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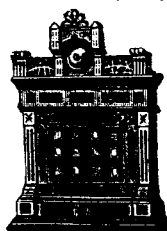


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Never has there been a time when

religion was viewed so broadly as to-day, and all persons who have the courage to look theology squarely in the face will find the February ARENA indispensable. In it Kinza Hirai, a profound scholar, who is descended from the royal family of Japan, and through whose personal munificence a large academy for free education has been opened in Japan, discusses "Religious Thought in Japan." This scholarly gentleman

has made a careful study of the religion of the East, and his contribution is noteworthy. In the same magazine the eminent Unitarian divine, Rev. John W. Chadwick, discusses "The Old New Testament," and Rev. T. Ernest Allan (Secretary of the American Psychical Society) contributes a searching argument on "The Supremacy of Reason in Religion."