

Kath. Leamy N.H. August 14. 1892

My Dear Griffis

The date of my letter means that we are summering among the White Mountains, which to the unheated dwellers of New Brunswick are exceedingly grateful. We left New Brunswick early in July and after some wandering about settled down here during the hot months. Kath. Leamy is the gate which may be called "Beautiful" to the White Mountain range. It is in the valley of the Saco, and commands a view of Mt. Washington in the center and on each flank resembles other peaks. A broad meadow stretching for many miles along the river - here called the "intervale" - forms the foreground of the picture. Myriads of American Elm flourish in this intervale, & the picturesque White Birch appears in every clump of trees on the upland. We spend our time in reading, studying, walking & riding. We expect to leave here about Sept. 1, going up through the Mountains, and returning home by way of the Connecticut Valley.

So much for the place where I write from.

I am not sure that I can give you any news, because you are of the kind who keep me posted up, and tell me what I need tell you would may be the repetition of what you have heard. Miss Crosby who is in Yokohama speaks of you often in her letters, and is quite enthusiastic over her work in Japan. Mrs. Murray hears from her quite often. Prof. Doolittle had a letter from you he told me, about Commencement time. I was glad to hear from him about your work, and that you feel encouraged in regard to it. By this time you must have caught, what I think no one from an outside position can get, something of the national spirit of the Japanese people. You know by this time what are their national aspirations, and in what directions their efforts at advancement are likely to be successful. There must be very "advanced" men among them. Indeed those who have been in this country conducting the negotiations with our government, are certainly men of great intelligence and have a perfectly clear insight into the wants of this country and the difficulties to be encountered in regard to them. The work of regenerating a country must be slow, and must be accomplished by agencies working from ~~the~~

virtue and not from without. They must work out their own regeneration. Foreigners can do very little to help them. That is the idea I have tried very hard to impress upon ~~these~~ those of the Embassy I have met. Their own laws, forms, institutions must be the basis on which any new superstructure is to be built. I have seen a good deal of Kido & Ito & something of Inakura & they go home with my high ideas I think of American institutions. The Embassy sailed from Boston about a week ago. In answer to a telegram I went from here down there and saw them off. They expect to return to Japan next Spring or Summer. I enquired what the new direction about religion in Japan meant. They seemed I think a little puzzled as to what they really do mean. I guessed that the government had ~~been~~ been constructing from the sacred books of ~~the~~ Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucius, and the Bible, a sort of an eclectic system, which they propose to make obligatory on the people. Of course to us such a made up religion seems very absurd; but after all it seems as Inakura said, an evidence of the struggle going on in Japan after the truth, and also of the absence of bigotry in the ruling classes. If only the idea of religious toleration could be got into their heads, we

would have nothing to complain of. But what a hard lesson religious toleration is for a nation to learn!

I suppose before this Wyckoff has reached Japan and is preparing to enter upon his duties. He is a very earnest high-minded man - and whatever conscientious effort can do he will do. I can of course excuse a man with more elasticity of nature, who would more readily adapt himself to his new duties, but Wyckoff will make up by steadfastness for many defects. Doolittle told me concerning your beginning in the direction of Book-making for the Japanese. I am glad to hear it. That is a field which must be widely cultivated before much can be done towards introducing modern learning into Japan. Kido tells me that they are about to establish eight new colleges in Japan.

You know Doolittle & wife are traveling in Europe this summer, & that Hasbrouck has gone to Europe to study for a year. He is to take special charge on his return of that Department of Mathematics which pertains to "Form" - including Des. Geom. Drafting, Perspective &c. He is going to study in Paris & bring back with him a set of apparatus for teaching that branch. The prospects of the College are good for next year. I trust you like your residence at Yaddo. At your command I would be glad to hear from you. Mrs. Murray wishes to be remembered.

With best wishes, Yours very sincerely, D. Murray

New York April 21. 1873-

My dear Fiffis

Your my Vienna letter arrived a short time since. It was a great pleasure to me to hear from you and to have your kind expressions of good will. Probably before this you have been confirmed in your impressions about my coming out. Mrs. Murray and I expect to start for Japan in the course of a few weeks, for a three years residence. My appointment was received in February & I am to begin my duties July 1st. My duties will be of an advisory & supervisory character in the Department of Education. My commission is my broad & comprehensive.

