"mission" was of no importance to them. After getting through there appeared to be no means of getting to our hotel. Finally Terrill got a rickshs and set out to get a motor to come for us, while we kept watch over things and made Mrs. T. and the little girl as comfortable as possible. After a long delay, the motor came and we left for the "Tor" hotel. ~~By the way.~~ By the way, we were held up outrageously by the porters at the dock; they demanded one yen (50 cents) for each piece of baggage.

September 9th. Kobe. A fine warm day. We found the Tor Hotel very good. Cuisine and appointments English and many guests of that nationality. It is situated on a high hill and surrounded by a beautiful garden. Kobe is a rapidly growing city of a half million inhabitants, situated at the northern end of the "Inland Sea" and is a regular calling point for the trans-Pacific and coasting steamers. It constitutes, together with the nearby city of Osaka, the great shipbuilding and manufacturing centre of Japan. In both cities there is much of interest for foreigners arriving in Japan for the first time, but neither are especially attractive in themselves, and are not worth a stay, in view of many other places of greater beauty and interest in the country. The war has immensely stimulated manufacturing in Japan and the cities show the effect of prosperity in the increased luxury of living, as well as in increased cost of everything. A new class of millionaires (called "Narikins") has appeared; they are buying up works of art regardless of price, building "modern" residences and are generally making themselves conspicuous on the streets in new automobiles and are traveling much on the railway trains with their families.

We took the train this morning for Kyoto, 47 miles distant. This