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## THE DOOR OF THE NEW YEAR

We pause beside this door:  
Thy year, O God, how shall we enter in?  
The footsteps of a child  
Sound close beside us. Listen, he  
will speak!  
His birthday bells have hardly rung a week,  
Yet has he trod the world's press undefiled.  
"Enter through Me," he saith, "nor wan-  
der more.  
For lo! I am the Door."



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## MRS. LACY L. LITTLE,

EGBERT W. SMITH.

**M**RS. LITTLE was one of the noblest missionaries that God ever gave to our Church or to any Church. Born and reared in a Christian home in Yorkville, S. C., at the age of twenty-four she sailed for China to give the wealth of her trained mind and loving heart to help supply the unspeakable needs of the world's greatest mission field. For the next twenty-five years, at Hangchow and at Kiangyin, she poured out her life on the altar of missionary service with an abandon, a zeal, a joyous radiancy of spirit, that made her, both in China and during her two visits to the home land, a source of spiritual inspiration whose ever-widening influence neither time can arrest nor eternity exhaust.

To extraordinary gifts of intellect, eloquence and leadership, she added a tact, a winsomeness, a personal magnetism, that drew all hearts. As a Chinese woman said, "I could not help loving Mrs. Little. It seemed just the natural thing to do."

Of the many women who have wrought for China few have entwined themselves more tenderly in the hearts of her fellow-workers or left a more enduring record of loyal service to the Master.

A few months ago, as the end was drawing near, she sent to the native Christians at Kiangyin this message which breathes the very secret of her own most beautiful life:

"Tell them I hope each of them will learn the great joy of living not for self, but for Him, and that there is nothing else worth while. I long for each one of them to be able to say, 'To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.'"

After weeks of suffering heroically borne, the merciful release came, and on July 5th,—

"As the dawn illumined the eastern skies,

She passed through glory's morning-gate

And walked in Paradise."

It is no accident that Mrs. Little was a foreign missionary. It is no mere coincidence that so many of the greatest saints and heroes of the Church of God have been foreign missionaries. Between missions and spiritual life there is a deep casual connection which we all, pastors and people, would do well to study on our knees.

## A YEAR'S HAPPENINGS IN JAPAN.

### I.—NEW CHURCHES.

**F**ROM Mr. Ostrom's report we learn about new work at Wajiki. "Wajiki is a town in the Southern part of the province, situated in the midst of mountains, and with a population of about 5,000. Through this town must pass all the traffic of the upper part of Naka and Kaifu counties, so that it is an important centre. A little over a year ago a church was erected on rented land, owing to the impossibility of securing rented quarters for a chapel. When I came back from

America I found Tsuji San installed as evangelist of this place. While I have not been able to visit Wajiki at least once a month as my plan is, owing to the care of the Suketo Chapel in Tokushima, it has seemed that Tsuji San is making a favorable impression upon the community. Quite recently he was formally asked to accompany the Young Men's Club of the town in a tour to be made this fall of other sections of the County and has been appointed one of the speakers on this tour."

Dr. Logan tells us that his evangelist, Kato San, has continued his work in Sadamitsu and Handa and the surrounding country. He is a very faithful man. The Christians in Handa have made a contract for the rent of land for a church, and let the contract for the church, and the erection will begin in September. The cost of the church and parsonage and the rent of the land for twenty years will be about 1,700 yen.

Mr. Erickson's report states that two new church buildings have been erected in Sanuki Province, one in Sakaide by Mr. A. P. Hassell and one in Zentsuji. A church building lot has been secured in Marugame and funds are needed for the erection of the building. The Christians in Sakaide pledged about 500 yen toward the building expenses, which amount to about 1,600 yen. At Zentsuji the local Christians have pledged about 300 yen to be paid in four years. The Marugame Christians have pledged about 400 yen. This building movement has been a great incentive to the Christians to give and marks a distinct growth in grace.

Mr. Wm. Buchanan is moving things in Ogaki.

"On the 11th of June, 1916, we organized a 'karikyokwai' (temporary church organization) in this place (Ogaki), with a membership of 15 adults and six children. Early in May we got into our new quarters, which though better than the former meeting place, are not what the work there really needs.

"In April we managed to rent a rough, unfinished government office building, which cost yen 175.00 (including some cheap benches and other necessaries) to put it in repair. About yen 95.00 of this amount was raised by the Christians. At the time of our organization we received 16 adults as "kyakuin," (guest members). These are distributed between the N. K. K.,

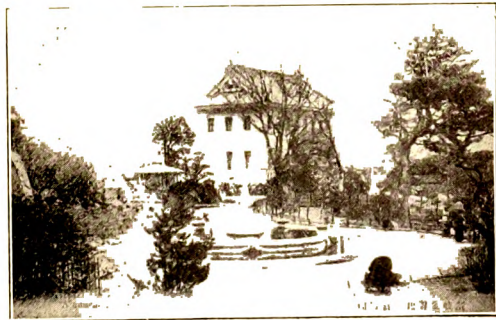
(Presbyterian) the Canadian Methodist, and the 'Kumiai' (Congregational) Churches. While we have done our best to persuade them to become full members all our efforts so far have failed because of the opposition of pastors or friends in the local churches from which they come. This is a pathetic illustration of the evil that is wrought through the very general unwillingness of pastors to give letters of dismissal to their members when they are removing beyond the bounds of the local church district."

From away down South in Susaki, where Mr. Moore is working, comes the news that a new church building has added materially to the work. The missionaries are praying that this new building may soon be filled with earnest inquirers.

