## THE ROMANCE OF EARLY STAMESE MISSIONS.

The earliest effort made to permeate Siam with the pure Gospel, so far as we know, was made by that saintly woman, Mrs. Ann Hazelton Judson. While living in Rangoon, Burma, she became deeply interested in some Siamese then resident in that city. She wrote to a friend in the United States April as 1818 as tollows "Accompanying is a ratechism in Siamese, which I have rist copied for you. I have attended to the Staines language for In 1862 that cateclasm was printed to the Dr. Samuel R. House, the veteran medical missionary to Siam, said, "it was given to a woman to lead God's hosts in the first effort made by any of the Protestant faith towards the regeneration of Siam. Missionari Revue.

## THE DECAY OF BUDDHISM IN JAPAN.

At the annual meeting of the St. Thomas' . (Elimburghs Auxiliary of the Church Missichary Society, the Rev. C. T. Warren, Osaka, Japan, reterring to the prospects of modern Buddhism. quoted the following from an eminent Buddhist, Mr. Sawayanagi Masatoro, head of the Bureau of General School Affairs, in one of the leading

No State can dispense with religion. Society cannot get on without religious men and women. In our country Buddhists are so far ahead of an sects on numbers that when we speak of rengions men we mean Ruddhist priests, for, compared with nowhere. Yet when we come to isk wiether the Buddhast priests of lapun to day are a necessity to the State, there are perhaps very few people who would venture to answer in the afternative, and we hard v thack the Raddinst pries's themselves would It is an indisputable have. But our respect " the very thought of it causes and share and share we No one who knows what lightfusin is to day you no a time when we needed rengion more tom we do to-day. Religious needed to harrish us were righer rather see Chaismants doing what it in towards supplying higher standards at life than see that nation left without any resignous at ac. We condu-

exil, the Kingdom et God moves but slowly than a passion from their hearts. But it fitty men of our generation will enter the holy place of prayer, and become, henceforth, men, whose hearts God has touched with the prayer passion, the history of His Church will be changed