

Cochran, dated there May 31st, 1873, they were disappointed in not meeting the commodious steamer *Japan*, which had been sent to China ten days before her regular time of sailing from San Francisco. Desirous, however, not to waste time, or incur additional expense by waiting at that port, they proceeded in the smaller steamer, the *Quang-se*. The Rev. D. McDonald, whilst in Virginia city, writes,—

We started from Hamilton Tuesday, 13th, on our way westward, and arrived here Wednesday morning last, at 5.30.

We had an exceedingly pleasant journey. The ever-changing scene completely beguiled the weariness of travel.

The letter of the American Consul passed our trunks through the customs all right. We were delayed in Chicago, as I did not succeed in procuring the half-fare pass in time to go on with the train. I found Mr. Thrall very courteous, and on hearing my explanation he readily granted the pass as requested.

Having learned in Chicago that Mr. Kemble, not Mr. Goodman, was ticket agent in Oneida, I concluded not to wait in Chicago for the Pacific express, but to go on by an evening train to Oneida, and remain there a night, instead of in Chicago, which would leave me ample time to arrange matters with the agent.

Aided by your letter, my passport, and the ticket for the ocean voyage, I

succeeded in making out a clear case, whereupon Mr. Kemble very politely granted passes through to San Francisco for \$140, greenbacks. I intimated that Mr. Cochran would call on him within a few days.

We have enjoyed our visit to this city exceedingly. I preached in the Presbyterian Church Sabbath morning, addressed a Sabbath school in the afternoon, and preached in the Methodist Church in the evening. I don't like the Methodism here as well as at home. The minister does not keep to the old land marks. He does not have service in his church on Sabbath mornings, but gives his time to the getting up of a sensational sermon for the evening—the audience greeting with cheers and clapping of hands anything witty, ludicrous, or outlandish from the pulpit. As I looked over the promiscuous gathering of last Sabbath evening I could not help thinking that the minister was missing a fine opportunity by not feeding the flock of God in the morning.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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