Nobody knows better than

I do the difficulties in the way
of success in such a position -
If I were not well assured of
the advice and cooperation of
Americans already there I would
not undertake it. I feel very
fortunate in thinking that I
shall have such men as
yourself and Mr. Webb, and
others of the older merchants
there to whom I can apply.
I have been extremely fortunate too
in securing the confidence of
the members of the Japanese
Embassy who were here so
~~long~~ and who are now
in Europe. They expect to
return to Japan early next
fall. They are exceedingly
interested and liberal

Statesmen and Japan has much
to hope from their continued in-
fluence in affairs -

I was very much interested
in your pamphlets or Trinners which
you sent me. You are beginning
a good work which I hope you
will carry on. Much must be
done in that direction before
education can make much
progress. Mr. Mori has an idea
that their language can well
be used for modern science &
education - But unless it
can be, the elevation of the
nation must be very slow
indeed -

I am very much obliged
for your note in your letter

on Education & as they accord
exactly with impression I
lead from, without any such
advantages of observation & ex=
perience as you have had - I
hope to have the advantage of
your further advice when I
get to Japan.

We are going to live in Yedo -
and so shall expect to see much
of you. Miss Evelyn often writes
concerning you. She craves her
life there very much, & seems
very happy.

I am writing this in the
mood of my hurry & excitement
of getting away. Please excuse
my hasty & crude. Mrs. May
sends her kindest regards -
Ever your David Murray

My Dear Prof. Briggs

Enclosed please find
what may perhaps be compensa-
tion for the accommodations af-
forded Mrs. Murray and myself.
It cannot repay the kindness
of yourself and Miss Briggs
for which we can only
tender you our best thanks.

Yours sincerely

David Murray

Kaga Yushiki, Sept. 19. 1873

Department of Education,

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 24 1894

Mr. Griffin

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request I delivered up to Messrs Ban & Tanaka the note which was addressed by them to you, and also received in return the enclosed note addressed by you to Messrs Tanaka, Ban & Tanaka Officials of the Monks. They also expressed their satisfaction at this method of terminating the pending questions, and that they would regard all past differences as ~~transferred~~ things they had not been.

Allow me also to express
the pleasure I feel, in seeing
the matters at issue are settled
in an honorable and satisfac-
tory manner, and one which must
be regarded as highly complimen-
tary to you, and I must add
creditable to ^{the} Japanese officials.

Very sincerely yours
David McIlwain

Tokio, Japan. Nov. 19. 1874

My Dear Jiffis.

Enclosed please find
an order on W. & J. W. Carpenter
at 41 Pine Street, New York
City, for \$100 American
gold, - which I intend as
my subscription to the sup-
port of the student you took
out with you.

I am just on the point of
starting to Nagasaki, on
a little tour of educational
inspection - and also with
the expectation of joining
Prof. Davidson's party

at the Transit of Venus...
Station. Mrs. Minnie &
Mr. Hatakeyama go
with me, & we will
be absent until about
New Year's Day.

There is much that
is new here, but I sup-
pose you get all from the
papers. The best of all
is the glorious peace,
news, so honorable to
Japan. Mr. Okubo by
this receives the great

Man of Japan. He has
managed with consummate
skill and firmness.

The College had a little
fire the other day, but
fortunately escaped with
very little scorching. I
think the Babcock's fire
is extinguished mainly
by Clark & others, saved
it.

Mr. Scott has just written
to me that he is coming
back to Japan by the
City of Peking. He is tired

of San Francisco friends
for Japan. This is a

Mrs. Manning joins in
kind regards to yourself
and Miss Jiffis.

Very sincerely Mrs

Daniel Manning

D. Murray

(Dept. of Education)

M o m b u s h o,

Tokio, Nippon, April 7. 1895

My Dear Griffis

Your last letter was received, and I sent you a Japanese blue book by last steamer, — and now I send you the certificate which you wished.

Everything goes on as usual. Mr. Hatakayama is not in good health this spring but I hope he will come round again.

I find it very difficult
to obtain Japanese facts
even for myself. This ig-
norance of the language
is a terrible drawback.

Takahashi says that sev-
eral men from whom
the ordered maps ~~so~~ have
come to him to know
what to do with them.
He has no funds to pay
them & so is at a loss.

