

wedding, the guests of which are represented in the last picture at the moment when the bride has been escorted to her new home by the groom's parents.

### CONGRESS OF RELIGIONISTS IN JAPAN.

The Congress of Religionists, which was held in Japan a few months after the beginning of the present war in the Far East, has published an il-



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lustrated report of fifty-six pages, in which the proclamation is made that the present war has nothing to do with religious and racial differences between the belligerents. To all fair-minded observers there seemed to be no

need of making such a demonstration on the part of Japanese religious leaders, Christian, or Buddhist, or Shintoist; for the war now raging is merely due to a collision between two sovereign powers. But, soon after the declaration of war, there was raised in the European press a cry of the "yellow peril," and insinuations were made that it was a struggle between Christianity and

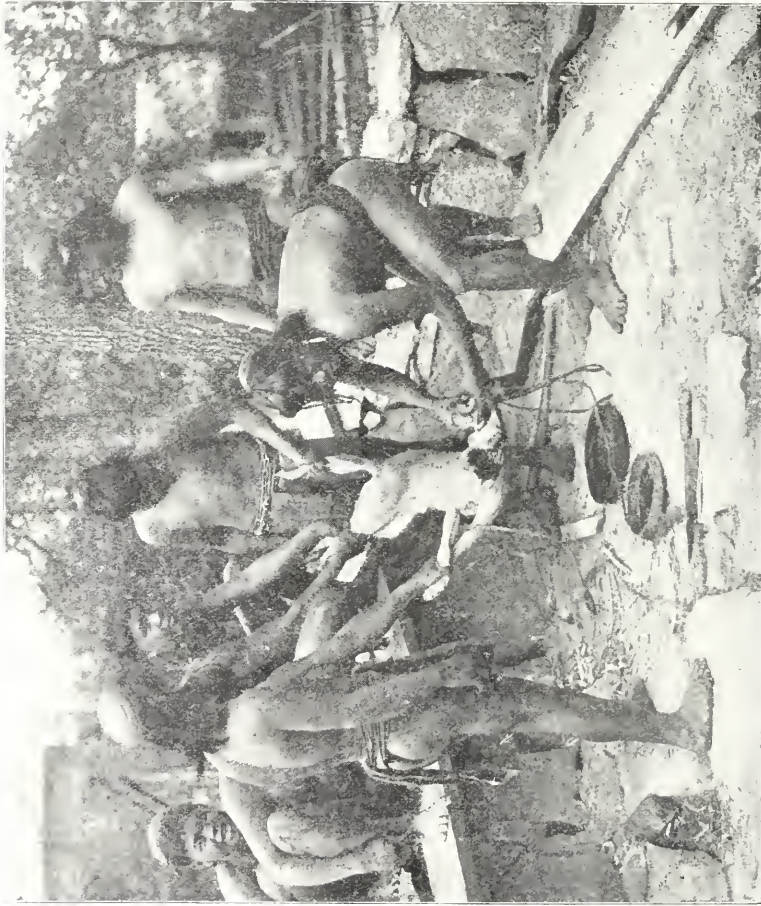


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heathenism. The alarm spread far and wide even in America. In so far as other nations were concerned, Japan might have regarded it with indifference; but by and by the Japanese public began to respond seriously, and the spirit of religious and racial antagonism was stirred up,—a state of things not very desirable from the broad religious and humanitarian point of view. Actuated by these considerations, Japanese religious leaders met irrespective



of beliefs, organised a great religious movement, and met in a Congress constituted of the most heterogenous elements, for there were Christians, orthodox as well as ultra-liberal,—including foreign missionaries, mostly Americans,—Buddhists—old as well as new, Shintoists, philosophers, statesmen, physicians, and members of other professions. The meeting was so well attended that the large hall was not adequate for the occasion, and many had to be turned away.



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A number of addresses were made, both in Japanese and foreign languages, by men of different religious denominations. They denounced, on the one hand, the false claim of the "yellow peril" and the cry of heathenism, and, on the other hand, declared in most positive terms that the war had nothing whatever to do with either race or religion. A resolution made in this sense concluded with the sentiment that the members of the congress hoped for a speedy termination of the war by an honorable peace. D. T. S.