Strafford point. Where would England be without the The Turk Despises the Christian-The Deteaching of Latimer and Laud, of Richard Baxter and John Milton, of Pusey and Simson,

of Bunyan and Wesley? Did I say England? I should have said the them. But I take up too much of your paper. There are difficulties in the way of an edu- I hear that the prospectus of the Hong Kong cational advance in China, difficulties which University speaks of making a special effort impede the development of the organization of to build up character; but how? I understand a complete educational system. China thinks it is to be without religion, certainly without that western education, as it comes to her, Christianity. This truly is making bricks withis demoralizing-note, as it comes to her; that out straw; nay, without clay as well. How is is, after it has passed through the hands of the it to be done? I suppose the master is to tell western materialists and their Japanese imi- his pupils that they must be good. But will

Chinaman-and I think to others also-to be a If every Chinese ruler ever thought of keepsort of mental poison, calculated to reduce the ling the excellent maxims that were written by morality of any nation down to zero, even if | Confucius, and that are learnt by heart by that nation be blessed with high ethical prin- every educated Chinese boy, China would be the unprogressive character of the government, ciples. And when poor China tastes this men- an ideal country. Chinese morality is as low as tal poison as it is dispensed by her Japanese its ethics are high. It is a standing example nothingness. Japanese thinkers say, for inbelievers. Leaving on one side the falseness teacher says now:— This advice comes down democratic. The people are on the whole very prefix "I adv" for the committee of such a statement are not to say, as the Chinese pleted. The people are on the whole very prefix "I adv" for the committee of such a statement are not to say, as the Chinese stance, that it is no good believing in religion | the good advice rests is to be largely diminishbelievers. Leaving on one side the falseness teacher says now:—This advice comes down of such a statement, can you wonder that the Chinese find the result of such teaching de
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The good advice I give you is a farmhand or a pedlar from becoming Prime farmhand or a pedlar from becoming Prime moralizing? Chinese morality, even before it the truth The good advice I give you is cess, is not very exalted, but there are matters obtained acceptance in the West except in arch, if he be an Armenian. Caste is unknown, on which its teaching is excellent, and which France, and there its results are injurious; so and there is the freest intercommunication anyone in most things but on certain points proving such a failure in Japan and India—of phase of the whole situation is the hatred the A Chinese will cheat and will lie against China is to share in that experience which the process of westernization, are getting uis- out faith. Has such a course made high-

obligation to his own father—thus I was informed by several Chinese gentlemen of rank. persuade them that all they have learnt in the Councillor, is publicly weighed, and these re-Or, to take another instance, Chinese permit mission schools is wrong? Their condition Southern Asia Minor; the Disciples in Asia councillor, is publicly weighted, and these remains of the treasures stored in the

so foolish as to marry Chinamen, and they is because they think that the Chinese hate ing work in Palestine, the Society of Friends placed in an album containing portraits of all have suffered much. Yet, when we have said Christianity. I believe this is a misunderthis, we must remember that the Chinaman standing that should be cleared up. The Chi- Constantinople; and the Reformed Presby- council. has a high ideal of the public decency. You nese are the most tolerant people in the world terian Church of Ireland has stations at Dawill never see an indecent picture except in as regards religion; they have tolerated Indian mascus and Idib. Besides all these agencies a foreign shop-window, and I was told by a Buddhism; yes, they still speak of it as the is the Mission to the Jews carried on by the Chinese gentleman that they would never al- Indian religion. They have tolerated Mahometlow their wives to look at such a picture. But ism; there are Mahometan colonies in many Smyrna, Adrianople and in Palestine, and the the westernized Chinawoman is already acquir- of their big towns. They are more tolerant work of the British and Foreign and the ing a reputation for unseemly behaviour. Fe- than the Russians, for they tolerate the Jews. American Bible Society. In all there are no male students dress like men, they go on pic- They are rather proud of a little colony of less than thirty-one missionary societies, great the most stately rite in the enthronement of nic parties without chaperones, or they have Jews they possess in their midst. They have and small, at work in Asiatic and European the Turkish Sultan. The mosque is rich with their clothes cut extremely tight. Can you tolerated Christianity. For two hundred years Turkey, of which nineteen are British, nine historic memories. At its gate, as the Sultan wonder that many of the best men in China- there has been a colony of Greek Christians American, and two German. good conservatives of that most conservative close to Peking; they will tolerate any reland—are shaking their heads and saying that ligion—what they are intolerant of is foreign—ly evangelistic preaching. Bible distribution, him, and the service was conducted by the

