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A UNIQUE WRITE UP.

**Japanese Student Writes Ac-
count of Russo-Jap War.**

Through the kindness of the man-
agement of the Lincoln Academy News
we are permitted to reproduce the fol-
lowing article, bearing on the Russo-
Japanese war, which was written by
Kim Akagi, a Japanese student attend-
ing the Academy:

"It is commonly understood that the
present war between Japan and Russia
does not take a common cause, but
really involves right and wrong. In
the first place, Russia wants to get an-
other land which belongs to her neigh-
bor, China, and also a skirmish empire
of Korea. Let us consider whether
it is right or not for Russia to occupy
Manchuria and Korea. It is wrong,
indeed, legally and morally. China is
under undoubtedly an independent con-
stitution. She ought to have the power
by which she can control all her inter-
ests and integrity. If she loses Manchu-
ria, what would be the result? No one
can say she has independent power, but
dependent, and then she is not any
longer an independent country. For
this reason she objected to giving up
Manchuria to Russia. Were Russia's
motives on this matter right or wrong?
Certainly Russia was wrong, for these
above conditions show us clearly she
has no right to offer it, the position
of Russia legally and morally.

"In the second place, the old federal
government of Japan possessed the
islands of Saghalien and Chishima.
At that time Japan has a peculiar
policy, by which you may call "the
shut door" of Japan. So Japan was
not so eager to have Saghalien island,
which lies in another continent. Rus-
sia was, however, so ambitious to get
that island, in fact, knowing that
Japan is not able to get hold of it. In
1885 Russia made a proposal to Japan,
that the natural exchange of Saghalien
island and Chishima island ought to be
made. Of course we must understand
these islands belonged to Japan and
not to Russia. Now she mentioned that
island as her own and claimed it, with-
out giving any good reason. Japan did
not quarrel over the matter with her,
because her power was not sufficient to
claim against the greatest despotic em-
pire of Russia. Japan, therefore, gave
up that island and allowed the Russian
offer. Then the exchange was made
between two countries. Right for
Russia to have done so? No it was not
right, because Saghalien island was
not hers, but belonged to Japan. There
was no use to offer Japan to make
such unreasonable exchange. The peo-
ple of Japan always remember that
dreadful happening by which Russia
took the best advantage for all, while
Japan lost her interest and rights.

Third place, Japan had war with
China in 1894, on account of whether or
not Korea is an independent country.
Japan claimed Korea is, but China
claimed Korea is not. The war re-
sulted in favor of Japanese claim. Af-
ter the war the all nations understood
Korea is an independent. During the
war was progressing Japan occupied
Port Arthur, and her expectation was
to get hold of it. But it was happened
that Russia made friendly proposal to
the government of Japan. The pro-
posal was to return Port Arthur back
to China, because if Japan keep that
port the peace of the far east can not
be assured. So Japan thanked her such
kind advice and returned it to China.
It was true, however, that proposal of
Russia was the most deceitful and un-
grateful one. For Russia occupied
Port Arthur by the conquerer of her
polley, which is wrong. The above
causes of the war are very important
which most people are neglecting to
consider.

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