Mr. McIllwaine has left on furlough, but his Christians seem to be very faithful. They have recently purchased the building they use, and have remodeled it—some of them working with their own hands at the job. It is quite as good a building as any of the homes in the congregation, and it serves excellently for a chapel, though it is only a modified shop.

## II SCHOOLS.

We have very few schools in connection with our Mission, but all of them are doing most efficient work.



A Museum, Kotohira, Sanuki, Japan.

Miss Kirtland's report is just chuck-full of interesting items.

"The total enrollment for 1916 is 104 girls. 49 of the girls, or about 50 per cent. of the total number, have been baptized. Of the 13 graduates this spring 12 were Christians.

"All of the teachers are Christians and there is a beautiful spirit of peace and cooperation among them. They are especially kind and sympathetic with me in regard to my new responsibilities for this year and do all in their power to help me. They also seem interested in the spiritual welfare of the students and are constantly praying for them and with them.

"There is a very good spirit among the girls as a whole. We are continuing the self-government training and we have been surprised to find how self-reliant these girls can be. Each class has its organization and each girl her responsibilities in keeping order. In the dormitory there are committees for the observation of the proper hygiene, exercise, order and behavior. To show how well the girls are taking hold, one evening I went to the dormitory, thinking to keep study hour, as the teacher on duty for that evening had to be absent. I found that the girls were as still as mice and were keeping beautiful order themselves so that now it is not necessary for a teacher to be with them at study hour.

"We are getting more girls now from the better class and I think it will help our reputation in the community very much indeed.

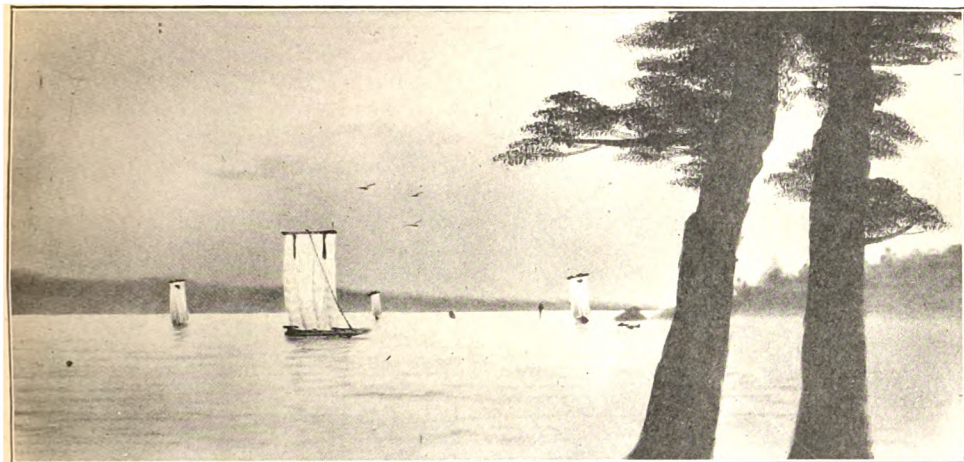
"Perhaps our biggest advertisement during the past year was the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration. The Lyceum lecture course serves to bring the school prominently before the public, and that with an occasional school entertainment by the pupils, keeps up the interest of our friends in us and is beneficial to our girls also. On June 10 we invited the teachers and some pupils of the upper classes of the primary schools in this vicinity to meet with us.

The occasion was a joint literary entertainment in which all took part. The lecture room of the school was beautifully decorated with flowers, most of which the pupils themselves had furnished. As the guests were leaving each was presented with flowers and some picture post cards of the school. One interesting feature was a song composed by one of the primary music teachers in honor of the occasion. The subject was 'The Coming of Admiral Perry to Open the Door of Japan. It was sung by a class of primary school girls and was quite interesting. After the program we showed them our building and then had a good fellowship meeting. All seemed delighted. We hope that they will send us some pupils next year.

"Of course we advertise in the usual way by catalog, but this year we had a magazine published in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary which was widely distributed to the guests on that occasion and at other times. This was the history of the school from its foundation. We also do a good deal of newspaper advertising.

"The Bible is taught as part of the curriculum. The teachers are constantly praying for the girls and once a month at our teachers' prayer meetings we especially pray that God may lead all here to a knowledge of His Truth. It is a great thing to have a praying faculty."

The total number of students in the Kobe Theological Seminary has been 24. Seven men graduated this spring. Of these three were Koreans. Messrs. Naito and Yatsu, who have engaged as lecturers in the school, were installed as regular professors. Their addresses on the occasion were printed in the Seminary Magazine. The publishing of a Theological magazine marks another new feature and advance in the history of the school.



Inland Sea, Japan.

Miss Dowd is giving 66 girls a practical education in the Carrie MacMillan Home. Half of the girls are baptized Christians.

### III.—COUNTRY WORK.

Our Mission is known for the great country work it is doing. The following is a quotation from Dr. McAlpine's report:

"In Tsushima, 15 miles west of Nagoya, I have gone each week and taught the three sections of the upper class in the Middle School, without other remuneration than the opportunity thereby gained of openly inviting the students to meet me in one of the rooms after hours, for study of English Bible and hymn-singing. Sometimes I had a room full, sometimes a scant dozen, but always a few were there, to whom I could give the direct message, almost as if in my own chapel, though I was not expected to have formal worship with them. Aside from this hazy distinction, the school authorities allowed me all liberty and even openly encouraged the students to attend the classes. As this town is the very hardest place in the whole region, I feel it a real opportunity thus to have free access to these school boys. After school work, I street-preach, visit, etc., and at night, hold a service in the

home of the one Christian teacher of the school, where a faithful few always come. Villages in that region have been visited for tract-distribution and street preaching; the school teachers have been cultivated, their fears allayed, and at last their confidence so far gained that they have given me a special hour when all the pupils were assembled in the school hall for hearing an address from me on "Intemperance." In each case, the Principal would introduce me most kindly, as a Christian teacher, which gave me an opening for advertising when and where they could hear me tell of more direct Christian principles. In communities so much afraid of our teaching as these are, such opportunities were distinctly valuable.

