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The following clipped from an article in a leaflet called "Cheering Facts about Missions in Japan," published by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, so aptly follows and supplements an article in our last number, headed "Significant" that we take the liberty of inserting it in this issue:

"In the early days of the war, Buddhist priests were not slow to instruct their followers that Russia was a Christian country, and that under the circumstances it behooved all patriotic subjects of the Son of Heaven to shut their ears to Christian teaching, with the result that the attendance at many of our Sunday-schools began to diminish, the larger boys in particular declining to come, and the interest of 'hopeful' inquirers showed signs of flagging. Not a few seemed inclined to postpone their study of Christian doctrine 'till the war should be over.' But the government of Japan is both paternal and wise and when Russia began to make capital of her position as a Christian nation confronted by a non-Christian foe, and upon this ground claimed the sympathy of Christendom, the Japanese family received its instructions to the effect that religion had nothing whatever to do with the war. Its issues were purely political, and Christian, Buddhist, and Shintoist alike would be expected to do his duty. That settled the matter. The

popular voice obeyed orders and changed its tone. * * *

In evidence of the change of heart of the multitude, the boys began to come back to Sunday-school, especially to schools where prayer for the nation was sympathetically introduced into the order of exercises. Instructions, too, were given by the powers to officials generally to see, not only that Christian meetings were not interfered with, but that every facility was accorded to teachers of Christian Doctrine."

The following short article from Everybody's Magazine for September is so eminently applicable to the conditions of every presidential election and so appropriate for the perusal of every thoughtful American citizen, that we cannot resist the temptation to copy it bodily in the NEWS-LETTER; for we fear that but a very small part even of American voters will see it in Everybody's Magazine, although the enterprising publishers of this standard journal have increased its circulation from 150,000 to 550,000 copies monthly during the last fourteen or fifteen months:

THE QUADRENNIAL ROW

"All the trumpets of Gideon are blowing,
All the bulls of Bashan are bellowing,
All the wild asses of the desert are braying,
The country is being saved again.
The campaign is getting warm.

Business suffers, but what is business compared with politics, that chief end of the American man? Our days must be filled with drums and fifes and the tread of marching heelers, our nights illuminated with fireworks and flambeau clubs. Old habit, which seems a little more absurd than usual this year. The country is sure to have a good President, be he Republican or be he Democrat. What's the use of worrying or losing sleep over "the most momentous campaign in our history?" Still, one thinks with a certain pleasure of the millions of men whose principal present occupation is "talking politics." The sociologist can study with a melancholy interest the amount of money translated from the campaign fund into whiskey. And if all this small fry of orators could not spout, it might burst and die."

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