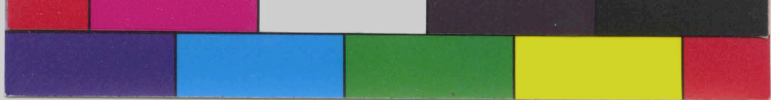


1.
The Temple of Benzaiten in Gotokeuin.

The idol was carved by the priest Kobo, the founder of the Shingon sect of Buddhism in Japan, about 1050 years ago. It was formerly in the temple of Sugiyama, in the Province of Idzumi. In 1180, when Yoritomo, the first Shogun, raised his army in Idzumi to avenge his father upon the Taira family, he prayed to Benzaiten on Sugiyama for victory. After he became Shogun, he erected a temple in Yokohama and brought to it the idol of Benzaiten from Sugiyama. All the succeeding Shoguns followed his example in revering the deity. The temple of Yokohama was on an island where the railway station now stands. In 1869 it was removed to the grounds of Gotokeuin. It is called Sugiyama Benzaiten.

The Bell of Gotokeuin is very interesting as it was made from metallic mirrors. When a Japanese maiden marries, she brings with her to the bridegroom's house a metallic mirror, which, when she dies is presented to the temple in which the funeral service is celebrated. The temple after having collected a sufficient number of mirrors, founds a bell. The bell, when rung, or rather struck announces at the first stroke, "All things are changeable," at the second stroke "This is the law of births and death," at the third stroke, "There is a state attainable, in which births and deaths are at an end, and at the fourth stroke, "In this state above the changes you shall find the true beauty." The Japanese syllabary, commonly called I-Ro-Ha, the present form of which was composed by the priest Kobo, is really a poem expressing the same idea in the following terms: Iro wa misedo chirinuru wo, (Though the flowers bloom beautifully, they shall fade and be dispersed.) Waga yo tarego tozume naran, (In this world of ours, who can believe himself permanent?) Uti no oku yama kyo koete. (To-day I cross over the remotest mountain



The Temple of Benigata in Potomac.

The edifice was erected in the year 1800, the founder of the religion
sect of Buddhism in Japan, about 1070 years ago. It was founded
in the temple of Asakusa, in the Province of Sagami. In 1181, when
Yoritomo the first Shogun, raised him army he endeavored to
upon his family, he moved to Benigata or Benigata for victory, after
he became Shogun, he erected a temple in Benigata and moved to it
the seat of Benigata from Asakusa. All the succeeding Shoguns followed
his example in removing the seat. The temple of Benigata was on an
island where the military station now stands. In 1868 it was removed
to the grounds of Potomac, it is called Benigata Benigata.

The Bell of Potomac is very interesting as it was made from metallic
minerals. With a Japanese mirror mirror, the king with her to the
have a metallic mirror, which when she was presented to the temple
in order to funeral service is celebrated. The temple of Benigata
a sufficient number of mirrors, found a bell. The bell when rung
or when struck announces at the first stroke, "All things are changing
at the second stroke" "There is the law of birth and death" at the third
stroke, there is a state of affairs, in which birth and death are
at an end, and at the fourth stroke, "In the state above the changes
now shall find to the duration." The Japanese syllable command
called 2-10-10, the present form of which was composed of the
first 100 is really a poem expressing the same idea in the
following terms: "As we made minimum no (though the former form
beautifully, the whole part and the end of the world. What is to go
down again, in the world of our, who can believe himself permanent
As no one year ago 10-day 10-day over the remnant mountain"

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range of human strife.) Asaki yume michi si mo sezu (And on the morrow
I shall find in myself no trace of intoxication of vain dreams.)
When the bell sounds forth these holy ideas, it is heard by the spirits in
Hades, who, being reminded of the ideas and a Buddha, may turn
their thoughts to heaven and be saved. The women whose mirrors have
contributed to found the bell, have their sins lessened and virtues
increased every time it is struck. Gotoxuin is presided over
by a bishop who lives in the main temple, if the visitors from the
~~main temple~~ Grand Hotel apply to the bishop, the interior of the main
temple, which is richly decorated and where at the back of the holy
of holies, there are kept the family tablets of the deceased of the
parishioners which may be seen Contributions may be made
by the visitor.



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(Latter part of human life) - Last time made as one legend (but not the mirror)
 of the find in my life as trace of interior content of your dream.
 I have been looking for the last time at the end of the spirit in
 the past, who being reminded of the colors and a Buddha's way from
 this thought to know and the road. The woman whose mirror has
 contributed to found the hell, but this time because and other
 increased every time it is better. Pottery is finished over
 of a bridge and lines in the main temple, if the visitor from the
~~main temple~~ found that of the bridge, the interior of the main
 temple which is richly decorated and where at the base of the bridge
 of which there are left the family table of the descent of the
 Parshvaram which may be seen. Contributions may be made
 of the visitor.