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AN OUTING IN JAPAN.

Rev. S. A. Stewart of Union County, Now a Missionary in the Eastern Land, Writes of the Sights of a Foot Trip.

Thinking that perhaps my friends in Union might be interested in a recent trip I made in company with my friend Mr. Trueman, I have decided to send you this account of it. There are in Japan the three most beautiful spots in the Empire. These are Matsushima in the north, Miyajima in the Inland Sea, and Aino-no-Hashidate on the west coast in the Japan Sea. Last summer I took a trip around the Inland Sea and saw the second of these places; so last week we decided to make the trip to the east.

If you will look at your map of Japan you will see on the opposite side of the main island, and almost exactly north from Kobe, a little town called Miyazaki (Miyazaki). By direct route it can be made in eight or nine hours from here, but we preferred going by Lake Biwa. So we first went to

Kyoto.

The tourist who said that if he had only two weeks to spend in Japan, he would spend it all in Kyoto, was not far wrong, for there one finds a greater variety of things purely Japanese than anywhere else. Tokyo is more modern in every respect; Kyoto is the Charleston of Japan. It was, for more than a thousand years previous to the reign of the present Emperor, the capital of the nation. It is therefore a city of old temples, old pagodas, and old works of art. It is the most historic spot of Japan. A full week is required to get anything like an adequate conception of what it contains. And yet in spite of its historic associations it is on the decline, the present population (350,000) being less than half what it is said to have been during the Middle Ages.

On Lake Biwa.

From Kyoto we took a short walk of six or seven miles to the southern extremity of this beautiful lake, which is 36 miles long and 12 wide, this being the largest lake of Japan. It lies in the midst of the mountains and is itself 328 feet above sea level. Legend has it that in the year 286 B. C. there was a great earthquake, as a result of which this lake came into existence, and at the same moment the celebrated snow-capped Mt. Fuji rose from the plains of Suruga. It is a most beautiful trip up the coast in the little steamer, as one is never out of sight of land on either side, and the green coated mountains rising like surrounding walls with turrets here and there, gave a pleasing effect to the picture. It is a scene for the poet and the painter!

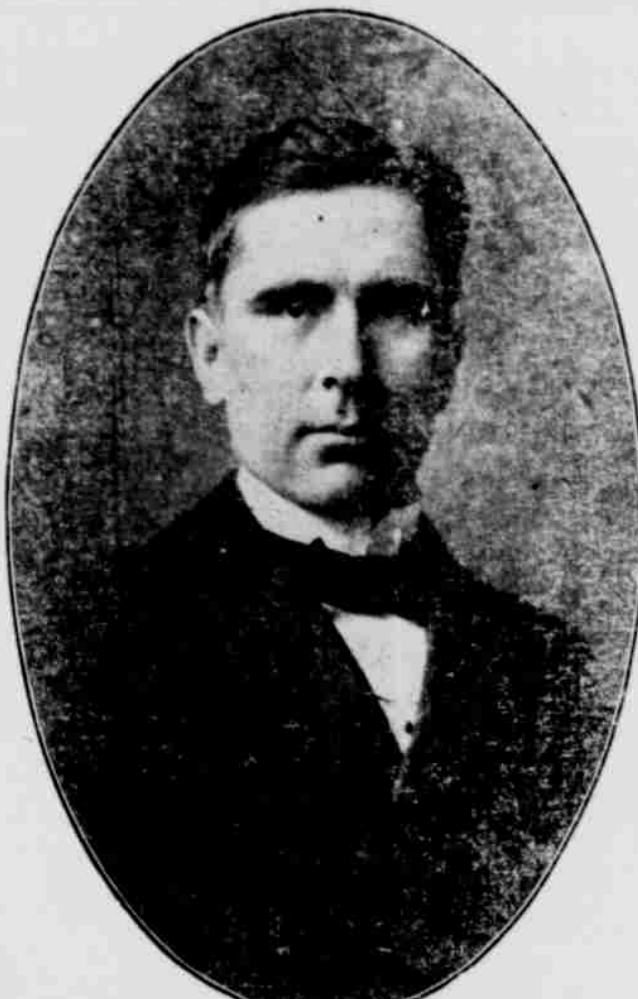
A Long Walk.

Landing at the little town of Imazu on the west coast, and passing there just long enough to have a lunch prepared, we set out for a long walk across the mountains to the west coast of the main island. This was a pretty large undertaking, as it is 22 miles, and over the mountains at that. And to make bad matters worse, we had hardly got started when it set in for a slow, drizzly rain. Still being inspired by the very laudable ambition of making a record of which to boast to our friends at home, we stuck to it and made the trip in about 6 hours, which was not so bad for a couple of tender city chaps.

