

great Master, listening to His Divine message and proclaiming the same to all. Absorbed in the cares of political and national life, she has deserved the reproach, "Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful, but Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her."

The sway of the Church having been greatly diminished, atheism has become a fashion for the more literate of the younger generation. They regard the Church and Church workers as the source of darkness and oppression. And of those who are still counted members of the Church there is a great percentage who have for long distrusted the Church leadership.

But the Russian soul being essentially religious, those who leave the Orthodox Church have to look for some other source of satisfaction for their spiritual thirst. Most of the younger ones plunge into the revolutionary propaganda, others become worshippers of the so-called "art and science," while the larger mass, generally the less educated but more religious, join the different religious sects that are flourishing secretly or openly all over the Empire, performing all kinds of queer rituals, and even carrying on immoral practices.

Certainly most of these substitutes fail to satisfy the needs of the thirsty soul, and the result is that Russia—her literature, her