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JAPAN'S MOST VITAL NEED

extended period, new religious cults have applied for recognition at the Government's Bureau of Religions at the amazing average of one each week.

Some of these also have borrowed heavily from Christian truth in building their doctrinal structure. Some strike a high nationalistic note ; others are grossly superstitious and still others have physical healing and material gain as their major motive and goal. Some of these mushroom cults are sweeping across the nation like a forest fire and already count their followers by hundreds of thousands.

Because of its strong internationalism and its high moral standards the Christian Church has not shared in this forward rush on the part of religious organizations. However, as a leavening force it has been and is playing a most important role in this significant development of the nation's life.

Westerners have often labelled the Japanese a non-religious people. The present phenomenon proves that at heart they are pronouncedly religious. Religion is Japan's most vital need.

The Impact of Christianity

The 'Impact of Christianity,' to use Dr. Axling's phrase, is evident in all kinds of ways throughout the world. A valued correspondent wrote to us from Shanghai sometime ago and, referring to Christmas festivities, said that their Christmas tree was supplied by the leading Buddhist temple in Shanghai. 'About two weeks before Christmas one sees a veritable stream of Christmas trees flowing from the temple courtyard. Another thing that never fails to surprise me is the broadcasting of the loveliest Christmas music all day long, for quite two weeks before the 25th December, in the leading Chinese department store. More than ever this year, in spite of the depression, I was astonished at the wonderful Christmas window-dressing of the shops—even tiny little Chinese shops had exquisite window-scenes—the Nativity or the Journey of the Wise Men, or an old-fashioned farm-house with snow and the usual Christmas touches being common themes, and Santa Claus doing all sorts of things that only an Oriental could imagine. Indeed, for weeks before Christmas the streets of Shanghai were a fascinating pageant.'