

DOCTORS DISAGREE. Bradstreet's Reports Show a Poor Condition of Trade, While

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AS A WOMAN SEES IT. Mrs. Rev. Dr. Dukes, a Pittsburg Missionary, on Life in Japan.

CURIOSITY TO BEAT THE WORLD. Characterizes Many of the Japs, Who Learn With Alacrity.

MODERN INVENTIONS AND COSTUMES

Mrs. Rev. Dr. Dukes, the returned missionary from China and Japan, who is at present staying at No. 40 Federal street, Pittsburg, with her father's family, gave a bright and interesting account of the general character of her work and surroundings in the far East to a DISPATCH reporter, who called upon her yesterday. "I suppose you know," began the vivacious little lady, "that I came home for a year to re-learn. I have been both in China and Japan, and find an immense difference between the two countries, not only in climate, but in people also. The Japanese are much more teachable than the Chinese, as they are of a very progressive nature."

"How do you find them in your line of work?" "The trouble is that the Chinese Government opposes our work bitterly, making it very difficult to establish anything like a school. In Japan, however, things are different. These people are very quick to learn, not only about Christianity, but all about Western customs and innovations. The upper classes are especially interested, and the ladies almost entirely adopting our style of dress."

"When a young man earns a little money the first thing he does is to buy a pair of pantaloons and a coat, and, I must say, he appears well in them." "They seem to pay more attention to our modes of living than to our religions," remarked the reporter. "Yes, in fact, there is almost as large a class of skeptics in Japan as in America. When a young Japanese gets interested in Christianity he starts to investigate. By and by he strikes a work of Ingersoll, or Palmer, or Voltaire (for you must remember that all these books are translated into their tongue), and his mind becomes quickly facilitated by the doctrines advanced. It appears that this class of works is most widely read; for the Japanese are a very intelligent people, and while they don't believe in the religion of their fathers to a great extent, they are still unwilling to take the leap into Christianity. So they remain hovering around, espousing no religion but reading and practically remaining free-thinkers."

"Is it not a fact, however, that Japan is the most advanced of all countries in regard to missionary work?" asked the reporter. "Yes, in spite of the facts to which I have referred, the Japanese are making progress. Why, just think of it! Japan, a country which did not contain a single mission a few years ago, is to-day actually sending out her own missionaries, and is having the gospel preached to her by a small army of native Christian ministers."

"I presume that you have a pretty hard time of it, on account of the inquisitive population?" queried the reporter. "We certainly are about completely tired out giving information. For instance, we are traveling through the interior, along our missionary route. We stop over night at a village, and when we want to arise in the morning, we can hardly get an opportunity to dress, it being necessary to take dress while the other watches the door. We sit at breakfast a little later, and presently the front of the house slides open, and half a dozen heads are thrust in, followed by their owners, who without further ceremony, will seat themselves on the floor. I often wish that the Japanese would exercise a little of their noted politeness toward us."

"Are the chief American industries represented in Japan?" "To a certain extent they are. We have electric lights in Yokohama, and it is a peculiar fact that American shoes are universally worn. The railroads there are of the English system; but this is being rapidly replaced by the American, which takes the form of the Japanese, which is a wonderful specimen of the tailor's art, and is marked with an increased number of ornaments which reduce wages. Manipulative bear influences and distrust of the Southwestern railroad situation have produced a decided fall in stock values at New York."

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INDICTED FOR MURDER. John Brent in a Bad Fix Touching the Death of Benjamin Mosby—Other Interesting News on Eastward.

The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill against John Brent, colored, for the murder of Benjamin M. Mosby. Mosby, also colored, disappeared about three months ago from Mansfield, near where he had been on a visit to his wife, who was staying with her sister. His wife had a quarrel with Brent, and was last seen alive on his way to the station to take a train for Washington, Pa., where he lived. Brent was suspected of murdering him, and was arrested by Constable Bell of Mansfield, who lodged a charge of assault to hold him, basing the charge on Brent's quarrel with Mosby.

A week ago Brent was tried and convicted in the Criminal Court on the charge of assault. On the same day the decomposed body of a man was found in Charles's creek and was afterward identified as that of Mosby. A charge of murder was lodged against Brent, and the case was set by the grand jury yesterday.

Hugh Carr, John Mannis, Charles Sanders, Joseph Loehner, aggravated assault and battery; Benjamin Jefferson, assault and battery with intent to rob; Peter Lagrowitz, obscenity; E. S. Levy, fraudulently obtaining goods; Henry C. Paff, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

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AWFULLY ILLITERATE. 4,000,000 Women and Children and 1,014,000 Voters Down South WHO CAN'T READ A BALLOT AT ALL.

Facts Brought Out at the Closing Sessions of Women's Missions.

SMALLER CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR. The second day's session of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the Allegheny and Pittsburgh Presbyteries began yesterday morning, the meeting of about 600 women being called to order by Mrs. George A. Kelly. After appropriate singing and prayer, the Secretary, Mrs. Harbison, read a report showing the Executive Committee to have received \$6,437.79. Seven scholarships were reported, two at Mary Allen Seminary, four at Union, and one at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

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CLARA BELLE. In-to-morrow's Dispatch account of Mary Anderson's first appearance in New York, when a row country girl, with love for chewing gum and molasses candy.

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