

1899

The teachers engaged since Jan. 1st, 1899 have been the same as those of 1898 with the following changes:

1. Mr. Sugai retires and Miss Takahashi takes his place [*sic*]
2. Miss Takeda becomes ill in April and is succeeded by Miss Yamamoto.
3. Miss Yamamoto is called to Hirosaki and Miss Sasaki takes her place.
4. Mr. Nishida retires and Mr. Tanaka takes his place.
5. Miss Abe retires after Febr. 1st.
6. Mrs. Yoshii asks for leave of absence temporarily, fr. Jan 1st.

The year from Jan. to July has been a most trying one owing to a spirit of insubordination and of rudeness toward the women teachers prevailing among the older pupils. The matter finally culminated in a "Strike" which lasted from Feb. 1st to April 10th during which 8 of the older pupils did not attend school. One however, Miss Sasaki, returned and apologized on Feb. 14th, graduated March 31st, and became a teacher in the school. Two of the eight were Boarders who ran away from the school on Feb. 1st and were received into the houses of their companions in the Strike.* On the 10th of April the 8 girls returned, and after apologizing for their bad behavior in the presence of the Rev. Shimizu and the Rev. Tanaka and asking to be received into the school again were allowed to do so after apologizing publicly before the whole school on the following day. They were also subjected to an Examination in place of the one they missed during the Strike. All having passed the Examination and promising to be on their good behavior hereafter, they were promoted and the two of their number, who should have graduated in March with Miss Sasaki, were allowed to do so, without any public ceremonies in June.

The trouble was greatly aggravated by the fact that hostile newspaper articles were printed frequently, one of which was assuredly written by the eight school-girls, and by the fact that several leading Christian men in the church countenanced the Strike and sustained the girls. One of these however made a most full and generous amende honorable afterwards [*sic*]

The Jap¹ principle, Mr. Nihira, wavered at first and sent in his resignation, but he afterwards reconsidered, withdrew his resignation and has been on excellent footing with us ever since.

All the teachers in the school (with possibly 2 exceptions who perhaps indirectly seemed to sympathize to a certain degree with the “strikers”, but in any case only moderately so) stood by us loyally and supported the side of lawful authority.

The “Teachers Meeting” was held regularly every month and the Rev. Tanaka and Mr. Omura’s (Teacher in the Normal School) help at these deliberations was greatly appreciated.

The trouble affected the attendance, the Tuition fees, and the reputation of the school. Nevertheless after the 10th of April, new pupils came in rapidly and altogether 113 pupils have been enrolled from Sep. 98 to July 1899.

The Graduation exercises on March 31st were attended by a small audience which was addressed by Dr. Sato of the Agricultural College. There were 4 graduates from the Prep Department into the Academy & one from the Academy.

There were a large number of cases of illness in the school, notably 6 cases of diphtheria, one of which, Miss Takahashi’s was serious, but fortunately not fatal. Besides this there was the Itch, Pneumonia, Exzema,² stubborn Eye troubles, Influenza Chills & Fever. Miss Takada, another of the teachers, was ill with congestion of the Brain for 3 months and was then obliged to leave Sapporo. A noted Burglar from Tokyo made three attempts to enter the houses and succeeded, but fortunately took nothing & did no harm to the pupils.

There being no Matron, or Kanji in the school, & several of the teachers being young and inexperienced, the weight of care falling on the Foreign Missionary is too great. Accordingly an assistant for Miss Smith was urgently asked for by the Mission and has been granted by the Board, the new Missionary to return with Miss Smith in the fall.

*These two were not received into the school again as Boarders. One returned as a day pupil. The other, a Scholarship girl, returned to her home in Fukuyama.

