

one cannot blame them much. I said to an old resident in the East the other day that he must not abuse the missionaries (for I try to defend them here) to which he replied: "I don't abuse them. I have some very good friends among them - pretty good, honest people. They are curious, but I really don't abuse them."

At Peking we were met by our Minister, the 1st Secretary of Legation, and Captain Brewster with the Legation Guard to receive Robley, and were taken to the Legation, now in a Temple, where the Gongs gave us a most kindly welcome. They had made it very habitable while the new Legation was being built, and have a pretty drawing-room and dining room. Gertrude and Taylor had a room facing the drawing-room, Robley and I one facing the