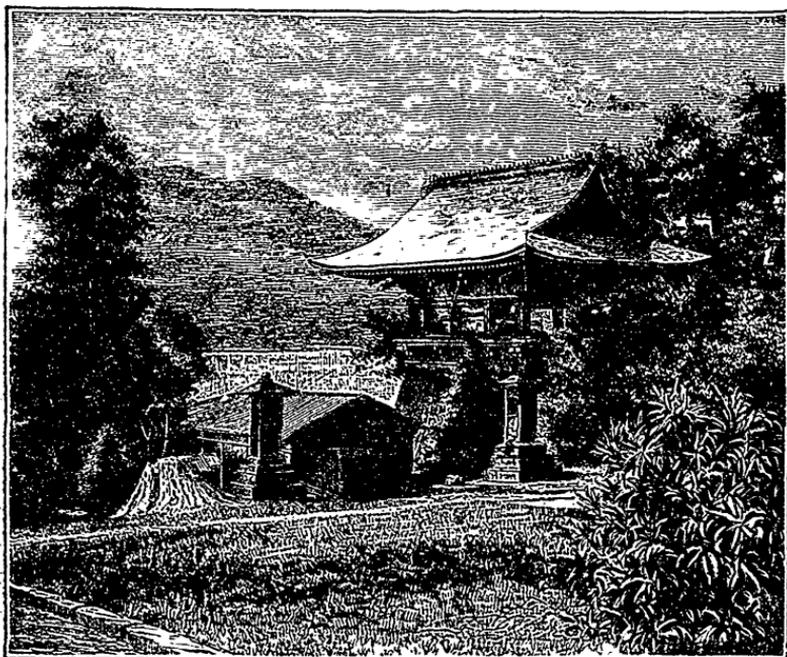


It is pleasant to be able to offer our congratulations to the publishers on the admirable setting which they have given to Mr. Maclay's delightful letters. Our readers may form some conception of the publishers' work by the illustrations which accompany this article. The binding, type, illustrations and paper leave little to be desired.

It is not the purpose of the present article to attempt an elaborate *resumé* of the volume before us. The most we hope to accomplish is to treat briefly of some of the topics which pass



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under review in Mr. Maclay's letters, making liberal use, in doing so, of the information which he has given. We do not propose to lessen our reader's interest in a book which we sincerely hope he may speedily make his own.

One of the earliest points of attraction to the visitor in Japan is Yokohama, a "city built upon a broad tongue of land jutting into Yeddo Bay. On one side is Yokohama harbour; on the other is Mississipi Bay." It is a cosmopolitan city, almost all nationalities being represented; hence it is not the most favourable place to select in order to study Japanese life and character. Yokohama, during Mr. Maclay's knowledge of it, enjoyed the