"In one community a few miles east from Nagoya, I was so successful as to 'land' an invitation from a Young Men's Club to address them in their own building on moral topics. I spoke of the evils of Intemperance and of the cure in religion. This club house is half-way out of the farmer-village of Kachigawa, six miles east from Nagoya, where I have gone each week through the winter for a night service. This winter, their confidence has been so far gained that a weekly Bible study service was held, when, with Bible in

hand, they followed a regular exposition of the passage, and continued to attend well till the busy June days enchaind them. Just at that time, we at last were so fortunate as to obtain a Bible woman of experience who has well taken hold of village work in all these points, both east and west of Nagoya, and seems to be making an excellent beginning. She visits in the homes by day, teaching the housewives a Bible lesson, and then holding a children's meeting after the schools are out.

"15 miles out past Kachigawa, by the help of a doctor of that village, we were invited to teach religion to the several hundred operatives in a silk factory. Here we held several meetings till interrupted by building operations. We are hoping for a continuation of this work in the fall."

Mr. Ostrom and his evangelist hold regular monthly meetings at Aratano. The attendance has been very good. Two of the most prominent men of the village, the mayor and a dentist, have become inquirers.

Some of the country trips are rough and exciting, but we will let Mrs. Moore tell about it:

"I made, with my Bible woman, one visit to Sukumo—here I realized what a hustler Ojima San is, though I knew if I went oftener he wouldn't try to crowd so much in four days—15 visits and one meeting in Sukumo, 23 visits and two meetings in Nakamura, one meeting in Yamada. In Yamada, there was a lottery in which 30 young men were to take part and in the near village Arioka, a wedding took place, of one of the school teachers, and they were all too drunk to attend. Usually they walk the two miles and attend Ojima San's meetings in Yamada. We began singing on the street and attracted nearly 20 young farmers. Ojima San gave them a good temperance talk and I added some statistics on

drinkers and non-drinkers. I found I had half a dozen pictures of a bottle with head, arms and legs and a Bible verse. I read the verse and asked some one to claim it as his own picture. As I read 'Who has red eyes, etc.,' 'Who hath babblings, etc.,' each was claimed. 'That fits me,' some one would say. The young fellows jollied each other a good deal. All wished for a picture. I'll take a number of them next time I go there. We had two meetings at Kawaguchi. The Principal of the School, a friend of Mr. Munroe's, went on the street himself and sent the children to the meeting. Excused himself from attending the evening meeting, saying as it was a woman's meeting he'd keep the children and send his wife and two daughters.

"Returning, we stopped to call on a family in Kubokawa and were beset to stay and hold meetings for them, but as we were to have the Lord's Supper and it was Inouye San's last Sabbath in Susaki, we both felt constrained to get on home. We ate supper in Kure at 6 p. m. on Saturday evening. The jinrikisha men said though it was raining they could get to Susaki by 9 o'clock and the road be-



One of the many remarkable swinging bridges to be found in Japan. They are of almost unbelievable strength and durability.

ing wide and well kept, we felt no fear in going over the mountains.

"At dark the jinrikisha men tried to light their lanterns, but found the matches damp. We were more than half way to the pass on a lonely road, precipitous on one side, mountain side with frequent ravines on the other and no houses on the road. The jinrikisha men said they knew the road and could get to the top and get lights at the pilgrim hut at the pass. It grew darker and more dangerous at every step, the wind blew a gale and the men felt step by step with their feet to keep in the middle of the road. The white dog pulling my jinrikisha was a help when about 500 yards from the top, the mist closed us in and it was darkness that seemed it could be felt. It was blowing and so damp and cold. We stopped and I sent my man on to the top for lights. He took the white dog as guide, said he could never have found the way if the dog had not been white. He was gone an hour and returned without lights, the pilgrims in the hut had a light but took him for a mountain robber and would not open the door nor give him a light. We slowly went on in the pitch darkness, the cold and the rain. It must have been nearly an hour we were getting to the top. Right on top the glow gave an indistinct wavering light to the road, but 900 feet upon a cliff road in a gale is a perilous place to be on a dark night.

When near the hut I sent both men to demand lights. After considerable banging and quarreling, they got matches and lights. We were in a worse wind on the Susaki side of the mountain, as it was the sea side. However, we got home safely at 12 o'clock."

Mr. Smythe has finished his lan-

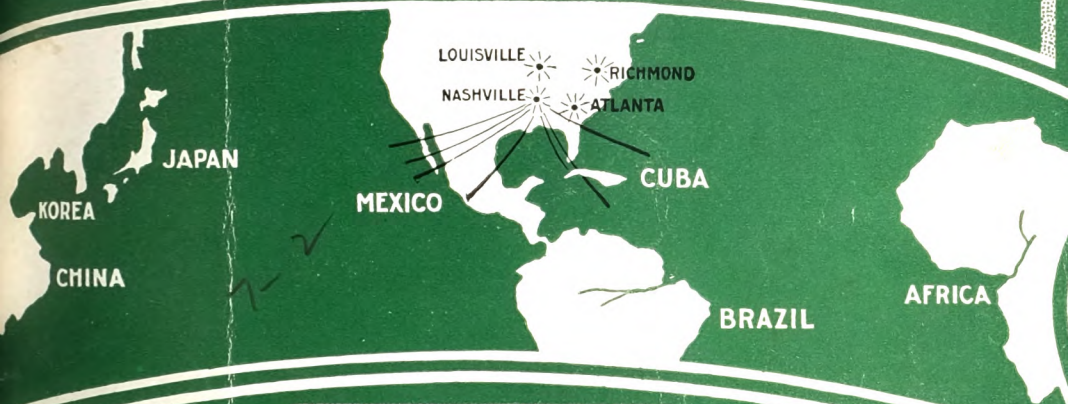
guage study and now goes away back into the mountains for practice.

