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PHILIPPINE LETTER.

Mr. H. W. Goforth Writes Interestingly of Uncle Sam's Possessions in the Far East.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.)

The Moros are Mohammedans and as such believe that the death of a Christian gives them a passport to Heaven. This makes them brave and fearless of death. Zamenez is eighteen miles from the Moro Coast any my district comes within three miles of it at one point.

(My District is over fifty miles long and about twenty five wide. I have schools only along the Coast, however, as the people who live back more than three miles are not more than half civilized, if they are that. Strangely enough the seacoast is healthiest here.)

Consequently I see many Moros in my traveling up and down the Coast but have never been disturbed yet. It is said that the Moro will not harm unless the man has much money or a gun. They prize a gun above every thing else and do not hesitate to kill a man to secure his gun. I have never carried a revolver or a gun since coming over here though many of the teachers do. It is a rather hard thing to get as one has to put up a bond and pay a license if he owns a gun. The Government confiscates all the guns that it finds except where the privilege has been granted. It does not grant the privilege to more than one in a hundred who are willing to do the necessary things, either. Hence a gun is not a familiar sight except in the hands of a soldier, of which there are about twelve thousand here, I imagine—native and American together. There is a large post—Camp Overton—about twenty-five miles from here. I expect to go over there for Christmas as some of the officers have visited me here.

But I was telling you of the people. Well, the Visayans and the Tagalogs are Christians. They are Roman Catholics as the Spaniards christianized them and Spain is a Catholic country. They are pretty fair people in some ways but are awfully shiftless. They have small care for the future and live on the easiest possible plan. Today is the main question with them if it comes to getting something to eat, while if the matter demands much work—why not to-morrow? I think that they got the habit of putting things off from the Spaniards, who have a proverb—"Do nothing to-day that can be put off until to-morrow." This is called the "Manana" habit. Manana being the word for to-morrow in the Spanish language. The Visayans are very hospitable and are willing to share their last meal with strangers. I often stop at the home of poor people and they always give me the best that they have. I am the only American in this town but in my district there are several Americans. At Misamis there is a Lieutenant of Constabulary and two road builders—fore-

men on a new road being built on this Coast. Near Oroquieta there are three men building new bridges, for the new road. I see these men about twice each month.

There are several other tribes of people here the most important being the Bicolos, Pampangans, Paugasinanos, Cagayanos, Ilocanos, and Maccabebes. These all live in the North—in Luzon. The last named tribe are very few in number and have always been friendly to the Americans because fighting other tribes more powerful than they.

There are therefore a large number of distinct tribes of people here, speaking as many different dialects, most of which are entirely unintelligible to a member of another tribe though the languages, or dialects, rather, bear some similarity to each other.

The most common tongue is Visayan. Even this is spoken in several different dialects. Then comes Tagalog. After this come in different order—Pangasinani, Pampangan, Moro, Cagayano, Ilokano, Bicol and others. You will see by this that in order for the people to form an independent government that they will have to learn a common language. The Spaniards were here for three hundred years but they made no attempt to teach the natives the Spanish language. Instead all the schools that were established outside the Parochial, or church schools, taught the native tongue. As a result only about seven per cent of the people speak Spanish today. Of course there is a much larger percentage who speak some Spanish. I believe that more than fifty per cent of the people understand at least a little Spanish. The Official language of the Philippines is still Spanish. Every thing done in an official way except between Americans is done in Spanish. The Courts are entirely Spanish and the laws are mostly Spanish laws. The people qualified to hold office talk Spanish and not English and for this reason the Spanish language is still used. The present date for changing from the Spanish to the English language is now fixed at 1913 but as it has already been postponed for several years I do not doubt that it will be postponed again.