The following Pupils were enrolled in 1899: fr. Jan. to July 1899
[sic]

1. Abe Haru
2. Takano Iwao

3. Sasaki Tsuma
4. Majima Tsuru
5. Onodera Katsu
6. Muraki Miyo
7. Yorita Tatsu
8. Esashika Misao
9. Okitsu Shige
10. Tada Jun
11. Matsue Hatsu
12. Taniguchi Matsu
13. Tamura Shizuyo
14. Kodashira Ren
15. Suzuki Toshi
16. Hino Tsune
17. Mikami Kuni
18. Maino Sumi
19. Musha Ai
20. Sasaki Ai
21. Mori Yone
22. Shirakura Tamayo
23. Mizuno Shizu
24. Shimoto Fusa
25. Esashika Cho
26. Numakura Cho
27. Morita Sono
28. Kamada Fumi
29. Mizuno Kin
30. Yoshida Yoshi
31. Yokoyama Naka
32. Takeuchi Tomi
33. Harada Shige
34. Matsuki Aki
35. Fujii Ishi
36. Shimizu Hisa
37. Fujita Yae
38. Kakizaki Katsu
39. Sawaguchi Kise
40. Nakamura Toki
41. Yanagita Mitsu
42. Takegoshi Tsuta

43. Tono Fumi
44. Ohara Tami
45. Nihira Ishi
46. Harada Mie
47. Takenaka Shizu
48. Togashi Toki
49. Yanagita Nobu
50. Fujibayashi Iku
51. Kobayashi Tetsu
52. Nakamura Tami
53. Omura Kise
54. Shishiuchi Tsuge
55. Wakiya Chiyono
56. Tsukamoto Shinobu
57. Nihira Tsune
58. Seki Misa
59. Matsumura Ai
60. Matsumura Nobu
61. Ueno Hatsue
62. Kobayashi Hiro
63. Saito Mitsu
64. Shibata Nao
65. Kawaguchi Fusa
66. Kikuchi Eso
67. Hasegawa
68. Funayama
69. Konno
70. Majima Chiyo
71. Kasahara Tsui
72. Murayama Ume
73. Horii Hide
74. Koshiwo Kiyo
75. Yokoto Toku
76. Kawanaka Yoshii
77. Ohara Masu
78. Morita Soto
79. Mukotsu Sei
80. Suto Fuku
81. Ito Shin
82. Kawanaka Shizu

IG. Pierson³

- 83. Akagi Setsu
- 84. Endo Toki
- 85. Miss Fuganawa. Organ
- 86. Hikaru Haru
- 87. Koshiwo Saku
- 88. Kano Mitsu
- 89. Kikuchi Yuki
- 90. Saito Setsu (Saito)
- 91. Seki Miwa
- 92. Suzuki Toyo

Between August May 1898 & May 1899	
Rec. from Mission	\$ 1685 (yen)
Rec. fm Tuition fr. Sept. 98 to July 99	245.70
Rec. fm Board " " " " "	789.42

Total Receipts	\$ 2720.12

Money collected during 1898-1899 toward Majima Debt:	
For renting organ and to Mrs. Garst	\$ 2.00
For renting School, 1899	40.00
Made by 'Kings' [<i>sic</i>] Daughters'	10.179
Made by "Helping Hands [<i>sic</i>]"	7.107
Contributed	.714

Total:	\$ 60.00

Miss Smith⁴ returning from America in September again assuming charge of the school[.] On account of a new School Law forbidding the teaching of Christianity to pupils of the lower primary grade, before the age of fourteen, twelve of our former pupils were sent away and others refused; so that school opened with but forty-nine [*sic*] pupils fifteen of whom were obliged to take government examination in order to hold a certificate showing that they had passed beyond the lower Primary grade tho under fourteen. The new "Treaty Revision" went into effect

this year.

¹This word in the original was apparently added afterward, squeezed between *The* and *principal* and abbreviated from *Japanese* for lack of space. It is not necessary to conclude that the term is used here as the racial slur it was in later years.

²The word is over-written in the original, the writer apparently intending *eczema*.

³I. G. Pierson's name appears following student 82, with the remaining 10 names apparently written by Smith.

⁴The final paragraph of this year's report appears to have been recorded by Smith.

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