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[[red underline]] Japanese industry (artificial silk used for it) also [[red underline]] incandescent lamps [[/red underline]] (capital mainly furnished by General Electric Co). Good library general good impression. Athletic grounds. Students Club big. The fine building of President and Administration. A few foreign professors. one american (Swift) 1 German. 1 Russian one French. 1 Chinese (literature) See report. In [[red underline]] library am shown my picture [[/red underline]] just published in latest issue of Journal of Society of Chemical Industry of Japan. Small cups of warm tea. - Wooden buildings are not varnished [[red underline]] because varnished wood offends artistic taste [[/red underline]] of Japanese, furthermore their buildings are [[red underline]] not supposed to last. [[/red underline]] They do not care enough about them. Kondo drove me back to hotel and I took Tiffin alone.

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At 3 P.M. ~~Kanak~~ ~~Kanak~~ [[red underline]] Tanaka [[/red underline]] and his chemists and engineers are at hotel for further conference I learn they have used and are using successfully mechanical bleach machine. Stayed here till past ~~7~~ ~~8~~ P.M. I ate supper alone. Evening ~~told~~ ~~took~~ ~~Rick~~ ~~Ricksaw~~ and drove [[red underline]] around town in dark. [[/red underline]] After coming back to hotel went to [[red underline]] Tea house opposite hotel. [[/red underline]] All alone. empty big rooms then smaller rooms with little gardens and trees all of wood.

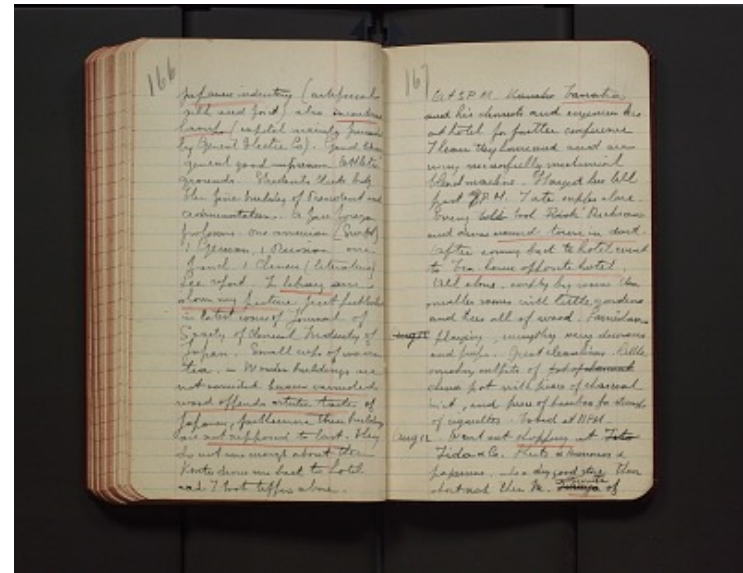
~~Aug 12~~ ~~Aug 12~~

Samishan-playing, everything very decorous and proper. Great cleanliness. Little smoking outfits of ~~pot~~ ~~china~~ ~~pot~~ ~~with~~ ~~piece~~ ~~of~~ ~~charcoal~~ ~~in~~ ~~it~~, and piece of bamboo for stumps of cigarettes. To bed at 11 P.M.

Aug 12. Went out [[red underline]] shopping [[/red underline]] at ~~Fito~~ ~~Fida~~ & Co. Sheets & kimonos & pajamas. also dry good store then short nap then Mr. ~~Furuta~~ ~~Furuta~~ [[red underline]] of

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