"The first week in May I spent with Muria San in the Kitashitara field, speaking seven times in seven days and visiting five places, in one of which there had never been a foreigner before except a Chinese trader. This village is the home of Mr. Ito, whom I baptized in November. He is a man of influence in the community and lets himself be known as a Christian worker among his friends. I believe there are good prospects for work in this community. In Hongo I had the honor of having the 'soncho' (mayor) as a hearer, but he went away incensed because he thought I was making a personal attack against him. This made me feel that at any rate what I said was understood. At Shimotsugu I baptized two more people. One was a boy in the Taguchi post-office, who was under instruction for baptism in one of the Episcopal churches in Nagoya but when he was transferred to our field they promptly notified us and asked us to please complete his course and baptize him. He walked ten miles in the pouring rain, leaving five-thirty in the morning in order to be on hand for his baptism. The other candidate was the granddaughter-in-law of the first Christian in that section, being the first of the third generation to make a profession of faith. She had come in touch with Christianity while studying at the Woman's University in Tokyo. Also during this week we spoke at Matsudo, the little community where the leading man gets pretty nearly the whole village together to hear the gospel. He is himself very much interested and owns a number of Christian books. I always feel good when I am in these mountains because it is rural evangelization with a vengeance."

Have you read Jack's page in the front of the magazine this month? See what the faithful friends of the SURVEY did by way of pushing their states higher on the Honor Roll percentage list.



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"SURVEY WEEK:"

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The time set apart for an organized special effort to put The Missionary Survey in every Presbyterian home. Plan now for it. It is an endeavor worthy of having the *Right of Way* for at least one week in the year. See page 153.



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spirits of the Imperial ancestors continue to rule through their living representatives, and from this belief springs the singular national spirit of the Japanese people." The installation of the Crown Prince provides for the unbroken continuation of the divine power of the immemorial rulers. The supreme importance of the ceremony in a state founded on ancestor worship can be apprehended by foreigners, therefore, as something entirely different from the coming of age festivities of western princes.

The soul and essence of the ceremony is identical with that of the coronation. It consists in worship at the Kashikodokoro, or Imperial Shrine, and the proclamation of the Prince before the spirits of his ancestors whose divine and regal functions are to be continued in his person. Father and son appear before the shrine wearing robes of orange red, the hue of the rising sun, and the Emperor reads the document by which the spirits are informed that their line, "unbroken from ages eternal," as the official phraseology has it, is to be continued into the eternal future by the boy standing before them, who is by the act consecrated to the task. The Emperor presents to the Prince the Imperial Rescript of his appointment, and he receives the sacred sword Tsubokiri. This symbol occupies in the ritual a place similar to that of the sacred treasures at the coronation, though divine origin is not claimed for it in the same degree. It is nevertheless of venerable antiquity and has been handed down from Crown Prince to Crown Prince since the days of the Emperor Daigo, A. D. 889. This date makes it probably the most ancient royal relic in the world, though the old

crown of England with which the monarch of the British Empire are still crowned—crown of Edward the Confessor—is more than a century younger. The ceremony, like most customs which have survived from remote times, has had periods of forgetfulness and neglect. The first mention of the Imperial Rescript nominating the Crown Prince is found in the history of Emperor Keitei, A. D. 909. In the peaceful reign of Ocho, A. D. 782, there seems to have taken definite form, during the two centuries preceding the reign of the Emperor Gosain (1655) it was scarcely observed, notes Mr. Ushizuka, owing to the confusion of the times, and was revived until 1663 when—those historical influences are irresistible—England had just ended its republican experiment and repudiated Cromwell by the Stuart who "never did a foolish thing and never did a wise one." From that date onward the inauguration of the Crown Prince has been held without break. Two alterations introduced in the last reign have harmonized it with western practice. Formerly younger sons, grandsons or nephews might be made Crown Prince but the Imperial House Law now orders that the eldest son can alone be appointed heir apparent to the throne. The second innovation is the presence of foreign ambassadors, a feature which gives the ceremony the effect of a proclamation of the help of the parent to the world outside Japan. We are sure we can associate the foreign community on this happy day, and with the heartfelt wish that his Imperial Highness may have a peaceful and glorious career.—*The Japan Advertiser, Tokyo.*

## A YEAR'S HAPPENINGS IN JAPAN.

(Continued from January Number.)

MRS. S. M. ERICKSON.

### IV. WORK OF THE EVANGELISTS.

We are thankful for the faithful evangelists who are working earnestly for the evangelization of Japan. Ota San is working at Sakaide with good results. His father and mother, both over 65 years of age, were baptized this year. Amenomiya San visits Kōmpira, and we are glad to report a prosperous group of Christians under the shadow of that old shrine. There were twelve Christians who took part at the last communion service. We have no rented quarters, but meet in the home

of a very active Christian. He gives very generously of his time and money. They do not want a resident evangelist until they number at least thirty.

