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Dr. Masujima is a distinguished member of the Bar of Japan. He was recently a visitor to this country, having been invited by the New York State Bar Association to deliver an address. Dr. Masujima's address was on "The present position of Japanese Law and Jurisprudence," and he also read a paper on "Japanese Law in relation to the Status of Foreigners." Dr. Masujima graduated in English law at the University in Tokyo, and was afterwards called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, London, in the year 1883. He was one of the chief promoters and the first president of the English Law School at Tokyo, established in 1885. He has recently been appointed the legal adviser of the British Legation in Tokyo, which in itself evinces his high standing at the Bar; and it may be considered another high honor to be chosen as the chief speaker at one of the largest gatherings of lawyers

on this continent, and to come thousands of miles for this express purpose. Dr. Masujima is the Company's solicitor in Japan.



Japan, the Gem of the Orient.

It is impossible to give, in the space at our disposal, anything like a satisfying glimpse of Japan and its wonderful people. The "Garden of the Orient," as Japan is well called, is unique in many respects. Its climate is mild, its soil fertile, mines rich, and sea-products inexhaustible. To this add a people who are energetic and aggressive, and you have a combination which can do wonders. Truly, the achievements and progress of the Japanese, the past score of years, are remarkable. Her railways aggregate a total mileage of over 3,855 miles, costing in the neighborhood of 273,803,900 yen. The telegraph and telephone systems girdle the empire. Its postal system is excellent, and so is everything that relates to the public service. The agricultural pursuits of the Japanese are no less successful. The chief articles of agriculture are rice, wheat, barley, and many kinds of beans. Tea plantations represent a very successful industry, and Japan is rapidly gaining a strong grasp of the tea markets of the world.

The population of Japan is about 35,000,000, and among this vast number there are no drones, no idlers, women as well as men are industrious; each has his or her work to do, *and it is done*. This is one reason why the industries of Japan are all prospering. The thoroughness of the Japanese in everything they undertake is at once noticeable. In matters artistic they are adepts. Their carvings in ivory, bone and wood, embroideries in silk, are inimitable, and, in fact, everything that passes from their hands, has had thorough treatment. Whatever line the Japanese workman