

There is room in Asia, according to the late Lord Beaconsfield, as his pupil and successor quotes him, for everybody. That is rather a significant phrase to be making use of just now, when Great Britain is still fuming over the news that her traditional enemy of the East has practically taken up quarters at Port Arthur. Taken with the statement that the British Premier views with equanimity all efforts that may be made to exclude his country from the fertile Orient, it may be held to give encouragement to the belief that Britain's refusal to join the Triple Alliance is due to an unwritten but not less binding covenant with France and Russia to divide up China in the far East just as the six great powers are preparing to dismember Turkey nearer home.

Such tranquillity as Lord Salisbury professes, and such confidence in British arms to protect British interests, give the strongest confirmation that has yet been made public to the general belief upon the subject. It opens up some serious questions. As regards the distribution of the remains of the Turkish Empire we are not greatly concerned, but when it comes to carving up Asia and taking possession of its Pacific coast, we may have something to say. If there is so much "room in Asia" there is some for us.

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The Turk grows more unspeakable every day. And still Christendom is not Christian enough to rise up and say "Get out!"

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