Matsubara San has charge of the Tsuda field. One of the features of his work there last year was the baptism of an old woman over 80 years of age. One of the Christians is in charge of a factory and has all the hands attending church Sunday night.

After long years of waiting we are beginning to see some results in Shō

and Nagao. We have a fine little group both of these places. At Nagao we have gotten the bank people and the government officials interested. At Nagao, Matsubara San, a Kochi Christian is letting his light shine through persecution. His family had to leave their parents' home and move to a shed in the field late New Year's night because they would not worship at the family shrine. Testimony of this kind, of course, counts for the Kingdom.

Yamaguchi San is working harder in his old age than he ever has done before. He is visiting regularly Hike-shiratori, Aioi mura, Machida and Matsuo, besides keeping up his chapel at Sanbonmatsu. We always have good student meetings and the children attend Sunday school very well. There are four candidates for baptism waiting until fall.

After twelve years of faithful plodding work, Pastor Oishi is filled with joy over this harvest time. In Nakatsu, too, they have definite plans in hand for buying the lot and buildings, up till now used by the town office, and converting them into a church and parsonage.

#### TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Gospel is being carried to thousands through the printed page. Dr. Logan believes in tract distribution as we learn from his report. "We have received monthly 400 Fukuin Geppo (Gospel Monthly), and sent them to all the public schools in the province. Earnest souls have read them, and some have been saved.

"We also take 750 'Christian News' every month, and have given them to those who are interested.

"We have also distributed 40,000 tracts, of which the Tract Society made us a present of 10,000.

"The Scripture Gift Mission, of London, made me a present of 5,000 gospels in Japanese, 10,000 Bible Por-

tions, and 10,000 Text cards, most of which we have used to good effect."

Mr. Wm. Buchanan personally distributed 15,000 tracts during the year.

Mr. Erickson says: "Last year we formed a plan of getting Christian literature into as many of the homes in the province as possible. Of course, we did not have time to get into the isolated places, but many of the main roads were carefully covered. Later the Oriental Missionary Society sent a lot of men into the field and worked the whole province distributing about 125,000 pieces of literature. We can now say that nearly every house in the province has received some literature. As a result of this work, we have had many calls from the country places for more literature." A great many more tracts could be used if they were supplied to the missionaries.

#### V. PERSONAL WORKERS.

All over Japan God is raising up a great many personal workers who are winning many to the cross. Mr. Ostrom tells of Nakashima San in his field. Ever since his baptism a few years ago in the Omichi Chapel, by Mr. Logan, he has led a conquering Christian life. He has persisted in his faith despite enormous opposition and intense persecution. When he began his Christian life he had failed for several thousand yen, and the courts had legally absolved him from paying this amount, but he has consistently considered it his Christian duty to repay what he owed and has at present remaining but three hundred yen unpaid. This splendid example has given him a reputation for honesty which has spread far and wide, so that he is now much in demand in the settlement of all sorts of disputes.

"Being driven out of his home, we rented a small building a few years ago at Y. 2.80 a month for his Sunday school. This building, still rented by the Mission, is now the spiritual light-

house of Southern Kaifu. On one of the last days of last December eight persons were baptized in this place, all of them led into the truth by Nakashima San. This group has already advanced far in active work. They have started four preaching places and give their Sundays for evangelistic work. The last news from Kaifu states that Nakashima San, who is engaged in the manufacture of hosiery, and who now has eight knitting machines, is soon to have twenty in his charge, the proceeds of three of which he has promised to give to the Lord's work. May the Lord bless this Laymen's Movement in Southern Kaifu."

#### WEDDINGS.

The wedding bells have been ringing very frequently in Japan during the past year. Mr. Wm. Buchanan reports five occasions for ringing the bells. "In every instance both of the contracting parties were Christians. We find that wedding ceremonies properly conducted, make a profound impression and are helpful in instilling into the minds of heathen friends the seriousness and purity of Christianity, as well as the sanctity of the marriage relation.

"One of the marriages referred to, was of such a unique character that it merits more than passing mention. Both of the parties were children of parents who had become Christians after they themselves were too old to receive infant baptism, but neither of them had yet made public acknowledgement of faith. They had both been quite regular attendants at Sunday school in their earlier days, and latterly had been quite regular at Church, and were avowed seekers, looking forward to the day of their reception into the full membership of the church. They were anxious to begin their new life aright, and so requested to be baptized before they were married. Owing to the absence of the Missionary, on account of serious illness in the family, both their marriage and reception into the church was postponed for a short

while. Finally the day was set for marriage to take place three days before my return home from Tokyo. I went at once to the town of Seto to see the people. Upon examination we found them ready for baptism, and there being no opportunity to get the people of the church together for the baptismal service before the evening of the wedding, two days later, we finally decided to have the one service follow the other immediately.

"At the appointed hour on the evening of April 1st, a large crowd of relatives and friends, in addition to our Christians in Seto, gathered in the little church to witness the double ceremony. At the last moment the wife of the evangelist told me she was somewhat troubled, as she could not play the "Wedding March," when she began playing the tune to "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," and to solemn strains of that sacred song. On high contracting parties, the one accompanied by the 'middle man' and the other by the 'middle woman' marched in with slowly measured tread. The supporting couple sat down till the marriage ceremony began. Usual questions were propounded and answered in firm clear voices by the bride and groom elect and after prayer the second ceremony was ushered in with a hymn. Again the young couple answered clearly without a suggestion of stage fright. Closing with a prayer and final benediction, the usual congratulations followed. Altogether it was the most striking service of the kind it has ever been my fortune to have anything to do with, and unbelievers were said to have been greatly impressed with the solemnity and purity of Christian ceremony.

