

the great ancient Greek philosopher, his writings were very prominent in the early christian years and used through out the empire but after the barbarian invasion the knowledge of greek was lost almost entirely in Europe in the Western Europe and Aristotle and other great practical writers were here but their writings had been brought into the Persian empire by the Nestorians and the Mohammadans had become interested in them and they took them over from them the Nestorian and there was a very high Mohammad culture and civilization through the middle ages and then when the renaissance comes it comes back from the Arabs into Europe and so Aristotle went through this stage and went through the Arabic learning and came with the Arabs into Spain and went back into Europe and became a great force in thought of Europe of modern times You might say that as far as classical learning is concerned that to an extent the Mohammadans and the Arabs carried it through the middle ages but the Nestorians were a mediator in bringing it to them from the ancient world. There are a few Nestorians, good many thousands today, there are a few little groups in sections nearer to us and then when you get over into Persia there in Armenia there are large sections. The Nestorians in the last century have been a degenerate group as far as culture and civilization and christian knowledge is concerned but I don't think we should judge their history by their conditions in recent years. After the Turkish conquest about 800 years ago under Turkish ----cracy that whole section of the world degenerated.. and the conditions of that area of the world that is that section of Asia (western), that is in modern tongue is largely due to the absolutely ~~tolerant~~ totalitarian reign which took them over 7 or 800 years ago and which has been for a number of centuries degeneration just about every line But now we have had this rapid survey of Nestorian and Nestorian missions we won't be able to go into the details of the history in that section of the world because our modern christian life doesn't come directly through us it is not the stream but it would be wrong to ^{fail to} be aware of the great missionary activities of the Nestorian and the progress which