

THE EVOLUTION OF JAPANESE GARDENS:

When the stress of the topic is limited to gardens, with the accompanying investigation of architecture including only that which is absolutely necessary, this lecture traces the evolution of Japanese gardens from their emulation of nature to their transformation into complete abstraction.

- The birth of Oriental gardens: China.
- Liaison between China and Japan.
- Japan's geography and climate.
- Early Buddhist temple forms in Japan; Amida Buddhism.
- Early aristocratic residence form in Japan; lake and island gardens.
- The emergence of military dictatorship; stroll gardens.
- The introduction of Zen Buddhism: abstraction and miniaturization in gardens.
- *Bonsai* and *ikebana*; miniature garden forms.
- Modern gardens.