who smoked cigarettes were killed because but special mention must be made of the work vishes, a body which has had extraordinary cigarettes were regarded as foreign. This of the colleges. Perhaps no other Christian influence through all political vicissitudes. brings me to my second difficulty. Western institutions in the world have been permitted The Chelebi rarely himself officiates at this education to be appreciated by the Chinese to wield so mighty and far-reaching an in- function. Indeed he so commonly delegates must be given by Chinese; therefore, the great fluence upon the political, intellectual, social his duty to a brother of his order that there object of every university that hopes to suc- and religious character of any country as is a popular legend. It was said that he did ceed in China should be to try to prepare and Robert College at Constantinople, Central Tur- not go to the capital because his mere presence educate Chinese students to take the place of key College at Aintab, Euphrates College at would constitute him Sultan himself. The the western professors at an early date. The Harpoot and the Syrian Protestant College at story shows the veneration in which this des-Chinese quite realize that at present western Beirut. In these noble Christian institutions, cendant of the renowned Jellal-ed-Din, founder education must be given by western teachers. thousands of young men of all the various of the Mevlevi or "Dancing Dervishes," who They do not want a permanent western settle- peoples that constitute the Turkish Empire, was also one of the greatest of Oriental that we have the welfare of China at heart a splendid modern education. Side by side Khalifs, is still held. His departure from reobject is therefore only to retain western places in society as lawyers, doctors, judges, of legitimate dominion strengthens the new teachers till we have educated enough Chinese civil servants, and members of parliament. It ruler in the eyes of his Orthodox subjects.

thing that comes from the west.

Home Work Is Bad Business,

Children as a rule know enough quite soon some people say the English university at enough. Precocity has even increased of later valuable than the ability to demonstrate that couraging one, especially in view of the anic principal societies and he will mention one or to give his scholars all the real information opposition of the unspeakable Turkish regime, the largest and most influential. The Jesuit, It makes one sad to think of poor China, a plus x equals y. The teacher should be able a father who hardly knows his own boys and sacres of Christians and Jews, that have taken other orders in the church. "As a Jesuit I

Every western thinker, even those who pro- music in its usual excellent style. To my out the Empire of the Sultan.

Brazil the mourning color is scarlet.

EMBRACES A POPULATION OF PROBABLY 29,000,000 PEOPLE.

posed Sultan Finds Refuge in the House of a Despised Jew-The Field Discouraging.

The Turkish Empire consists of Turkey in Europe, Turkey in Asia, Tripoli, Fezzan, and nominally at least; Egypt in Africa; together Quaint Forms Are Observed at the Induction with some of the islands in the Eastern Mediterranean. It embraces an area of about 1,-500,000 square miles with a total population, including the tributary states, of about 29, 000,000. Every variety of climate is represented, but the greater proportion of the Emis on the whole fertile and productive, and duly elected by the placing upon his finger of great crops of wheat, barley, millet, rice, household vegetables, tobacco, etc., are grown; while the climate is specially adapted for fruit growing-grapes, oranges, olives, melons, figs, peaches, pears, quinces, dates, etc., being of is also very great, though the mines, owing to an ancient turquoise ring being used. The merce are greatly retarded by want of trans- both the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are portation. Railways, now however, built large equipped with silver-mounted oak staves, ly with German capital, connect the principal which have marked their authority for cen-

Minister, if he be a Mohammedan, or Patrithough little social intercourse. The saddest The Turk despises "the dog of a Christian," the Armenian hates the Greek, while the Jew is held in contempt by all. Particularly galling must it be for the deposed Sultan to be compelled, in his exile, to find refuge in the his authority. The mayor of Dunstable has to home of a despised Jew.

polygamy; women are regarded as inferior will be worse than if they had never heard of Delay and the Methodist Episcopal Board in municipal archives. The Lord Mayor of Bir-

The Boxer movement was directed against would be difficult to decide which of these centuries the special privilege of his office. has exercised the largest influence for good, he is the hereditary head of the Mevelevi Derforeigners, not Christians; in some cases men has exercised the largest influence for good, ment. So when I have explained to Chinese receive at the hands of noble Christian men, mystics-and of Abu Bekr, the first of the because by our religion we are bound to be- they study, learn to know, love and respect cognized precedent in visiting the capital exlieve in the brotherhood of man, and that our one another, and go out to take the leading pressly to invest Mehmed V. with the symbol

where the social vice so abounds, and where thanks to the Almighty. women are held in such low esteem.

