

KOREA.

MISS DAVIS.

Will not attempt to tell you of our wonderful
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and across the great Pacific, some of our party were taking notes, and I feel sure they will give you a detailed account, such as the friends at home will love to hear.

We reached Yokohama in the early morning of October the 5th, and I separated from our party on the "City of Peking," going to a Japanese hotel with Mrs. Ye, where arrangements had been made for her, while the others went to Miss Britton's hotel. A number of them came to say good-bye to me, and they seemed to be quite happy and were enjoying everything.

Mrs. Ye was sick much of the way, and on finding that the "Genkai Maru," which is the best steamer on the line, would sail from Kobe on the 11th, she thought best for her to push on, and of course I came with her, though it would have been pleasant to have remained in Japan, sight-seeing, with the rest of the party. We left Yokohama at noon the 7th, going by water and reaching Kobe the next evening. We left there the morning of the 11th and reached

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the 18th, making several short stops on the way. For the present there is only time to say that we are here and in good spirits, and I am quite well.

I was disappointed with that part of Korea we passed through; but it is better here, and they tell us that farther on in the interior it is still more lovely. I did miss our party so much. The way was pleasant, and everything was made quite cosy for me while we were with the others; since then it has not all been smooth sailing. Yet, God has raised up friends for us, and brought us here in safety; and, looking back from this distance, though the way led often through new and trying scenes, I feel that I have much for which to be thankful, and have a firm hope that good will come of it all. I have tried to do what seemed best for our future work.

It is to be hoped that our party will soon come on; but in the meantime do not worry about me. Of course I was separated from Mrs. Ye on reaching Chemulpo, her own people taking charge of her, but a letter was there from Mrs. Dr. Allen, welcoming me to her home, and arrangements had been made for my stay over night at that place. I am

now with Mrs. Allen, and suppose I shall remain here until our married people come. Dr. and Mrs. Allen are such charming people, and lead such a beautiful, simple home life, it is a delight to be here. I am very fortunate to be received by them; and, reaching here alone, without a home, and not knowing which way to turn, I feel very grateful to them for taking me in.

Mr. Moffet, of the Northern Mission, was at Chemulpo looking for our party, and came over with us. Mr. Noble and his wife were on the same steamer, coming from Japan to this place to join the Methodist Mission, and befriended us several times; and there were several missionaries on from Kobe going back to China. So it was not as lonely as it otherwise would have been.

I cannot say enough for Dr. and Mrs. Allen, they have been so kind and good to me. I do not know what I should have done without Mrs. Allen to tell me what to do. It is customary here for strangers to call upon the representatives, and Mrs. Allen has been taking me to pay my respects, and quite a good many have called upon me.

I have not heard a word from any of our party yet. I am so anxious for them to come on, so we can get settled before cold weather. We went the other day to see the houses we are to live in. I think we can be comfortable there, though the situation is not so good as many other places, and it is removed from most of the missionaries and foreigners. Dr. Allen is building a house on the Legation grounds, and expects to move there soon; so this place will be for sale. I like it so much, and wish our Mission could own it. I suppose some of our number will be here always. This is very near the American Legation, and the water is so good. Mrs. Allen tells me she never leaves here in summer, though most of the missionaries do. They expect to leave here in January for America to attend the World's Fair. Dr. Allen is looking for a teacher for me, and pretty soon I hope to settle down to hard study. I should have mentioned that Dr. Allen has leave of absence for six months, to take the Korean exhibits to the World's Fair.

Seoul, Korea, Oct. 20, 1892.

TIDINGS FROM THE WHOLE FIELD.

