

us but to educate the Filipinos, uplift, civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace do the best we can for them as our fellow-men, for whom Christ died."

Much progress has been made in the 29 years of American government. The Filipinos have religious liberty and justice. There are fine schools for all; good roads and railways have been built, and industries and trades developed.

After 17 days on the ocean, the "Empress" reached Manila Bay, where Jack and Janet thrilled with excitement at the sight of the strong fortifications, the wireless towers, and especially the fort on an island, looking so like a great battleship anchored in the bay.

As the family landed at the dock they were warmly greeted by Dr. and Mrs. Rodgers, pioneer missionaries in the islands.

When their baggage had been inspected by Customs Officers, Mr. Howard engaged two calesas to drive them to the Manila Hotel.

The old walled city attracted the twins. Mr. Howard told them that a moat, filled with stagnant water, which caused much sickness, had been filled in to form the green park, so much enjoyed by everyone. Soon they reached the Juneta, the great plaza facing the bay, with its statue of Rizal and monuments to Legazpi and Urdaneta.

After a period of rest and refreshment, Jack and Janet, accompanied by their father, went to see Intramuros (inside the walls). They found the streets narrow, enclosed by buildings, many of which were convents and churches. It was strange to see electric cars and autos in these old streets. In the newer district the streets were broad, lined with American houses, shaded by beautiful trees, and made lovely with shrubbery and flowers.

Janet thought it looked just like America, but her father pointed out the carabao (water-ox) carts; ladies with stiff gauze sleeves and long trains; men with striped coats of transparent gauze, showing everything in their pockets; a woman smoking a cigar and clothed in a red and yellow checked cloth for a skirt, loose white kimona jacket and heelless slippers of blue velvet; a man carrying a huge bunch of grass on each end of a bamboo pole balanced on his shoulder; and little boys in flowing white jackets, some carrying bamboo baskets, which they learn to make at school.

Janet remarked that it could not be very hot here, for she had not seen a punkah, though the houses were so open she could see everything in them, and none of the American ladies wore pith helmets, as they do in other Oriental countries. Jack said he wanted to explore the country and see a wild man or two.

Mr. Howard told him that there were seven millions of civilized Christian Malays in the islands, as well as one million of Negritos and wild mountain tribes. The Negritos are probably the aborigines. They are amongst the smallest people in the world.

Janet asked, if the Filipinos were Christians, why they needed missionaries; to which her father replied that their Church forbade them to have a Bible, and imprisoned or banished them for owning or reading one; but American rule now gives freedom. The British and American Foreign Bible Societies are now working to translate the Bible into the chief Philippine dialects.

At the B. and F. Bible House, Mr. Eldridge welcomed them, telling them many