

shortly by two others on the same general subject, treating respectively "*The Principles and Problems*," and "*The Opportunity and Outlook*" of Comparative Religion.

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What is Japanese Morality?

By James A. R. Scherer, President of Newberry College, Author of "*Young Japan*," "*Japan of Today*," "*Four Princes*," etc. Philadelphia. The Sunday School Times Co. 1906. Pages, 90. Price, 75 cents, postage paid.

Confessedly Japanese character is not easily understood by Westerners and so the ethical life of Japan is puzzling. This little volume based on personal observation and careful study is an effort to locate and interpret the basal principle of Japanese morality, which the author finds in *Loyalty*. The discussion is interesting and well written. The principle of loyalty is well illustrated in popular Japanese stories and is discussed philosophically in relation to Shinto and Buddhism and to Christianity. It seems not to have occurred to the author that loyalty might be taken as a keyword to the morality of any system quite as well as of those of Japan. It is only a question as to the relations in which loyalty is manifested. Loyal to what? and why? These are the real questions. Loyalty would seem to be only another word for faithfulness to the ethical relations and so a sort of measure of morality quantitatively, rather than an explanation of morality qualitatively.

The book is full of life and interest and will help the reader of limited knowledge to a better understanding of Japanese ideals.

It affords encouragement, too, for the Christian missionary.

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Yin Chih Wen. The Tract of the Quiet Way with Extracts from the Chinese Commentary.

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