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IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN

By Dr. Wm. Elliot Griffis
(From an address in Hawaii)

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have been for six months in Japan and Korea. More than half a century ago, I first went under the feudal system and lived under it until it was abolished. I shall never forget the serious day when 2000 samurais gathered together, all dressed in their best clothes, each wearing two long swords and looking about as glum as men can because in a few days they would be given an income for seven years, after which they would get down and earn their living. In those days, the most despised man was the merchant, the next was the mechanic—the farmers. When I went to Japan this time, I found it hard work to find out who was a samurai and who was not. I saw railways well equipped and running on time, well managed with disciplined men."

"I, myself, am somewhat of an optimist in regard to mankind. I believe the time will come when we will put aside our battleships and I even look for the time when we won't need any more—and for that time I work and I know my political, legal, and medical friends will not be offended, but I hope the time will come when we won't have those professions, because we won't need them. If anyone thinks I am a fool, he can take my place and live 84 years and see what has been done in the past. When I was first in Germany, I could walk across one of those German States in one afternoon. Now Germany is a united country. When I was a boy, the Red Indian was on his pony, scalping people, the Union Pacific Railroad had been finished only a few months and we never knew when it would be stopped, and the passenger robbed."

"But after all, sin and holiness do not belong solely to any race or skin, or any color or civilization. The longer I live in Japan and Korea the more I believe the American is just as inscrutable and odd and strange, especially the man from Boston or Pennsylvania or any place."

JAPANESE, FILIPINOS ORIGINATED FROM SAME STOCK, CLAIM

Language Savant Declares Close Relation of Natives

OSAKA—The Japanese and Filipinos sprang from the same stock.

That's the conclusion reached by Professor Takeshi Kitasato of the Osaka Medical University, an authority on ancient Japanese language, as a result of his recent visit to the Philippines where he made a special study of the Filipino language. The professor drew his conclusion regarding the common racial origin of the Japanese and Filipinos by making a comparative study of the languages of the two peoples.

The professor will make a formal announcement of his studies and his conclusion in a thesis to be published shortly.

PERSONAL

Miss Tomiko Dobashi

L.A.—Miss Tomiko Dobashi, member of the Japanese American Kengaku Dan of this year, has been asked to give a talk at the Garden Grove Friend Church on the evening of September 11. She will relate her experiences while on her tour through Japan.

S.F. Silver Echo Girl Is Honored

Three representatives of the Silver Echo Club of this city, Misses Saku Baba, Setsu Sasaki, and Mutso Bepp, attended the first meeting of the Inter-Club Council of the San Francisco Girl Reserves. Miss Mutso Bepp, president of the Silver Echo Club, was elected secretary of the council at the meeting.

The Inter-Club Council is the central body for the affiliated Girl Reserves of this city, and the election of Miss Bepp as one of its officers is an honor for the Japanese girl.

Lodi Schools Will Open September 6, 12

LODI—Grammar schools of this section will start their fall term on September 6 and 12. The Woodbridge school will begin on September 12, while Lafayette, Rey, Turner, Alpine, and Henderson will all start on September 6.

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