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DESCRIBES HER TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES

MISS FOSTER WRITES OF JOURNEY FROM CANADA TO MANILA.

TELLS OF NATIVE LIFE

Eat from Common Pan with Fingers—Curly Sticks to Keep Off Cholera—San Roque Parade Part of Native Superstition.

An interesting account of her trip to Manila and the country there has recently been received by the Latin Club from a former member, Miss Kate Foster. The letter was written several months ago from Malolos, Bulacan, Philippine Islands, and Miss Foster's description of the trip is herewith printed:

"The journey from Canada to Manila was very interesting. The ocean voyage takes just twenty-eight days. I came the northern way, and although it was the month of August it was unbearably cold until we struck the Japan current. With the exception of sighting the Aleutian Islands we were out of sight of land for seventeen days until we stopped at Yokohama. Crossing the 180th meridian we lost a day which I have keenly regretted was not my birthday. I did not have time to go into the interior of Japan, but thoroughly enjoyed the stops at Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki. The coast is beautiful all along with every inch of available land terraced and cultivated.

"In China there were two stops, at Shanghai and Hong Kong. At Shanghai we stopped at Woo Sung, which is at the mouth of the Yang Tsi river. In Hong Kong I stayed several days awaiting a boat to Manila. Hong Kong is a beautiful place, situated on Hong Kong Island and built on a mountain and is the largest shipping port of the Orient. The harbor was completely filled with ships, loading and discharging cargo; from all parts

of the world. As my boat was leaving Hong Kong four American cruisers came into port. Such a good American feeling came over me when I saw the American flags, for I had crossed in an English ship and every one I had talked with had been English.

Life Different.

"Living in the Philippine Islands is indeed vastly different from living in Lincoln, Nebraska. One cannot appreciate the differences until one experiences them for ones self, as the oriental people and the ways in which they live are so different.

"As you know, there are two seasons here, the wet season, which lasts from June until November, and the dry season. They tell me this has been a unusual season here, for the dry season is just now beginning. This is also harvesting time for the rice. In the wet season it rains and rains, and then it rains for days more, and in the dry season the dust gets very, very deep. There is not, as a rule, much wind, but in October there were several destructive baginos of typhoons.

"The natives live in nipa and bamboo houses, built from five to ten or more feet from the ground. There are no windows, but just open spaces in the walls for ventilation. There is but little furniture. The bed is a straw mat. They use wooden benches, chests for clothing, and their houses are always well supplied with baskets.

"The chief article of diet is boiled rice. With it is eaten a stew of fish or vegetables. Meat is seldom used, especially among the poorer classes. The natives do not go to the trouble of eating from a table, but eat from a common pan or platter with their fingers. Where one stops to think of the kind of food upon which they live and the way they live one is not surprised that they are heir to cholera and the rest of the awful diseases that are so common in the tropics. But as to their houses—the caraboa, which serves as their farm horse, is often kept under the house. And there is always a cock or two, ready for the

next Sunday's fight in the cock-pit. The eaves and front window spaces are always adorned with little curly sticks to keep off the cholera and the bad spirits. These people believe in "aswongs" or spirits. In fact our cook confided in me and told me that he had really seen one.

Are Superstitious.

"They are all very superstitious. During the time when cholera is so bad; every night about nine o'clock the San Roque parade starts and goes through the main streets of the town. This happens all over the islands. San Roque is supposed to be a saint who will protect the natives from cholera and drive it away. The parade is composed mostly of women and children, each carrying a torch. At the head of the procession is carried San Roque's image. As the procession advances a song is sung to the saint. After about three hours the image is taken to the home of some native where it is kept and entertained until the following night, and often a fiesta is given in its honor.

"In Malolos there is quite a colony of Americans. We are about twenty miles from Manila and have an excellent train service of four trains each way per day. By taking the fast train we can cover the distance in one and a half hours. The Americans here live entirely apart from the native town; in fact, we would never see it unless we went over there.

"As you know, there are a great many dialects spoke in the islands. In Bulacan province the Tagalog dialect is used. A great many of the natives understand English and nearly all some Spanish.

"As to dress, little boys and girls wear either none or merely a thin chemise. Women wear a camiseta or chemise, which is sleeveless and low-necked, and reaches to just below the waist line; a skirt; the canisa or waist of sinamay material with flaring elbow sleeves; also a pannelo, which is now being replaced by a scarf. The latter is starched very stiff and they say that only a Filipino can fold one properly.

The men wear a very thin camiso and loose trousers. Both men and women go barefooted, some wear chinelas—which are loose slippers with leather soles and cloth toe pieces. They also wear suecos or wooden clogs.

"The vegetation is beautiful and of great variety. The banana is everywhere. There are all kinds of palms. At present the mango tree is in blossom. There is also the papaya, cocoa, mpa, bamboo, etc. The last two serve nearly all purposes from that of an article of diet to that of a delicately preserved food."

TWO GAMES PLAYED.

Yesterday afternoon two of the postponed games on the north side of the interfraternity league were played off. The first game between Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Upsilon resulted in a victory for the former, by a score of 9 to 7. Switzler, the star catcher for the freshman law team, caught for Phi Kappa Psi. Batteries: Phi Kappa Psi—Killian and Switzler; Delta Upsilon—Schmidt, Klepser and Gibson.

In the second game of the afternoon Phi Delta Theta defeated Alpha Theta Chi by a score of 6 to 2. The game stood 2 to 2 until the end of the fifth, when the Phi Deltas scored four times. Halligan was the star of the game, making a sensational catch of a high fly and hitting the sphere for a three-bagger and a double. Batteries: Phi Delta Theta—Howard and Owen; Alpha Theta Chi—Oliver and Lord.

Standing of the teams:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
North Side—			
Sigma Chi	3	0	1.000
Phi Delta Theta	2	0	1.000
Alpha Theta Chi	2	2	.500
Phi Kappa Psi	1	2	.333
Delta Upsilon	0	2	.000
Phi Gamma Delta	0	2	.000
South Side—			
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2	0	1.000
Alpha Tau Omega	1	0	1.000
Kappa Sigma	1	1	.500
Sigma Nu	1	1	.500
Beta Theta Pi	0	1	.000
Delta Tau Delta	0	2	.000

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