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3. Next after these fathers in honor, we would mention the single ladies now laboring at distant points. Of these Miss Smith, stationed at Sapporo in the Hokkaido, is most distant. In her letter dated Dec. 16th 1891 she says : “As to our work in Sapporo I can report it as being in a prosperous condition. Our school has never been so well equipped for work as now. The enlargement of our school building so much needed, & completed the first of September gives us two good recitation rooms, the first we have ever had, and an equally necessary addition to our dormitory. A new organ just arrived supplies a long felt need in the music department. xxx [*sic*] We have several new pupils this year; but having the same difficulty to contend with as is felt in other schools, the inability to retain the majority of the pupils any length of time, the number of attendants remains the same as usual, between sixty and seventy of all classes.” Miss Smith speaks of a growing interest ~~interest~~ in religion observed in the girls of her Bible-classes. She conducts three Sunday Schools numbering in all one hundred pupils. She also mentions a hopeful evangelistic work begun by her former pupils. ~~but~~ now lost to our church from inability to provide an evangelist.

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Respectfully submitted, Jan 15th 1892
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