This trip gave us some glimpses of real country life. All Japan is mountainous, and there is no country life here as we know it in central and eastern Carolina. The people can only till the valleys, and consequently they live in villages wherever there is a fertile valley. The chief things we saw growing were rice and vegetables, and mulberry trees for the silk worm to thrive upon. But a lover of country life feels a sense of irremediable loss. The fertilizer they use is fierce. It is kept in a liquid state in pools or shallow wells, which are cemented and made water-tight. This liquid manure is dipped out with long handled wooden dippers and poured over their fields at various stages of the crop's growth. And I can tell you, it doesn't smell like strawberries and roses, either. I never knew what the word cesspool really meant till I saw them here in their fields. But it does the work, and by means of it the farmers raise two and sometimes three crops a year.

On the Japan Sea.

When we arrived at the coast we stopped at the town of Obama, about six hours east of Miyazaki, our destination. We managed to get our room at the hotel, and soon we went across the street for a hot bath. We were accompanied by four women bearing lanterns. Japanese bath houses usually have a large pool of water with a tight partition to separate the sexes. This pool is filled in the morning and kept hot all day, all the people bathing in the same water. But this house had also a private bath room and we went to it. While I performed my ablutions Mr. Trueman stood in the door to keep the women from watching me, then I reciprocated when his turn came. As it was raining the next morning we were lazy in our movements and missed our boat, so we



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rested a day. It is good to feel that you do not have to make schedule time when you are out for recreation, and we had a good time. But Japanese food became a little monotonous. They made only three changes in the bill of fare during the day. It was rice, fish and tea for breakfast; fish, rice and tea for dinner; and tea, fish and rice for supper. This is not exactly literal truth, but it gives you the idea. How we did long for a piece of bread and butter before we got back!

The following morning we made our boat and set sail on the famous Japan Sea. The water looked a little murky, not having recovered from the effects of the recent war, I suppose. We hugged the coast closely and all along the way we could see the fishing villages and the swarms of little fishing craft plying their trade.

Ama-No-Hashidate.

At about 1 o'clock we arrived at Miyazaki, the port town of the well known break of nature called the Heaven Hanging Bridge (Ama-no-Hashidate). We got our luncheon and set out for the wonderful sight. It is a remarkable formation, for one end of the bay is cut off and made into a lake by a narrow neck of land or isthmus. Only a narrow outlet of some two hundred yards remains. We crossed this by boat and set foot on the sandy spit of land, which is two miles long, 190 feet wide, and covered all the way with pine trees. We walked across its entire length over the splendid sandy road, and on the opposite side we climbed a steep hill to reach the best point for viewing it. On this hill, if one stand on his head and look at it, he will enjoy the pleasing illusion of seeing a bridge suspended from heaven by pine trees, hence its name. There are tea houses and resting places all along the way on this "bridge," and it is a most pleasant place for an outing. There are many old legends accounting for the origin of this "natural bridge," but they are too long to give here.

The next day we returned home by the direct route, after having had a splendid rest and change. It was good practice in speaking Japanese also.

Lillian is well and joins her father in sending best wishes to all The Journal readers.

S. A. STEWART,
Kobe, Japan, March 15, 1908.

A Californian's Luck.

"The luckiest day of my life was when I bought a box of Buckley's Arnica Salve," writes Charles F. Boudan of Tracy, Cal. "Two 25c boxes cured me of an annoying case of itching piles, which had troubled me for years and that yielded to no other treatment." Sold under guarantee at English Drug Co.'s.

In prohibition Kansas, twenty-five counties have no poor houses. Eighty-five counties have no paupers.

Personal.

If any person suspects that their kidneys are deranged they should take Foley's Kidney Remedy at once and not risk having Bright's disease or diabetes. Delay gives the disease a stronger foothold and you should not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. English Drug Company.



The effect of malaria lasts a long time. You catch cold easily or become run-down because of the after effects of malaria. Strengthen yourself with Scott's Emulsion. It builds new blood and tones up your nervous system.

ALL DRUGGISTS; 50c. AND \$1.00.

Local Items of Interest

Mr. Lex Davis has gone to Charlotte where he has a position in Edred's Department Store.

Mr. S. G. Hasty, who is principal of Churchland High School in Davidson county, is spending his vacation in this county.

At a meeting of the city aldermen, held last Tuesday night, Messrs. R. A. Morrow and W. S. Lee were re-elected members of the school board.

On May 16th, at 3 o'clock p. m., the trustees and pastors of Morgan school are expected to meet at the academy to arrange for a permanent school. All who are interested are invited to attend.

The Polkton correspondent of the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer says that Mr. J. C. Goodman has tanned a number of black snake skins this spring for ladies in Charlotte. They use the skins for belts.