Inoue San, the pastor at Susono, soon after securing a good wife, has transferred into another field, and Mr. Moore is arranging for the marriage of Kobama San, the new pastor and a faithful Bible woman.

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Japan may well be taken as a proof of the rule of the "survival of the fittest." Thus, it will be seen that in a country such as Japan, which has a lengthy history, nothing can attain to a healthy development *unless it adapts itself* to the conditions of the country.

I am convinced there is no other way to attain the development of young people than to follow the advice I have ventured to give.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear; and let him that readeth understand."

*Soonchun, Korea.*

## A YEAR'S HAPPENINGS IN JAPAN.

### PART III.

#### VI. INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

The reports are just full of interesting things, and so we will only be able to give you a few. In Tokushima Province, Mr. and Mrs. Uchimura have done some effective work, and the Lord gave a revival in this field. There has been a large number of additions. The church services are faithfully attended, and it begins to look very much like a church. The young men have also organized a society, called the "Saise-ikwai," (Society of the Twice-Born), which is giving the members some good training in prayer, Bible training and personal work. Persecution broke out in the spring on the school teachers, and some of them have lost their positions. The principal of a public school, in which six of the teachers out of the eight employed are Christians, made a rule that there should be no drinking or smoking on the school premises. Not long after, the County Supervisor, County Superintendent of Schools, the Mayor of the town and other officials gave a reception on the premises to some soldiers, when strong drinks and tobacco were served. The Christian Principal reproved his superiors to their faces, and then wrote a letter to the Mayor asking why he would deliberately infringe upon the rules of the school in this way. As the Mayor was unable to give an answer to the letter, he set about to have the Principal removed, and succeeded in his purpose. Since then some of the other teachers have been very fearful, but the work of grace has continued.

"In June," says Miss Annie Park, "we had a praise service for the Sunday school at the time of the regular service in the morning. The pastor preached a sermon to about 80 interested children and young people before a usual congregation. The church had been previously decorated by the mothers of the children of the kindergarten and the children of the Sunday school, and also brought many flowers. All of the songs were sung by the Sunday school with the two special selections from the Kindergarten and one from my class of senior girls. Each child recited in concert special selections from the Bible, and, best of all, there were seven precious young lives dedicated to God. Two were high school boys and four were girls from the Sunday school class and one a boy of sixteen, small and helpless in body, having been afflicted for some years with tuberculosis of the spine, and not able to walk a step, so it was necessary to provide a small carriage decked with flowers and evergreens to be in keeping with the surroundings in which to present him with the others before the pulpit for baptism. This boy lives near home and attends the weekly meetings opened for his special benefit. He sings songs with such a joyful heart and merry voice that all the people near him can hear him and he says he was not ashamed to have them hear the songs. If all the Christians would praise God more, more would be saved."

The unbelievers appreciate Christ's character, as we learn from the in-



ing incidents that Mr. Wm. Buchanan gives us: "Recently a new Ceramic Company, with abundant capital, was established in Seto by a number of non-Christian business men. Casting about for a suitable manager, they soon settled on one of our Christians. They gave as the reason of their choice, their belief that a Christian would be honest both in matters of finance and in his general conduct of the affairs of the company.

"A bank wanted a new clerk and they secured one of our Christians, baptized at Shimidzu, because the manager was persuaded that the assurance of his being a real Christian was guarantee of his honesty.

"About a mile and a half from Ota, Shifu Ken, there is a good sized silk thread factory. Mr. Hatta has gotten quite well acquainted with the owner, Watanabe Matsue, who is not a Christian. A week ago Mr. Hatta and I visited the place together. We were constrained to stay for lunch with the owner. He talked to us very freely of the lack of power in Buddhism, telling us how he had had priests preach regularly once a week for months at a time to his workers. But the lives of the priests, even more than the supine character of their vapid preaching, had convinced him no help could be gotten for his employees from that source; hence he had shut them off some time ago. He said that from what little he knew of Christianity he believed that was more worthy of acceptance and was perhaps the source of real spiritual help. He then asked us if we would be willing to preach to the mill hands, which of course we were only too glad to do. It was then arranged that he would close the work for the day at 5 p. m., instead of 6 o'clock, in order that these workers might hear the Gospel.

"After lunch the evangelist and I were soon off to distribute tracts from house to house in other towns, and to preach to such audiences as were willing to stand by the wayside and listen,

but we returned in time for the above appointment. Mr. Watanabe had the whole force, consisting of 550 women, and about 50 men seated in one of the buildings to which he accompanied us. His foreman introduced the Christian speakers and we had a good time presenting the simple Gospel *ad libitum*.

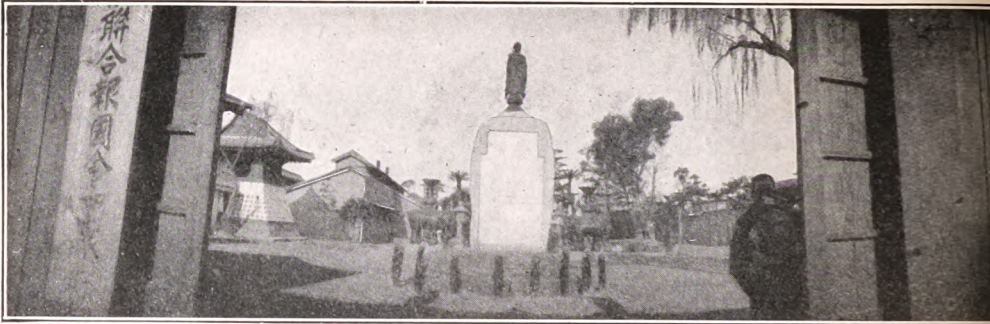
"The owner has asked me to secure for him a good Bible woman who will be willing to live in the Dormitory and teach the women Christian truth and Christian living. We thank God for these indications of the increasing power of His truth over the minds of even worldly men, and so we move on with renewed courage."