One of the objects of the Government is to teach the people the English language so that when they are given their independence there will be no confusion of tongues. I do not know how it will work but believe that it is a long way yet to independence for the Filipino if we wait until he is qualified to run his own government by our standards. The mass of the people use just as little English as possible and talk their native tongue whenever possible. It is hard to tell the whole object of the U. S. Government in taking the Philippines but if it was done for the reasons given I believe that it has been one of the worst mistakes that the U. S. has ever made. I very much doubt whether the Philippines are much better now than when they belonged to Spain. In the cases of cleaner cities they are better but they are not so pros-

perous as then and many roads and bridges have degenerated into apologies. The tough luck incident to war time together with the human plague, cholera, and the animal plagues, Surra, horses, and Rinderpest, Carabao, may be blamed for a lot of this, perhaps. The Filipinos do not like the American Government better than they did the Spanish—if as well. What they want is independence and no interference by other nations into their affairs. They will never be satisfied with any government until they get independence. They are quiet now through fear and cowardice but might break out again as in the past, for the fire is smouldering. I can not say that the Philippines are ready for self-government. I do not believe that they are. Only ten per cent of the people can be said to be educated. They would rule and it is the nature of the Oriental to be despotic and grasping. The remaining ninety per cent would have to be passive or there would be fighting between themselves and this would likely happen anyway between the tribes here. They believe in grafting, too, and cannot see why they should hold office unless it is to enrich themselves. The cry now is "Immediate Independence". One can see and imagine just what kind of government they would have and yet—Who made us judge of the fitness of these people ten thousand miles over the sea, of a different race, of different customs and ways of living, of different ideals and ideas of life—yes, who made us the judge? They want their political freedom. We wanted ours and took it from a mother country in every sense of the word—no doubt England said that we were not ready for independence, too, and tried to prove it to us in a half-hearted way. We, by force of arms, deny the right of independence to a strange and alien people who have absolutely nothing in common with us. Is it right? Let every one answer for himself for this is the foundation of the Philippine problem. A problem that would never have been to solve if the American people and Government could have attended to affairs at home and let other Nations and their affairs alone. Thousands of men have laid down their lives, Millions of dollars have been spent and some of the best talent in the country has been expended in taking and holding these Islands. Are they worth the price? We have on our hands a hostile or dissatisfied people, a people whom nature made worthless, careless, and unprogressive in the whole. A land which may have a great industrial future but which we discourage foreigners or Americans from settling upon in order that the native may have it all. A man whom I believe for ever incapable of developing the Islands.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A school teacher once said: Pupils who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who do not, are better spellers, better grammarians, better punctuators, and read more understandingly, and obtain a practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires for those who do not have access to newspapers. Is this true? If so, all heads of families should see that their children had papers to read.

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Adako Notes.

Master Vance Teague left Sunday for Boone to attend school.

Fruit tree planting is going on around Adako this week. Adako is chuck full of enterprise.

Adako is to have a Wood working plant right away, as Mr. G. L. Kincaid is sawing the timbers for the building.

The Adako Brick Company has burned its last kiln of the season, and has now shut down until spring.

We are glad to see Mr. J. T. Perkins out again, as he has been confined to his home for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Wm. Rabb is shipping his winter wood to Lenoir, so we suppose we are to soon lose a citizen, and Lenoir is to gain one.

Mrs. John Perry has returned from Blowing Rock. She having been there on a visit to her daughter.

Mr. S. A. McCall is putting in a fine stock of goods in the store house owned by Mr. J. R. Webb. This gives Adako three general stores.

We have one man at Adako who discredits both Cook's and Peary's discovery of the Pole, giving as his reason, that neither of them mentioned a word about Santa Claus.

Adako has one of the best cotton mill sites to be found on this side of the mountains, the waters of Wilsons creek could be utilized as the motive power. All we need is capital to take hold.

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And if you trade with us, you know that ours is a good store—a store that keeps all that a drug store ought to and sells at reasonable prices—a store that gives you what you want—a store that is anxious to please you in every way—a store that keeps its old customers and adds many new ones each year.

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