

a great many mission boards and colleges and seminaries. I should mention that Robert E. Speer was then considered as the great missionary leader and as the great thorough-going Christian. A number of times I == A very orthodox man who was minister of a large church had said to me, I will never question the foreign missionary board as long as Robert E. Speerswa is the leader in it. So great was the confidence of Christians all over the country in Ro. E. Speer. Yet Speer had been greatly influenced by various attitudes. Shortly before I went to seminary he spoke at a conference in Los Angeles. He said the catchword of Mohammedanism is submission; he went on to give the characteristic descriptive word of various religious and said, What is the one word descriptive of Christianity? He said, it is Unity. I had never before heard that this was the descriptive central feature of Christianity but a many of the fine Christian people who were at the conference had such tremendous regard for Speer that they never raised the slightest question in their minds, but just took whatever he said. I mentioned to a friend who was a teacher in the Bible Inst. that I did not think this was true at all. Anyway Speer with that wonderful voice of his told about ~~his~~ a missionary who had had a terrible ~~very~~ sickness and he said they had given him some medicine and he said he felt as if the sickness departed from one part of his body and then another and another and gradually departed until finally it was just in his ~~face~~ hands and feet, and then it went off from them and after that there was the most wonderful feeling of unity there in his whole body. I thought it was more a picture of the value of getting rid of the troublemakers than of having unity but most people raised no question. One man, this professor to whom I spoke was rather shocked that I would question such a great Christian as Robert E. Speer. However, I saw him 2 or 3 weeks later, and he said, You know, I have been with various Christian leaders ~~and~~ in these tow weeks and I have asked them what word do you think if youx had to symbolize Christianity with one word what one word would be most characteristic. He said, Not one of them said "unity."