



No Controversy

The Editor,

It was a treat to read the article "As We See Ourselves" in your issue of April 13. Mr. Morris' remarks are stimulating throughout even if at times a trifle disconcerting. I would bring to your notice especially the refreshing naivety of his criticism on the missionary articles. He writes, "I have, naturally no wish to start a controversy on the merits or demerits of missionary work, for which there is something to be said, and a great deal to be said against." Having "Naturally no wish" to start a controversy, he does his best to start one by damning missionary work with a mixture of faint praise and strong disapproval.

The policy of Japan News-Week in giving missionary work its due place is in line with that of the London Times, and the other great English dailies, which now devote regular space each week in their columns to a religious article or articles.

The Christian faith is one of the few blessings the West offers Japan with no ulterior motive. Though its message is essentially a personal one, it has a collective influence for good which far outweighs any harm caused by misunderstanding or the limitations of its human intermediaries. Furthermore, it is the gift which many of us can class with nothing else we possess. And I am sure I express the gratitude of a very great number of your readers in thanking you for the recognition which you give it.

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