I rejoice at your suc-
cess. My best regards to
your sister in which Mrs
Mumford joins it

I was at home.

Mrs. Finckley

D. Minnery

(David Murray) K

TOKIO, JAPAN, OCT. 10. 1877

MY DEAR GRIFFIS,

[Ozawa's?]² K

YOUR LETTERS IN REGARD TO THE SPECIMENS OF WALL-PAPER ^{WY}WAS RECEIVED, AND I WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THEY WERE SATISFACTORY. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THEY WOULD BE JUST THE THING AND WOULD WHEN BROUGHT OUT PRODUCE QUITE A SENSATION.--IT SEEMS ^UQITE STRANGE AND VERY PLEASANT TO THINK OF YOU AS A PASTOR IN THE OLD CITY OF SCHENECTADY, WHERE I SPENT THREE VERY HAPPY YEARS, AND WHERE I HAD SOME OF THE BEST FRIENDS ANY MAN COULD EVER HAVE. IT IS SAD TO THINK THAT THESE DEAR OLD FRIENDS ARE DROPPING AWAY. WHEN I WAS IN SCHENECTADY LAST YEAR I SAW BOTH DR. LEWIS AND DR. JACKSON, AND ^{had} MOST DELIGHTFUL VISITS WITH THEM. BOTH OF THEM ARE GONE NOW. THE SORROWFUL TRIBUTES TO DR. JACKSON'S MEMORY ARE NOT ONE WHIT TOO STRONG FOR THE NOBLE AND LOVELY CHARACTER OF THE MAN. WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE DR. W. J. R. TAYLOR WAS THE PASTOR OF YOUR CHURCH, AND VEY WELL I REMEMBER THE ENTHUSIASM HE AWAKENED BY A SERIES OF LECTURES ON BIBLE CHARACTERS, SUCH AS MOSES, SAMUEL, DAVID, ISAIAH, &C. IF INSPIRATION CAN COME FROM A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE I AM SURE YOU MUST GET MUCH FROM YOURS. I THINK IT IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CHURCH EDIFICES I KNOW OF ANY WHERE. AND I WISH TO KNOW IF YOU DO NOT THINK THE SITE OF THE COLLEGE BUILDINGS ARE SUPERB. OH! IT IS INSPIRING TO WALK ALONG THAT TERRACE AND LOOK OFF TO THE WEST UP THE VALLEY OF THE MOHAWK.

BUT I AM FILLING MY LETTER WITH THINGS WHICH YOU CAN SEE ANY DAY AND NEGLECTING TO TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT JAPAN. I SUPPOSE OF COURSE

INTENTIONAL SECOND EXPOSURE

(David Murray) K

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YOU TAKE SOME OF THE JAPANESE PAPERS AND KEEP YOURSELF FAMILIAR WITH
THE CURRENT EVENTS. THE CLOSE OF THE WAR MUST HAVE GIVEN ^{you} ALMOST AS MUCH
PLEASURE AS IT HAS TO US HERE. IT HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE AND
HAS WASTED MANY VALUABLE LIVES AND MUCH ILLY-TO-BE-SPARED MONEY. THERE
HAS BEEN NO TIME HOWEVER WHEN THE RESULT WAS DOUBTFUL. THE OVERWHELM-
ING POWER OF THE GOVERNMENT BECAME APPARENT AT THE OUTSET, ALTHOUGH IT
REQUIRED A LITTLE TIME TO BRING THEM INTO ACTIVE USE, JUST AS IT DID
IN OUR CIVIL WAR. IT HAS BEEN THE DESPERATE CHARACTER OF THE MEN WHICH
HAS PROLONGED THE STRUGGLE SO MUCH AND SO UNNECESSARILY. THE LAST MOVE-
MENT WAS MADE SOLELY BECAUSE THE LEADERS WERE DETERMINED NOT TO SURREN-
DER ALIVE AND WISHED TO PERISH ^{with} THE BEST THEATRICAL EFFECT. SAIGO I
BELIEVE HAS BEEN DRAGGED INTO THIS REBELLION BY UNSCRUPULOUS MEN, BY
MISREPRESENTING THE CONDUCT OF OKUBO TO HIM, AND EXAGGERATING THE HARD-
SHIPS OF THE SAMURAI TO HIM. MR. MORI TOLD ME THAT IN ORDER TO STIM-
ULATE HIS DISLIKE TO OKUBO THEY TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NEW BUILDINGS
OF THE PAPER-MONEY BUREAU, WHICH ARE VERY LARGE AND FINE, AND SHOWED THEM
TO SAIGO AS THE RESIDENCE WHICH OKUBO IN HIS PRIDE HAD BUILT FOR HIM-
SELF. SAIGO BELIEVED THE LIE AND EXCLAIMED-I DID NOT THINK HE WAS SUCH
A FOOL. BUT IT IS SURPRISING WHAT A HOLD HE HAD AND HAS UPON THE HEARTS
OF THE PEOPLE. HE WILL GO INTO HISTORY AND INTO TRADITION, WHICH IS EVEN
YET IN THESE DAYS OF PRINTING A FACTOR IN THE LIFE OF THIS NATION, ALONG
WITH ^XKUSUNOKI AND YOSHITSUNE. --BUT I MUST END MY LONG LETTER. I HAVE
BEEN CASTING ABOUT TO FIND SOMETHING ON KOREA FOR YOU, BUT THUS FAR
WITH NO RESULT. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT THE COUNTRY,

