

RACE MINGLING NOT SOLUTION, SAYS DR. STARR

Japanese of Pacific Coast Should Not Be Made Over Into Americans, Asserts Chicago Anthropologist.

"The solution of the Oriental question on the Pacific Coast does not lie in mingling of races or the making over of Japanese into Americans," said Dr. Frederick Starr, professor of anthropology at the University of Chicago, today. Doctor Starr is in Seattle on his way to the Orient, where he will complete scientific investigations begun on former trips. He addressed the New Seattle Chamber of Commerce at noon today at The Butler at a luncheon given in his honor. He will make a number of addresses before leaving Seattle Friday.

"Racial differences are too deep-seated to be easily eliminated," said Doctor Starr. "Men must learn that differences are not disreputable. Other ways of doing things may not need to be changed any more than our own. It may be neither way needs to be changed. I believe a good Japanese is better than a Japanese aping an Englishman or American.

"The Japanese themselves are modernizing their country, but Japan is in no sense an Occidental nation. It is as much Japanese as it was two centuries ago. Therein lies its strength. If Japan were suddenly to become Occidental, I would believe that it was a bubble growth which would soon burst. It would have no future.

Forced to Make Changes.

"The Japanese have been forced to adopt some things from the Occident in order to protect themselves from extinction. I do not believe they are as happy as they would have been without these changes, but any change necessary to protect themselves from extinction is justifiable."

Professor Starr will address the students of the University of Washington in Meany Hall at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and speak to the College Club at luncheon tomorrow noon. He will sail Friday for Yokohama on the Yokohama Maru.

Long Active in Science.

Professor Starr was born in Auburn, N. Y., in 1858. He was graduated from Lafayette College in 1882, and received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1885. He first offered a course in Japanese culture at the University of Chicago in 1893, and has repeated the course a number of times since. His work has taken him on numerous scientific expeditions, especially to Japan, Korea and the Congo. He prepared the Ainu group at the St. Louis exposition, and has been honored by decorations from several foreign governments, -being a chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy, commander of the Order of Leopold II., and knight commander of the Order of African Redemption.