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE,

in what lines work has been started among women in our two missions, and by the Romanists. Girls' schools have been established, Women's meetings are held, sewing classes have been organized where women are paid to work while the Gospel is read and taught to them. Women's hospitals and dispensaries have been opened, visitation has been carried on, women are encouraged to come to our houses, and cards with Scripture texts distributed. The Romanists have an orphanage for girls and boys, and a Widows' home in addition to the above, but have not yet, I believe, medical aid for women. In all that has thus far been done—and most of our work is only just begun—we feel the need of

workers, and I would beg in closing that consecrated Christian women would take to heart the words spoken by a heathen Korean to our missionary, "Win the mothers of Korea to Christianity and you will win the whole land." Never I believe in all the annals of missions has a field been found more ripe for the harvest. There is positively no hindrance to our work now except the lack of workers. God has placed upon us the responsibility of giving them the light. We can never escape it, however we may shirk it. "Where is thy brother?" "Thy brother's blood cries to me from the ground," are words that God is speaking to Christian nations to-day. How are we replying?

A DISTINGUISHED KOREAN CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY.

Some four years ago the Hon. Ye Che Yun came to Washington as Minister to represent the King of Korea with our Government. He was accompanied by his wife, who has resided with him in Washington during these years, and has with him learned to use with comparative ease the English language. Some time since, these distinguished Orientals lost their only child. This sorrow and other causes led to a feeble state of health which seemed to render it necessary on the part of Mrs. Ye, that she return to her native land. When Mr. Ye learned that our young missionaries were soon to go out to Korea, he sought an interview with one of them and made a satisfactory arrangement by which Mrs. Ye should accompany them to Seoul, in September. Meanwhile the heaven had been working in her heart, leading to the most gratifying announcement that Mrs. Ye has publicly professed Christianity and united with the Presbyterian church in Washington. This must be matter of much

thankfulness to all who are interested in the "Hermit Nation." We can scarcely estimate the influence that may be exerted in behalf of Christianity in her own land by this distinguished lady. For a woman of high rank to confess Christ in any mission field is truly remarkable, and calls for devout thankfulness. But how unusually interesting is this Providence! The wife of the ambassador of the King to one of the leading nations of the earth publicly confessing Christ and returning with our pioneer mission, to give them the countenance and the favor of her distinguished position and influence when she shall return with them to Korea! Truly the hand of God seems to have been in the planting of this young Mission at every step. May it be the means of accomplishing much for His glory.

It is said that of the 30,000,000 of the tribes in the Congo basin, one sixth are cannibals.

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Many of our readers learned to feel a deep interest in the Hon. Ye Cha Yun and his estimable wife during their residence in Washington, and especially because the latter accompanied our outgoing missionary party to Korea, two years ago. It is pleasant to note, in the July number of the *Korean Repository*, that Mr. Ye Cha Yun has been appointed, under the new administration, as governor of Seoul, the capital of the kingdom. The *Repository* says: "On June 24, Ye Cha Yun, as governor of the metropolitan district, assumed the duties of his office. Mr. Ye Cha Yun was for several years the popular *charge de affaires* of the Korean legation, at Washington, and since his return, in addition to being magistrate of his native district, a rare honor, he was, in December, appointed vice minister of the department of agriculture and commerce." It is pleasing to know that both Mr. and Mrs. Ye Cha Yun have continued steadfast in their friendship for Miss Davis.

The *Repository* also mentions that the Rev. James Edward Adams and wife had arrived in Korea as members of the Northern Presbyterian Mission. All Student Volunteers remember Mr. Adams pleasantly, as for some years

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THE work done by Miss Davis in Seoul has been valuable and interesting. Until the beginning of April she gave her time to the children and women in the neighborhood of "Dixie," which name our young missionaries have given to their compound. From the first of April until the oppressive weather of midsummer, Miss Davis joined Miss Doty, of the Northern Presbyterian Mission, in opening up woman's work in a new part of the city, and they have had much success. These two ladies were able to reach, in a little over three months, four hundred women.

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Rev. W.D.Reynolds to his mother

Sacramento, Cal.
Sept. 22, 1892
Thurs. 6 P.M.

