

sections on the occasions, method, variety and effect of ablution; on the different kinds of water allowed; on the times when prayer is not permitted and on the details of posture and genuflection, which would be puerile were they not pathetic. How simple are the teachings of Christ! How universal the injunctions of his apostles—"Pray without ceasing"—"I will that men pray everywhere." Christianity enjoins no public or private duty which cannot be performed because of age, sex, clime or climate. In this respect its very sacraments are simple and appropriate, and its form of worship can be observed in catacomb or cathedral, hut or palace, in prison or in the trenches, by land or by sea, at the poles and at the tropics. Jesus Christ is the only religious leader who ever identified his mission and his message with childhood. We cannot conceive of Confucius or Buddha or Mohammed saying: "Suffer the little children to come unto me * * * of such is the kingdom of heaven."

6. The Gospel, that is the good news of the person and work and power of Jesus Christ, has been translated into all languages, and what is far more remarkable, is translatable into every human speech. Most of the sacred books of the other religions are difficult to translate and in many cases impossible of translation because of their style and contents. The former is often artificial and highly poetic, or in such literary form as to defy translation; but the Bible has proved as eloquent as it is comprehensible in all languages.