



## CALLIGRAPHY BY SUZUKI DAISETZ, KANEKO DAIEI, AND SOGA RYÖJIN

This piece of calligraphy, bearing inscriptions by Suzuki Daisetz (1870-1966), Kaneko Daiei (1881-1976), and Soga Ryōjin (1875-1971), was written during a meeting held on Mount Hiei in April of 1961. The first installments of an English translation of the dialogues which took place at this time between these three distinguished Buddhist figures have appeared recently in the Eastern Buddhist. Further installments are scheduled for subsequent issues.

From right to left, the first inscription, by Suzuki, is a typical Zen interrogation: Somosan! (What!). The second, by Kaneko, is a phrase from one of the Pure land sutras advocating "a Nembutsu which arises without effort or calculation." The third, by Soga, comes from a work by the Chinese Pure Land teacher Shan-tao (Japanese, Zendō): "I [Amida] will protect you without fail."