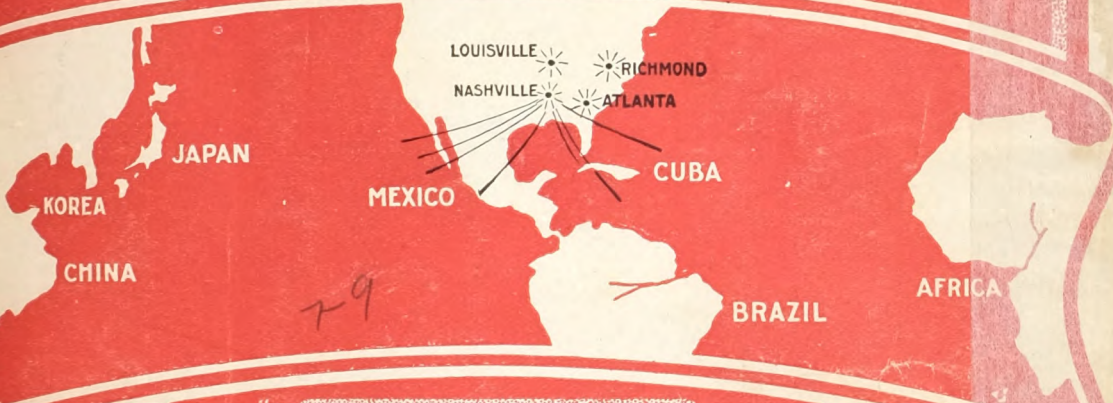


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Katooka Kertkiche San, First Speaker of Parliament, a Kochi Christian.

through long and severe mental struggles before they find the Saviour. Takatani San was taken sick while in the Higher Commercial School and became concerned about his spiritual condition. He spent two long years seeking for salvation in Buddhism, but failed to find it. Then a Bible fell into

his hands. This caused a new struggle. He returned to school, but found no peace. The next vacation he spent twenty days on a mountain alone with his Bible and a copy of Augustine's Confessions, but his real experience of salvation came when he was down in the valley again. Then he came under an awful conviction of sin. Sometimes he felt that he was going to immediate destruction. To him hell is reality. The Spirit led him through all his doubts and fears and gave him a deep sense of the Father's love. He has finished his work in the Higher Commercial School and expects to enter the Seminary and to give his life in service.

Tanaka San is sixty-five years old, but is yet a child in grace. "It's a blessing that I failed in business," he said in a recent conversation. "How so?" I inquired. "I had to leave Sanuki, and while away my children became Christians," was his reply. "It was mostly selfishness on my part that I allowed them to be baptized." "Selfishness, did you say?" "Yes; I did not want them to go bad and give me trouble," he explained. Then I asked, "But why did you believe?" "I was finally convinced that if Christianity was a good thing for the children, it was good for me, and so here I am a Christian, and I am glad of it, too."

Moto Hashi San, our first Christian at Tsuda, was a drunkard. True, he did work for the government, but he drank up all his earnings. Now he and his wife are rejoicing Christians, and the little daughter is in our school at Nagoya.

I wish that I could go on with this pleasant task of telling you about the firs and the myrtles, but space forbids. We want you to pray God's grace may be given free course in Sanuki Province.

A SOCIAL SURVEY OF A LITTLE ISLAND NEAR TAKAMATSU.

S. M. ERICKSON.

THERE were 647 houses in the community; of these 147 were occupied by very poor people. The others were not especially well off in this world's goods either. Twenty-five of the 147 couples had had no kind of a marriage ceremony. There were 80 illegitimate children. The average income per month for a household was about

