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Presbyterian Work in Sapporo

Received

Feb 13 1894

Dr. Gillespie.

One preaching station

Two out stations.

S. C. Smith

Two Sunday schools.

One out Sunday school

One day and boarding

school in three departments:

Academy, Preparatory,

Kindergarten.

Preaching station in Sapporo

opened in April 1890

Membership seventy.

Sunday-schools established

in 1890

One superintendant

Fourteen teachers, including

eleven from our girls

school and three men

from Government school

No. of pupils registered during

present year 450.

No. of pupils attending fifty

sundays [*sic*] 9.

Total attendance 4500.

Out Sunday-school at Shinoro

Attendance 25 : opened

recently.

No. of pupils in Girls School

47

No. of baptized pupils 8

No. awaiting baptism 5

School buildings furnished

by the Government

Sapporo. Jan 4, 1894

Dear Mr. McCauley :

This report, coming so late, will probably be of no use to you. When your letter came I was busy with examinations and preparations for Xmas. Since Christmas doings were ended I have been in bed with influenza. With love to Mrs. McCauley, I am very

respectfully yours,

S. C. Smith

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Miss Smith

Sapporo, Feb. 20, 1894

Received
Apr 7 1894

Dr. Gillespie.

Dear Mr. Ballagh:

When I sent you my estimates in December, not wishing to fix upon any definite plans for our work here without first consulting with Miss Rose, it was impossible to make a true estimate as to the needs of our school for the coming year. But feeling the necessity of making preparation, insufficient though I knew it would be, I asked for the same amount as for the year previous ; which included forty [*sic*] en a month for teachers and an addition of twenty en a month for house rent for the school and foreign teachers. This amount will not be sufficient: The Mission knows through Mr. Oshima' s letter which I sent to Dr. Thompson, and from Mr. Pierson and Mr. Oshikawa and doubtless from other sources that the school is not satisfactory to the people of Sapporo. There is no " Koto Jo Gakko " here but a growing demand for such a school, and ours does not sufficiently satisfy that demand. I understand that Mr. Oshikawa advised the Mission of our needs and asked that an addition of fifty en a month be made to the amount now received from the Mission. This he did, no doubt, because when he was here last summer he saw that something must be done in order to save the school. For if another were started, as was then being talked of, to meet the needs of the place, it would ruin ours as the place is too small to support more than one Middle School for girls. Miss Rose and I, after much thought and consultation together and with the most eminent Japanese educators, have decided that an addition of twenty en a month for teachers and twenty en a month for rent is absolutely necessary in order to cary [*sic*] on the work with any hope of success. We have in the school but one efficient Japanese teacher, the others being young and inexperienced girls, the allowance for the school not being sufficient to employ experienced teachers. This is felt, by the friends of the school as well as by the parents and ourselves, to be a great

drawback to the progress and usefulness of the school. Mr. Iwanaga cannot manage more than the sciences in the half day for which he is employed; and besides he is not a Chinese scholar. Then we need more help for the Japanese department, for, in order to meet the demands of the times there must be more Japanese and less English taught. As my time will be less required in the school I wish to do more evangelistic work which will make it impossible for me to supply the monthly deficit of the school from the amounts allowed me for evangelistic work, as heretofore. In regard to buildings, we are not able to find any which will furnish suitable accommodations for both the school and ourselves for less than forty [*sic*] en a month, or four hundred and eighty en a year. We therefore advise that the mission recommend [*sic*] that the Board add to the estimates already sent in, for the year beginning May 1894, two hundred and forty [*sic*] en for teachers and two hundred and forty [*sic*] en for house-rent. My not being able to send in the proper amount of estimates for the continuation of the work before consulting with Miss Rose as to what had best be done with it under the pressure of present circumstances I trust you will understand ; and as to the allowance for rent I confess I made a mistake, for which I am exceedingly sorry. It was due in part to my want of experience in such matters, and lack of appreciation of the difficulty of obtaining buildings suitable for school and residence ; and in part to the depreciation of Japanese currency, which has produced a corresponding increase in prices for labour and native products as well as foreign and therefore in building and rents, which I did not take into consideration. Hoping that the Mission will not recommend [*sic*] a suspension [*sic*] of the work, but will put the matter before the Board at the earliest possible moment, urging the pressing needs of the case, I am very respectfully yours[,]

Sarah C. Smith