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MISS SARAH C. SMITH of Hokusei Jo Gakko, SAPPORO, writes : As a result of a week of special meetings held for half an hour daily, at the close of school, twenty-four girls have expressed a desire for baptism, and thirty-eight have asked to be prayed for.

These special meetings were preceded by a week of earnest prayer, the teachers meeting daily ; the Christian pupils in separate groups in the same way.

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THE MOTHER of Miss Monk of Sapporo has been making her residence for some time at that station. In speaking of her visit Miss Smith reports that the missionaries could not say enough about the comfort that her long experience, wise counsel and cheerful

companionship had meant to them. She adds, “ We salute her, ‘chosen in the Lord,’ Miss Monk’s mother and ours.”

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EDITORIAL NOTES

At Sapporo the entering class was smaller than usual, owing to the fact that an industrial school has been opened in the city with four hundred pupils. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding by Miss S. C. Smith of the school at Sapporo was celebrated this spring. An account of the occasion will be given in our next number.

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IN Hokkaido there are working thirty-nine Protestant missionaries and sixty-nine Roman Catholic.

MISS SARAH SMITH tells us that after the Department of Education in Hokkaido advised two years ago that less attention be given to the higher education of girls, and more to sewing, cooking and the like, not only the Buddhists but the government itself opened schools specially for teaching these branches, adding a short course in reading and the sciences. These are filled to overflowing, while the government high school for girls and our own have fallen off in number of entrance applications.

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A Joyful Reunion

The celebration of our anniversary was held on the twenty-eighth day of May. The day, like the years of the school’s existence, was alternately dark and bright, stormy and sunny, but at last

settled down into steady sunshine, which we hope is a propitious sign for the coming years.

The chapel was well filled with guests, and an unusually large attendance of alumnae. The addresses given by Dr. Sato, president of the university here, and Dr. Miyabe, head-teacher in the university, were most sympathetic. These two gentlemen are Christians, and have been a great help to the school. These two were followed by Professor Kubo, president of the Government High School for Girls, and, although not a Christian, his words lacked nothing in kindly feeling and appreciation of our work.

Our own president, Mr. Nihira, and our faithful teacher, Mr. Kaneko, who has helped us for fifteen years, voiced the spirit of the school by giving all praise to God for his guidance and mercies.

Among many happy outcomes of our anniversary celebration is the pledge of our alumnae to give the school a new gymnasium, for which they already have six hundred *yen* in hand, and promises for nearly all of the remainder.

(Miss) S. C. Smith

Hokurri [*sic*] Jo Gakko, Sapporo, Japan

OTHER chronicles of this celebration speak of the personal character of the congratulatory addresses. Though Miss Smith did not wish to have it so, all felt that the fete was as much in honor of the founder as of the school founded. The alumnae presented to Miss Smith a ring set with pearls. The school was for years known as "Smith Jo-Gakko"; it is still widely recognized throughout Hokkaido by that name.—EDITOR.