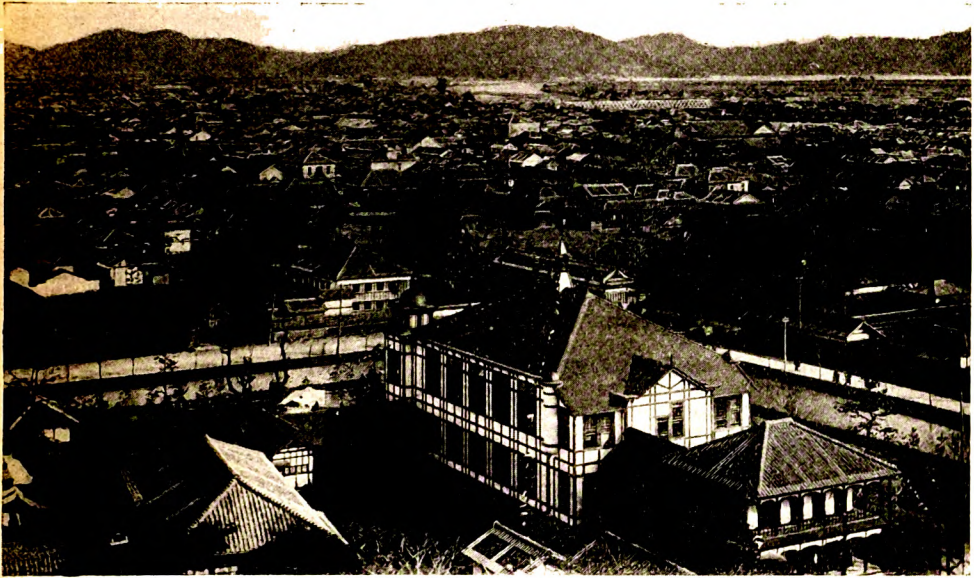
\$5.02. Forty-five men and five women confessed that they partook of *sake*, while 75 men and 25 women were users of the "weed." Most of these 147 couples did not have so much as two small rooms for their abode. Do you wonder that blindness, superstition and immorality are common? Christianity can change these conditions.

A WORD ABOUT OUR WORK AT TAKAMATSU.

Mrs. S. M. ERICKSON.

THREE famous places of interest draw the Japanese sightseer to Sanuki Province: the park at Takamatsu, so lovely that an exact copy of it has been

made in one of the Imperial Gardens; Mt. Yashima, where was fought a "battle above the clouds," at which time, so legend says, the sun delayed to go down and the moon



Kochi Calls For More Workers.

to rise until the rebels had been punished; and the Kotohira shrines, the most popular temples in Japan. So well known are these attractions that the railroad has sometimes handled as many as twenty thousand tourists in a day. But in spite of the easy accessibility of the province and the fact that it is a place of such note among the Japanese, for some mysterious reason it has failed to attract its proper quota of foreign missionaries, and the Southern Presbyterians, who entered the field twenty-seven years ago, still have it all to themselves. Few more attractive fields exist in any country. Crowded into a compass of less than three thousand square miles is a population of nearly nine hundred thousand people so knit together by railroad, electric and steamship lines that the missionary needs to spend very little of his precious time in traveling. It would seem a field which would well repay a large investment in men and money.

Unfortunately there has never been for long at a time a force of more than one ordained man and one single lady actually at work, and yet, in spite of this fact, there is every reason to be encouraged over the progress that has been made. One well-

established, independent church, two congregations supplied with buildings, and seven other groups meeting in rented houses have been organized in connection with our work. Then there are nearly a score of children's meetings, two kindergarten classes, women's meetings, Bible classes for students, work at the Reform school and among mill operatives, an encouraging work at the Leper Hospital, and other activities. From this field have gone out twelve men to the theological seminaries, and a number of girls to Christian schools.

The great need is for more workers. Marugame, the second city in the province, has no resident missionary, and only a dark, unattractive rented building for a chapel. It is very difficult to attract people accustomed to the magnificence of the Buddhist temples to one of these dirty little street chapels. With proper equipment of workers and buildings it is almost certain that within a few years there would be a flourishing work at Marugame. A beginning will be made this fall, when the Woodrow Hassels expect to remove there from Takamatsu. We urgently need more workers for this field.

DEATH OF REV. HENRY OTIS DWIGHT, LL.D.

The Board of Managers of the American Bible Society announces with deep regret the death of its Recording Secretary, the Rev. Henry Otis Dwight, LL.D., on Tuesday, June 19, at his home in Roselle, N. J., in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Dr. Dwight, born in Constantinople, was for many years a missionary of the Ameri-

can Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and was distinguished for his mastery of the Turkish language. He spent the last decade of his life in the service of the American Bible Society, and was the author of its Centennial History.

THE SECRETARIES.

New York, June 28, 1917.