

different classes of Buddhists. But those who do investigate know that the Japanese revival has already taken place, that Japan can give the follower the best Mahayana Buddhist teaching and initiate him into Buddhist activities of which he can only dream in other countries. Come to Japan. Buddhist aspirants, and witness for yourselves the Buddhist revival here. Study it in its various ramifications and activities and then you can truly assert that in Japan, Buddhism exists, has revived from a temporary dull period and is now pushing on to a new and deep spirituality.

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## NOTES

The Association for the Study of Religion in Japan had its third annual meeting on the 5th and 6th of May at the Rissho Buddhist College of Tokyo. Many lectures on religion including Buddhism were given by eminent scholars.

As this is the two thousand and five hundredth anniversary of Buddha Śākyamuni's birth, (though the opinions of scholars differ on this point), various commemoration works are going on. The Japan Young Men's Buddhist Association is translating the Buddhist Bible edited by Rev. Muan Kizu into English. The Second Pan-Pacific Young Men's Buddhist Meeting will be held in July. Buddhists from various parts are expected to attend, including Reverend Tai-hsu and many other Chinese noted Buddhists.

Kōbō Daishi's one thousand and one hundredth anniversary is celebrated this year. In the Shingon Sect of which Kōbō Daishi is the founder, a fifty days' service was held from April 2 at Kōyasan which thousands of Shingon devotees attended.

Of recent important publications on Buddhism outstanding ones are Dr. H. Ui's *History of Indian Philosophy*; Dr. E. Kanakura's *Studies in the Vedanta Philosophy*; Dr. B. Shiio's *Introduction to the Buddhist Scriptures*, the late T. Hashikawa's *History of Japanese Buddhism*; Mr. E. Tomomatsu's *Outlines of Buddhism for Modern People*.

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Among well-known Buddhists who died of late, Dr. Kōyō Sakaino was an authority in the study of Chinese Buddhism. He was born in 1871 in a Christian family in Sendai. Through the influence of Enryo Inoue, Sensho Murakami and other noted priests, he became a Buddhist and participated in the "New Buddhism" movement. Afterwards he became the head of Tōyō College which he resigned in 1923. Of his many works, the most famous are *The Brief History of Chinese Buddhism*, *Lectures on the History of Chinese Buddhism*, etc.

The Rev. Raifu Gonda, the ex-abbot of the Buzan Branch of the Shingon Sect and the ex-head of Taisho College, passed away recently aged eighty-nine. He was a learned scholar in the Shingōn doctrine and the first man who made the mysteries of it known to the public, by his *Commentary on Ryōbu Mandala*, *Outlines of Esoteric Buddhism*, and other works. He is said to have had such a progressive view that he wished to place Christ in the Mandala.

The Rev. Shinkyō Michishige, the abbot of the Jōdo Sect, and the Rev. Gempō Kitano, the abbot of the Sōtō Zen Sect, died also recently. And the Rev. Mitsuyu Ryūchi, abbot of Kongōbuji (Kōya), died at the age of ninety-two.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

YOGA PERSONAL HYGIENE, by Shri Yogendra, with a Preface by Dr. J. W. Fox. Yoga Institute, Bombay. 327 pp. Illustrated.

The purpose of the author of this book is to give a comprehensive presentation of the Yoga system of hygiene and prophylaxis in a scholarly and yet popular way. He writes on Yoga Personal Hygiene in order to give physical efficiency, to purify the body, to remove disease, to promote longevity and spiritual and moral elevation. He takes up in detail the Yoga method for the care of the teeth and mouth, the ear, nose, eye and stomach. He then goes on to describe the Yoga system of deep breathing, care of the sexual organs, the brain and the skin. The book contains a large amount of most interesting information and instruc-