My dearest Mamma,

I was not able to write in Salt Lake City as I expected to do. Are you tired of postals? Well, just wait till we reach San Fr: & I'll make the time for a good long letter.

We are all in fine condition & have stood the trip remarkably well. Pats is better than she's been since last winter.

We climbed a high mountain at Salt Lake Tues. walking four or five miles over roughest sort of country & she didn't even feel stiff from the climb.

We reach San Fr. 9:45 P.M. Lovely scenery today.

Love to all,

Your

W.R.

from Patsy B. Reynolds to her father, John Bolling

74 Bailey St.
Asheville, N.C.
Aug. 18, 1892

My dear Papa,

Such a long, neat(?) letter as your was should have had just the same kind of reply & right at once, but other things kept crowding in & taking up my time that I could not write. You don't know how delighted we always are to greet a letter from our dear ones in Norfolk, & we look eagerly for them. I know that you you, too, have been too busy to write, or we might have had another letter. You are always so good about writing.

We are nicely fixed here and have a very comfortable room & very good fare. We are not in the house we expected to go to, but next door in a cottage. We did not get here last week as we intended so we lost our room, but I think we have more quiet & certainly more privacy over here & we have father just as much - we go over every day for our meals.

We have had cloudy weather ever since we came here but I think it is clearing some now. Asheville has changed very much since I was here five (or four?) years ago - we can have so many nice rides on the electric cars; they take us to many pretty views.

Mr. Baldwin was here this morning trying to get Will to preach twice for him Sunday, but he promised only for once - his cold does not get better & he has been very uncomfortable with it. I think he will let me use a little turpentine tonight in his throat. Mr. B. invited us to dine with him tomorrow. Mrs. Sheldon will be there, so if Will feels more comfortable we will go. The First Church had invited somebody to preach next & the following Sundays before they knew of Will's coming, but Father says he knows they will want him to preach Sun. week for them.

We stood our trip here very well indeed, & enjoyed the beautiful scenery on the way. Will stood out on platform for a while & then called me to come. I went & stood for a while & the conductor kindly brought me a nice little cushioned stool to sit on, so I was nicely fixed to enjoy every turn, which I did to the fullest extent.

Will preached Sunday morning in B. City & gave the young ladies prayer meeting a talk in the afternoon - it meets at Grases' (?) every Sun. evening. I never saw girls listen better or seem more interested - they asked a great many questions. His sermon was the same one he preached in Lynchburg, but I enjoy it every time & don't get tired. I know you laugh at me for saying so, but I really do!

We enjoyed Mamma's dear letter yesterday so much & it shall have a speedy answer. The letter from Cousin Mary E. came today.

I don't think Will will decide to go to Memphis. He has not yet decided when he will leave here, in fact we do not yet know when we are expected to be in St. Louis.

Well, Papa, I hope you are all comfortably fixed in your new home & feel at home now. I wish so much we could be with you & share all the little trials & big ones too of moving. I was so glad that Grandma stood it so well - give her our dearest love & tell her we so often think of her.

I so often feel like we are just on a little visit somewhere & will soon go back home & see you all again - hope I will never feel very far away, but both of us keep up a brave heart all the time. We go with the prayers of many dear ones following us & pray for God's blessing on us all along. He can make us useful if we are young & inexperienced.

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Will may write some to you in here so I will not make my letter too long. When I get to Korea though, I am not going to have _____ as often as you can.

Father send his regards to you all.

With a heart full of love from both of us, I am

Your loving daughter,

Patsy

W.D.Reynolds to his mother

San Francisco, Cal.
S.S.China
Sept. 27, 1892
3:20 P.M.

My dearest Mamma,

My last word of goodbye must be to you.

The steamer has not yet pushed off, but time is up. It seems so queer to have no one here to say goodbye to, while so many friends are thinking of us at home.

We are off. Goodbye, My own darling Mamma.
May God keep you till we meet again.

God bless you all.

Lovingly,

Will R.