MORE THAN THE FEW INCIDENTS WHICH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY BROUGHT BACK
WITH THEM. A NEW MISSION HAS JUST GONE THITHER TO TAKE SOME FURTHER
STEP ABOUT OPENING A PORT IN KOREA. THEY MAY ADD SOMETHING TO OUR KNOW-
LEDGE ABOUT THIS INTERESTING LAND WHICH IS A PALPABLE EXAMPLE OF AN
INVERTED DEVELOPMENT.

THAT LAST WORD MAKES ME THINK OF PROFESSOR MORSE⁺ WHOM I THINK YOU KNOW,
AND WHO IS AT WORK HERE WITH HIS ACCUSTOMED ENERGY. HE HAS BEEN MAKING
AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY IN A SHELL-HEAP NEAR OMORI. IT IS FILLED WITH
FRAGMENTS OF ANCIENT POTTERY, WHICH WAS LEFT THERE BY SOME RUDE TRIBE
WHO HAD NO METAL OR FLINT IMPLEMENTS AND VERY RUDE BUT SOMETIMES VERY
CURIOUS COARSE POTS AND DISHES. HE IS TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THEM BEFORE
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY ON SATURDAY NEXT. THE COLLEGE HAS ENGAGED HIM FOR
TWO YEARS WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING HOME TO GIVE HIS LECTURES AND
BRING OUT HIS FAMILY.

BUT I MUST SAY GOOD BYE. MRS MURRAY JOINS ME IN KINDEST REGARDS.
MR. BARTON HAS JUST BEEN IN TO SAY FAREWELL. HE GOES HOME BY THE
NEXT STEAMER WHICH TAKES THIS.

EVER VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

DAVID MURRAY.

1879
Tokio Dec. Jan. 10/24

My Dear Griffin:—

I send you by this mail
some pictures by Ozaawa. He says
Coran costume pictures impos-
sible, he has tried everywhere.
He will bring a few more be-
fore I go, which is fixed for
23rd inst. Y. morrow we have
an auction. Imagine the rest.
I heard yesterday that
Beats' photographer had been
in Corea with the Am-
Exp. in 1872. & bro't
back photographs. You
probably have them,
but I will procure if
possible & send by

next mail. Dr. Syle will at-
tend to Ozaawa after I go.
I will give O. a letter to him.

There are ~~five~~^{seven} pictures sent
by this mail; 5 of them have the
bill accompanying them, for
12⁵⁰ Yen, and two other
for 2 Yen each. Altogether
I have paid ~~at~~ 16⁵⁰ Yen.
Count the Yen about 75 cents
now. It will be lower yet.
I will also pay the addi-
tional pictures he brings
before I go, & I will
send you an a/c. So you
need not send money to
my bankers till then.

The Japanese have treated
me very handsomely on
my departure. Momb. gave
me ~~the~~ a present of 1000
yen, and Emperor con-
ferred the decoration of
Order of Rising Sun in
the 3rd degree.

We expect to reach
home September or
October.

Mrs. Murray joins
in regards.

Ever yours

D. Murray