MISSION FIELD.

THE VITAL MOMENT IN JA-PAN.

The Rev. Dr. William Elliot Griffis, the author of "The Mikado's Empire, says in an article in a recent number of the Independent:

The average man of culture in Japan to-day has no religion. He is waiting for one. Shall it be Christianity? It certainly will not be Shinto, or historic Buddhism, or any past product of Japanese evolution. What will it be?

Just here, it is of interest to all who want to see Japan a Christian nation, to know that the "reformed" Buddhists expect to furnish their countrymen and all enquirers with a religion. Alert, keen, not over-scrupulous, they will doubtless have a neo-Buddhism all ready. They are already patrons of western learning, have studied at home, in They India, at Oxford, and in America, the situation; have introduced physical science in their splendid, new, brick built colleges in Kioto; make the New Testament a text-book, and the Bible and its learn ing subject of lectures. They will Buddhaize Christianity, if they have power and opportunity. Let Christians study the past and take warning. Unto the wakening mind of the people of New Japan, shall a pure or distorted form of the Jesusreligion be preached?

It It is no cry of an alarmist. it the outcome from conviction from all who know the facts: Japan's crisis is at hand! Before counterfeit shall have the Land of field say that now is the vital moment, and they are right .- Mis-

sion Field, N. Y.

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first, to choose capable, wise leaders diplomatic representatives and, secondly, to give them gener- others, that it has been finally with ous confidence and liberal support. drawn.

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If it be said that this supposes a degree of wakeful earnestness which is seldom found, we answer that interest at home co-ordinateinterest in the field; confidence in the workers and in the work is stimulated by and actually lives upon what the worker is doing, the evidence of his work, the report of his conquests, the manifestation of his earnestness and wisdom.

We ought to be able to say to all our Bishop, Go forward; the Church is behind you and will sastain you by all means. We cannot, however, say that the Church will supply means beforehand; enough if the means come through alowly in answer to real needs. The true soldier does not wait for new shoes or a full knapsack before he will enter the fight. wise general does not tarry till he the end of this century it may be has full stores; but by pushing on decided whether Christianity or its he shows that he deserves supplies. and they come, not because he is Dawn. The missionaries in the always thinking of them, but befield say that now is the vital cause he is making it his first business to win victories and havinspired his soldiers with lke courage.—Mission Field, N. Y.

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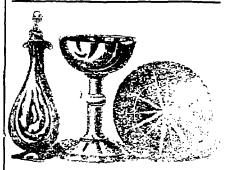
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