The Christians of the Omichi Chapel have built a house of prayer on a mountain near the chapel, and they have made good use of it, some of them meeting there every morning up until the coldest weather of winter, and then again in the spring devoting themselves in prayer unto the Lord.

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Miss Lillian Curd invited Mr. Suzuka, the children's evangelist, to Tokushima, and he helped the work for about a month. In one meeting for the High School girls, 460 were present. He was also invited to speak at the Police Station, and went in my place to speak at a Young Men's Club in the country.

Mr. Okada Haruzo, who has charge of the tent, has lived in the town of Sho, a suburb of Tokushima, and conducted a Sunday school and evangelistic meetings in his home with some success. He is a man of unusual energy, and has pitched the tent in 32 towns, giving magic lantern meetings for three nights in each town, with audiences running from 150 to 400. He has also endeavored to follow up the work with tracts and papers, and hundreds of souls have learned something of the Gospel.



Monument to Japanese Soldiers killed in the War with Russia.

The great event of the autumn was the Evangelistic Campaign. "In the way of preparation the force in Tokushima combined their efforts, and held series of meetings in all the churches and chapels in the city. The great meetings were held in December, making the churches the center. These meetings were well attended, the Gospel was faithfully preached, and in our churches, about 240 gave in their names as being interested in Christianity.

"The second installment of the Union Evangelistic Campaign was given in June. Again preparatory meetings were held in many of the chapels, and

the great preaching this time was confined to two churches. There were good results at this time also.

"The speakers were welcomed also at the Police Headquarters, where many of the prominent officials of the province came to hear; and the Chief of Police of the Tokushima City office invited us to address about eighty of the policemen. In another city, we were invited to give addresses at the public hall to the leading citizens and officials. We were much pleased with the way the Gospel was presented, and with the deeply spiritual nature of many of the messages delivered."

At least two-hundred and eighty thousand dollars must be received between February first and April first to meet our obligations in full.

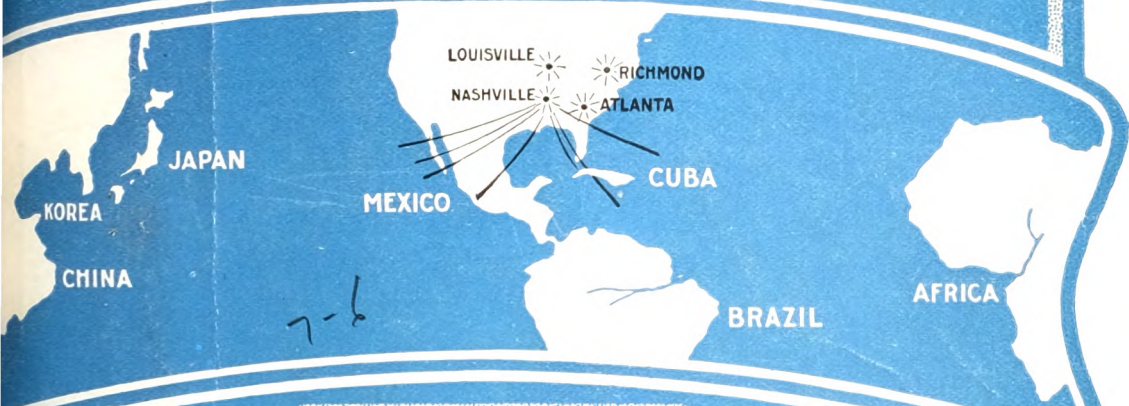
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## A YEAR'S HAPPENINGS IN JAPAN—Continued.

MRS. S. M. ERICKSON.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was unable to give us the \$5,000 needed to buy property and erect a building in the center of Tokushima this year. But the Lord provided us with a place any way. We have rented a large building in the very heart of the city, and fitted it up for our purposes. The Night School is taught upstairs. There are about 35 young men who were enrolled during the past year. With the enlarged building we look for a larger number of students in the fall. The lower part of the building is used for the evangelistic work, and the rear for the evangelist's home. Mr. Miya, of the Japan Evangelistic Band, a man of ten years' experience in a hall of this kind in Yokohama, has come to help us in this work.

Tsukushi San is Mr. Moore's evangelist, located in an outpost in the Susaki field. "When Tsukushi San got the one Christian teacher, his friend and six lady teachers to attend the inquirers' class on Sunday evening the Principal called teachers' meetings on every Sunday evening to prevent their attending. Tsukushi San holds the class on Saturday evening now. I sent the Principal a copy of 'The Common People's Gospel'—he read it and wrote me a letter of thanks for it—he attended Yatsu San's meeting. We hope Tsukushi San can lead him soon to believe."

The work of the Kinjo Girls' school does not seem to be able to keep Miss Kirtland busy, and so she has a kindergarten as a side-line. We will give just a little from her report: "Our Christmas entertainment was carried on about as usual, the place being filled with parents and friends of the children. It was sweet to hear them repeating memory verses from the Bible, even the tiniest joining in. The old, old story was explained through asking

questions of the children and by pictures. The Children's presents for their mothers by Christmas cards and Sunday colored picture cards in little books for they knew the stories of the pictures and could explain them to people at home. Illustrated letters were also given out to the people at home, so I think that one must have into the home of each child.

