

are essentially the servants of society; not society the serfs and tribute payers to highways. That the railroad is the only possible economic highway in modern land traffic, and no interior region can hope to market products unless it has such highway. That railroad owners are trustees for society, and there is a moral duty for every railroad to expand into and develop the country which it has attached itself to and from which it draws its revenues.

If the railroads do not recognize that they exist to serve society, not society to serve them, society will soon wake up to that truth, and no man can predict the results.

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HAIL, CHINA!

For The Public.

Now a thrill of admiration runs from nation unto nation,

For the ancient yellow people of the East;
Who have wakened to the danger brought upon them
by the stranger,

And the deadly power of opium has ceased.
Oh, it's shout, John, shout,
For you know what you're about,
Though you were not taught in civilization's school;
Though your eyes are set in bias,
And you're not considered plous,
You are far from being anybody's fool.

Hail, then, China! Hail progression! You have
taught the world a lesson,
How to handle desperate evils like a man;
We have called you "wicked heathen," without
knowledge, wisdom, reason,
But you've solved your problem as no white man
can.

Oh, it's shout, John, shout,
For you know what you're about,
Though you were not taught in civilization's school;
Though your eyes are set in bias,
And you're not considered plous,
You are far from being anybody's fool.

When all China-land is sober, and the western world
a toper,
Then look out for trouble, liquor-sodden men;
For like Gulliver he'll waken, every thread will snap
forsaken,

He will beat you at your strenuous paces then.
Oh, it's shout, John, shout,
For you know what you're about,
Though you were not taught in civilization's school;
Though your eyes are set in bias,
And you're not considered plous,
You are far from being anybody's fool.

TOWNSEND ALLEN.

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Student: "Has it not been said that the man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a benefactor?"

Professor Homarket: "An exploded idea, my young friend. It overlooks the danger of over-production."

W. E. M.

BOOKS

FROM ONE VIEWPOINT.

What we know about Jesus. By Charles E. Dole, D.D. Chicago. Open Court Pub. Co. Price, 75c net.

It is not to be presumed that the author of this free essay on the character and mission of Jesus expects to convert even the unbiased reader to his particular views, but he is to be congratulated on his open expression of his sincere convictions in the quest of truth. As he says: "The very effort to tell the truth and report exactly what we find is good for us."

Yet it is not to be forgotten that other truth seekers, just as honest in their quest, arrive at entirely different conclusions as to what is truth. The nature and viewpoint of the seeker determine the quality of his discovery. He finds and truly appropriates only what satisfies his highest conception of right, and we may neither criticize nor condemn.

"What We Know About Jesus" treats mainly of surface facts in the Gospel records without attaching to them greater significance than we might attach to the life and teachings of any great benefactor of the human race. As a purely natural view it is eminently fair and just, with no touch of the sarcasm or ridicule in which critics of the supernatural quite frequently indulge.

The writer seeks a democratic ideal—not a single master or savior. "Be sure," he says in conclusion, "that there is that in human life which is greater than the greatest man. It is the spirit of man or rather the spirit of God. Wherever the good spirit is, there is God. Wherever this spirit is in history, history ceases to be profane and becomes sacred. Wherever this spirit possesses men there is not one son of God, but all are God's children. Nothing less than this is the Gospel for today."

And it might be added that it is this very spirit in Jesus that constitutes him the "democratic ideal" that all truth lovers seek.

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