

headmaster of a mission school at Lucknow. The lines were written in reply to Kipling:

“Oh, East is East, and West is West, the twain  
 Shall never meet!—so sings the sage his song.  
 One clear crescendo, as though nothing wrong.  
 And naught but truth was uttered in that strain!  
 Now, ye who rush to swell the score of such  
 Half-truths and hybrid thoughts, come listen ye  
 To one that, all unlearning, learnt to be  
 Responsive to the Spirit’s guiding touch:  
 Love that loves all, and dies to love again—  
 The love that spans all gulfs and scales all heights,  
 That breaks all bars and holds in high disdain  
 All that parts man from man, and disunites—  
 This God-Man’s Love that breathes sweet peace and rest,  
 Can blend, and blend in one, both East and West.”

4. Christ’s purpose and command and promise in regard to his mission are world-wide. This is a unique characteristic even of Old Testament prophecy, that it sweeps the whole horizon and includes in its plan the final enlightenment, the salvation of all nations. The sixty-seventh Psalm, and the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah are examples. In no other book of all the sacred books of the East do we find such expressions regarding the universality of God’s love, and his all-embracing purpose. The great commission in its four-fold form finds no parallel even in Islam or Buddhism, although both are missionary faiths. One ceases to be a Hindu by crossing the ocean. Islam has for the most part been self-limited on account of its prayer ritual to the heat-belt; but Christianity has gone to every nation and clime on its triumphal march. Of no other religious reader have