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SAVE THE CHILDREN : Priests head processional  
plea to the gods to abate infant death rate.

-Shimada, Japan-

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Picture:- Here is one way, - - the Japanese way, - - to  
try to--

--reduce infant mortality.

These Shinto priests are carrying women's  
sashes (obi).

Remember your cross-word puzzles ?, which are--

--supposed to have something to do with motherhood. I don't  
quite know what !

The children themselves--

--have also made a sort of mothers' protection league, and  
the--

--parade is a prayer to the--

--god of little babes that their new--

--born brothers and sisters--

--may live to a ripe old--

--age. Let's hope that the god--

--is a merciful one, and hears the childrens' prayer.