Capt. Edward Neal, one of the Seaboard's popular conductors, will move his family from Atlanta to Monroe in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Neal formerly lived here and have a great many friends in Monroe.

Messrs. Gordon & English, local agents for the Pennsylvania Casualty Company, were one of the three agencies that produced the most business in the State for the year, and have won a complimentary trip to Scranton, Pa., to witness the dedication of the new building of the home company on the 26th and 27th.

Waxhaw will vote on the graded school proposition June 6th. A petition for such an election, signed by more than half the freeholders of the district, was presented to the board of county commissioners at its regular monthly meeting last Monday. The petition was granted and the date of election named as above stated.

While at the depot at Marshville one morning last week, Dr. Armfield was struck in the eye by a cinder, which after awhile began to cause great pain. He came to Monroe and on arriving here struck up with a man going through the country with an automobile. The stranger kindly offered to take him to Charlotte, and landed him there in short order, where a specialist took the cinder out.

Hugh Houston Aerie of Eagles was organized here last Tuesday night with 65 members. The following officers were chosen: Henry L. Crowell, worthy president; J. C. Smith, vice president; R. W. Lemmond, chaplain; Ney McNeely, secretary; W. A. Henderson, treasurer; and Robert Hargett, Lee Griffin and N. B. Ayers, trustees. Mr. C. B. Frazier and a score of members of Zeb Vance Aerie, Charlotte, conducted the work of organization.

Rev. F. D. King of Union county, who graduates at Wake Forest this spring, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Jonesboro, and will locate there within a month. The church made his call indefinite and doubles the salary of the former pastor. Mr. King leaves a record in college that any young man might well be proud of. Besides five years' work with in four in completing practically all of the work for M. A., he has served as pastor of several churches during this year. He is considered one of the best speakers of the Euzelian Society, in which he has found time to do some excellent work. The society elected him senior speaker, and the faculty have honored him by selecting him commencement speaker.

Bryan's Nomination Conceded in Washington. T. J. Pender, Washington Correspondent News and Observer, writes: "The opposition to the nomination of William Jennings Bryan at Denver, as the Democratic presidential nominee is ready to surrender. The action of the Ohio convention yesterday in instructing for Bryan and the Massachusetts Democrats today has taken all the fire out of the allied forces who had started out to prevent the instruction of delegations, if possible, in some of the Southern States. The Democratic senators and congressmen, who were back of this move, gave up all hope today when they heard the news from Massachusetts. The sentiment expressed on all sides at the capital today was that Mr. Bryan is assured of much more than a two-thirds majority. The action of Texas and South Carolina Democrats in electing Bryan delegates the past week, in the opinion of party leaders here, will be followed in practically all the States of the South.

The trouble with most cough cures is that they constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup does not constipate, but on the other hand its laxative principles gently move the bowels. It is pleasant to take and it is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by English Drug Company.

The liquor traffic is doomed. Colds that hang on. Colds that hang on in the spring deplete the system, exhaust the nerves, and open the way for serious illness. Take Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly stops the cough and expels the cold. It is safe and certain in results. English Drug Company.

Economizes the use of flour, butter and eggs; makes the biscuit, cake and pastry more appetizing, nutritious and wholesome.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

This is the only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

It Has No Substitute

There are Alum and Phosphate of Lime mixtures sold at a lower price, but no housekeeper regarding the health of her family can afford to use them.

FOR BETTER ROADS.

Good Road Material Everywhere. Why Do You Not Take the Lead in Road Building?

Progressive Farmer.

Wherever practicable, in the improvement of roads, attention should be paid to improving the line of roadbed. In a hilly country a road in a directly straight line is never best, and if some attention is paid to the proper engineering of the roads there would be far better roads. Then there is not a section in North Carolina where good road-making material cannot be had. In the Coastal Plain the oyster shells are in many places cheap and convenient, and nothing makes better roads than shells. Then in other parts of the East the shell rock is handy and makes the finest of road material. In the Piedmont country the granite rocks are abundant and convenient. I once drove from Raleigh to Durham, tumbling down in the Crabtree Valley over one of the gullied excurses for a road, and then into a trench of red mud where the road repairers had been at work throwing mud and sod into middle of the road till the mud was so deep that our team pulled the double tree in two, and we would have been in a bad plight but that we found some bale wire in the carriage with which we lashed a pole on from the woods. And right alongside this trench, called a road, the fields were fairly macadamized over with little broken rocks, and in some places the rocks had been gathered from the fields and placed on ridges alongside the road. And yet the road workers had repaired the road with mud when they could have covered it with these rocks with the same shovels.

