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The past year has witnessed a crisis in the history of our work in Sapporo. Through the long and faithful efforts of one of our lady missionaries, and [unclear word] a few faithful native helpers and kind friends in America, a new church building has been completed. It is now occupied by 120 members of whom 36 united with the church during the past year. A remarkable unity of purpose and good feeling seems to exist among these church members. An encouraging feature is the large proportion of young people among them, and their united desire to forward the kingdom of Christ. By their earnest efforts they have helped pay for the new church building, and they are much interested in a preaching station at Shinora, [*sic*] a country village two miles away, where there are about 50 persons in weekly attendance upon their services. Our Sapporo church has a Sabbath school of 130 members with an average attendance of 90.

The past year has been one of unusual interest in our Sapporo girls' school, for it has removed to a beautiful new location, into large and commodious buildings, under a new and appropriate name, The Hokusei Jo Gakko (N. S. G. S). Its prospects were never so bright. This school has built up slowly but steadily, since the year 1887 when a small band of seven pupils came with Miss Smith from Hakodate: Eight pupils from this school have united with the church during the past year, and a number of others seem deeply interested in the christian [*sic*] religion. The bible [*sic*] is taught daily, and weekly prayer meetings are held.

A Sabbath school of poor children is held Sabbath mornings in the school chapel, and is conducted by several young ladies from the school. It numbe[r]s 170 pupils with an average attendance of 40. This little S. S. is always full of life and interest and would be an inspiration to many a S. S. in the home land. A bible [*sic*] class of young men from the Sapporo College is taught by one of the foreign teachers of the Hokusei Jo Gakko. Several of these young men are much interested in christianity. [*sic*]

Miss Rose' s report for the Sapporo School for Annual Letter 1894.