"At our mid-winter mothers' meeting, Miss Florence Patton presided. It was held in my home. The weather was so very unfavorable that only a few were able to be present. I think that the ones who heard Miss Patton's talk were very much impressed. In trying to follow the advantage we found that although there were hungry hearts they were afraid to talk freely with the pastor on account of Buddhist opposition. One who seemed most touched was a Buddhist priest's family.

"In February there was another meeting of the Christian kindergarten in and around Nagoya. The place was Miss Dawson's kindergarten. The meeting was well attended by both Japanese and foreign teachers. The occasion met to discuss kindergarten problems and to exchange ideas so as to be mutually helpful. Much stress was upon the teaching of temperance to these young children in showing the bad effects of alcohol even as flowers when applied to them instead of water. In one instance a child was so impressed by this teaching that he insisted upon its father giving up drinking to the extent that the father was ashamed to drink before the children.

There are eleven meetings conducted for children every week in Tokushima. Miss Atkinson is teaching Sunday school to children every week, and has a class at the boys' reformatory, and another for girls at the cotton factory.

able to respond to all the calls that come for meetings.

Miss Elsie Buchanan is one of the second generation of missionaries, and along with her language study she has been able to assist in the Kinjo Girls' School, teach a Bible class in the First Church and assist in the evangelistic work in connection with the chapel at Shimidzu.

Miss Lumpkin is one of the hustlers of the mission. She has fourteen meetings every week for children and also one meeting for high school girls and one neighborhood meeting. On Sunday she has six classes.

Mrs. Munroe has been doing fine work since her return from America in December. She writes: "From January the classes for young women in my home began to increase, so that the average for a time was 70 in daily attendance. Some days there were 100. Of course they had to be seated in rows on the floor in a small parlor and dining room and even out into the hall. Straw matting was kept fresh for them to sit upon."

"Opposition took active form in some of the Government schools which these girls attended. Almost all of these girls were from heathen homes. The numbers fell off, but some continued to be very earnest. One young woman told, upon returning from spring vacation to her country home, how her father 'threw her out' because she would not worship the family gods, and how she prayed, and how her mother took her part, and finally even the father relented. It is estimated that four thousand attendants could be counted at the meetings. The blessed fact is that not four thousand different girls came, but that whereas five hundred only were reached, these persisted in coming again and again, some attending a hundred meetings between January and June."

### VIII. SOME STATISTICS.

"The independent church at Tokushima has had a prosperous year with a larger attendance than ever before. Its present enrollment is 195, of whom 22 are children. There were 22 additions, and the amount of the contributions was 555 yen. Mr. Tomida Mitsuru is the pastor. Mrs. Logan teaches a class of High School girls in the Sunday school of this church, attends the meetings on Sundays, and has a meeting of the ladies of the church at our home.

At the Suketo Chapel eight people have been baptized this year. This chapel has a rule that no one will be baptized who has not been studying Christianity continuously and earnestly for one year. Altogether 116 were baptized in the Tokushima field during the year.

Sixty-nine adults and children were baptized in the Sanuki Province and three men have decided to enter the ministry.

Mr. Wm. Buchanan reports that 25 have been baptized and seven members have been received by letter, making a total membership of 184 in his field. There are 63 inquirers and last year the Christians gave 745 yen.

### IX. NEEDS.

No missionary communication would be complete if we omitted the needs. The fields have never been equipped and with the growing work carried on, fresh demands arise frequently.

Mr. Wm. Buchanan would like to have funds to build churches at Gifu, Ogaki and Seki.

Mr. Logan says the church at Omichi is now like a flower in a pot that has attained its growth. Although there are additions every year, we need a church building in order that the church may grow larger and become independent. The land will cost 2,000

yen and the building will cost 1,500 yen.

The missionaries in Sanuki would be extremely happy if the following needs were supplied at once:

1. We need two mission homes at once for the missionaries already on the field.
2. We need a missionary family and two ladies for Marugame and homes for them.
3. We need \$1,400 for church building in Marugame. We have the lot.

4. We want more funds for the distribution and newspapers for evangelistic work.

5. We would like to buy building lots in Kwannonji, Tsuda, Tsukiji, and Sanbōhime before the price of land goes any higher. \$1,000 invested twenty years ago would have saved us \$10,000.

The Mission at its Annual Meeting requested the Executive Committee send us twelve ordained men and ladies this year.

### INTERCESSION.

I can not tell why there should come  
to me

A thought of some one miles and  
years away,

In swift insistence on the memory,  
Unless there be a need that I should  
pray.

Perhaps just then my friend has  
fight,

A more appalling weakness or  
For courage, darkness, some lost  
of right

And so lest you should need  
pray, I pray.

Then do the same for me, if I intrude,  
Unasked, upon you on some crowded  
day.

Give me a moment's prayer as inter-  
lude;

Be sure I sorely need it, therefore,  
pray.

—Selected.

### FOREIGN MISSION TOPICS FOR THE YEAR.

JANUARY—*Mid-China*

FEBRUARY—*North China*

MARCH—*Mexico*

APRIL—*Africa*

MAY—*General View of the Field*

JUNE—*Industrial and Educational  
Missions*

JULY—*Signs of the Times*

AUGUST—*Medical Missions*

SEPTEMBER—*Japan*

OCTOBER—*Korea*

NOVEMBER—*Brazil*

DECEMBER—*Cuba*

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means provided to inform him of  
the conditions vitally bearing upon  
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