

are wholly what they have always been—distinct from the Christian religion. What is Buddhism, for example, in this twentieth century. Hear the testimony of Lord Curzon, whom nobody would accuse of being prejudiced in favor of the Christian religion over against the non-Christian religions. In his book on the *Problems of the Far East*, he says of the Buddhist priests: "Their piety is an illusion; their pretensions a fraud; they are the outcasts of society; the expression on their faces is one of idiotic absorption. This is not surprising, for the mass-book is a dead letter to them; it is written in a strange language which they can no more decipher than fly. The words they chant are merely equivalents in sound, and as used in Chinese are totally devoid of sense." And a missionary goes on to say of this Buddhistic religion which holds in its grasp nearly three hundred million people: "The Buddhist priests have a blank idiotic look on their face; they are no more influenced by moral sense than are the waves of the sea; they know no sense of sin, and feel no need of a Saviour themselves. How, then, could they be a guide to others who are in need of a Saviour?" A few years ago this item appeared in a Foo-chow paper, which is Buddhism up to date, over against the claims of men like Fielding, who tells us that Buddhism has "such high morality that even Christians may go to school to Buddha:" "On the eighth day of the fourth month the Buddhist priests in the vicinity of the west gate in Dung Keng met in their yearly conclave,