The field, whether among the Mohammedans

At the funeral of an unmarried woman in formal churches into a new life in Christ. In- of things not altogether unlike some phases of deed, in the beginning, the formation of se- socialism?"

parate churches was not thought of, but the native hierarchy finally compelled the missionaries to change this policy. The result has been the raising-up of a great Protestant community, but it is pleasing to record that of late years, and especially since the massacres, there has come a great quickening to the old Gregorian and Armenian churches, and the breach between them and their Protestant brethren is being healed.

THE MAYORS HAVE OBLIGATIONS.

to the Mayoral Chair.

Old customs in England have been giving the press many articles of late, through the industry of the papers. And still they come. Quaint forms are observed at the induction to the mayoral chair. The mayor of Lincoln is worn for centuries. This ring possesses a curious power, for when the mayor sends it to any school within the city the schoolmaster is bound to give his pupils a holiday for the day. A similar custom prevails at Chichester, with a gold-mounted malacca cane. At York hammedans, having only recently been com- land provided with a chain of office by the

belfry from time immemorial. The retiring mayor of Bournemouth, on investing his successor with the civic regalia, confirms him into office with an old-time loving kiss. A similar salutation awaits the incoming mayor of Hanley. A "striking" ceremony marks the expiration of the Grantham mayor's tenure of office. The robe is stripped off him, the chain is taken from about his neck, and with a small wooden hammer the town clerk taps the exmayor on the head in token of the demise of submit to a somewhat similar ceremony. Im-Of the 22,000,000 in the Turkish Empire mediately after his election the chief magis-

THE SWORD OF OSMAN.

The recent girding of Mahomed V. with the sword of Osman at the Mosque of Eyub was

thinkers to carry on the great traditions of is the work of such colleges as these that has The sword of Osman was born by Mahomed Christianity and education, the suggested idea made possible the present great reform move- the Conqueror and deposited on his death in of a Christian university has met with the ment in Turkey, and which is leavening the the mosque he raised upon the fateful spot whole population of the Turkish Empire, not where was discovered the tomb of Eyub, the I do not hesitate to say that if a Chinaman with the old leaven of malice and wickedness, standard-bearer of the Prophet, just in time were to choose between an unbelieving for- but with the new leaven of sincerity and truth. to fire the enthusiasm of the troops for the last eign university and a Christian Chinese uni- Medical work is not only opening closed and victorious storm of the walls of Conversity he would a thousand times prefer the doors and allaying prejudice, but giving a stantinople. Eyub, according to tradition, had latter; and if he has to choose between a rude shock to the fatalism of the Moslem faith. fallen there in one of the early sieges, and as foreign university that is non-Christian, and By the millions of pages of wholesome re- he fell he foretold that the place of his burial a foreign whiversity that is Christian, he ligious and scientific literature issuing from would be found by a conqueror of the Moslem would most probably prefer the latter, since, the mission presses every year at Beirut and faith. When Mehmed V. lately entered the as a rule, he thinks that Christianity is the best Constantinople, errors are being corrected, mosque the opening chapter of the Koran was superstitions dispelled and the intelligence of read and the Chelebi implored the blessings the people steadily raised. Perhaps, too, in no of Heaven on the new reign. Then he girded part of the world is the sweetening, sanctify- Mehmed V. with the ancestral symbol of suing influence of the missionary's home more preme power. A brief prayer followed and the powerfully felt, especially among a people Sultan was left alone in the holy place to give

The Jesuits Are Socialists.

mosities existing between the races and the two decaying phalansteries, and he will forget triumphant, and continues to witness for the do what we are told, to live under the superior fess unbelief, have lived in an atmosphere of horror the paper came out with the remark | So far as the so-called Christian population what not is needed we get it from the common Christian thought. And those to whom we that the Methodist choir "punished" the music is concerned, (whether Greek-Orthodox, Arowe most have not hesitated to refer their in its usual elegant style. You can scarcely menian, Copt or Nestorian,) the object of the has not been needed for personal consumpimagine my troubles for the rest of the winter." missionaries has been, not so much to make tion. We may not buy, sell, invest, or in other Protestants as to quicken these dead and ways build up capital. This, surely, is a state

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