There is no part of the community more interested in good roads than the farmers who have to haul over them. I am glad to see the spirit of improvement in this respect in the South, and note that some cities are making beautiful roads out from the town through the township. With a little co-operation among the farmers, these roads could be extended all through the State and the Legislature should aid in the construction of the main lines of travel. If a man has a farm for sale and it attracts the attention of a would-be purchaser, it would sell more readily and for a better price if on a well-built road; for no one would want to buy a farm where he would be tied up all winter.

Big loads of cotton can be hauled over the roads around the cities, but the man living off the roads can haul only what he can start with over his own country roads, which they have heart trouble when the fact is that the whole trouble lies in the stomach. The pains in the side around the region of the heart are not necessarily heart trouble. We suggest that you start with the stomach and whenever you feel a depression after eating or whenever your food seems to nauseate take Kodol. It will not be very long until all these "heart pains" will disappear. Take Kodol now and until you know you are right again. There isn't any doubt about what it will do and you will find the truth of this statement verified after you have used Kodol for a few weeks. It is sold here by English Drug Company.

Give one day to the boy, the home and the school. Leave your farm on May 26th and vote for prohibition.

Most Common Cause of Suffering. Rheumatism causes more pain and suffering than any other disease, for the reason that it is the most common of all ills, and it is certainly gratifying to sufferers to know that Chamberlain's Liniment will afford relief, and make rest and sleep possible. In many cases the relief from pain, which is at first temporary, has become permanent, while in old people subject to chronic rheumatism, often brought on by dampness or changes in the weather, a permanent cure can not be expected; the relief from pain which this liniment affords is alone worth many times its cost. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. S. J. Welsh.

PLUG TOBACCO

is one of the biggest plugs of standard grade flue cured tobacco ever sold for 10c. It goes further and lasts longer in the going than any other brand made. A man who knows of this brand never goes around with a "chip" on his shoulder, he keeps it in his mouth. It makes friends, and makes them always glad to see you.

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Fun For the Boy.
The parents of a Baltimore lad, a pupil in one of the public schools are fond of boasting that their hopeful has never missed a day's attendance at school during a period of eleven years.

On one occasion the proud father was asked to explain how this apparently impossible feat had been accomplished. "Did he have the usual childish diseases—measles, whooping cough, and so on?" the father was asked.

"Oh, yes."

"How, then, could he have always been at school?"

"The fact is," explained the father, "he always had 'em during the holidays."—Harper's Weekly.

Worthless Man.
Two women seated together on a Superior avenue car the other day were telling their troubles to each other. "Well," said one in a tone of deep disgust, "your husband can't be any lazier than mine. He stays home all day long and sleeps—just sleeps and sleeps."

"I don't see how he manages to support you at all," sympathized the other woman. "Doesn't he ever work?"

"Oh, yes," admitted the first one; "he works, if you'd call it work. He's a watchman at a factory, but all he has to do there is just to sit around all night with a lantern. Then he comes home and sleeps all day."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cautious Girl.
The modern Romeo leaped from his red flier and climbed the vine covered balcony.

"Who in the world is that in there with a clothespin on his nose?" gasped the youth.

"Pa," laughed the beautiful girl, "and I attached the clothespin."

"Why?"

"To prevent him from detecting the odor of gasoline emanating from your machine."

Resourceful girl! The next minute they were speeding toward the parsonage, while poor pa lay dreaming of a giant clam that was clamping his proboscis.—Chicago News.

Went Him One Better.
Nothing roused the wrath and disdain of the late Congressman Jerry Simpson more than bragging about affluence and luxurious living. One day a rich senator lolling forth in that strain remarked unnecessarily: "I was obliged to discharge my second coachman last week. Though he was in many ways an invaluable fellow, he was continually banging around one of the prettier underhousemaids."

"Ah," said Mr. Simpson gravely, "I can sympathize with you. I have just been obliged to discharge my third groom. He was always loafing in the servants' billiard room."

It is a pity to see a person neglect indications of kidney or bladder trouble that may result in Bright's disease when Foley's Kidney Remedy will correct irregularities and strengthen these organs. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy at the first sign of danger. English Drug Company.

The Cheerer Alone.
The "official cheerer" stole into her room and quietly locked the door. Then she threw herself upon the bed and abandoned herself to grief unmitigated and deep. For a half hour she shook with dry throat-aid sobs, filled with pain, and then when her face was quite splashed with red and her blue eyes were purple rimmed she sat up and smiled that smothering smile which was the unending cheerer of office and home.

"There, that's over for two months at least," she said as she reached for the cold cream with one hand and for her powder puff with the other.—New York Press.

In prohibition Maine, there is one hundred dollars in the savings banks for every inhabitant; while in the liquor State of Illinois there is only \$13.43; in Pennsylvania, \$16.70; Ohio, \$10.17.

Whooping Cough.
"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane of Hartland recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said and can recommend it to anyone having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss of Durand, Mich. For sale by Dr. S. J. Welsh.

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