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As I understood Miss Rose to have written the report of our school and Sunday school work, and thinking Mr. Shida would give the church work, I have not thought it worth while or needful to supplement them. But allow me to acknowledge your letter and wish you a very happy New Year.

S. C. Smith

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Report of Miss C. H. Rose.

Sapporo, Dec. 6/95

Our Sapporo school has more than doubled its members within the past year. We now enroll fifty-five pupils. This would count but little if our growth were merely in numbers, but we trust there has been a steady progress in things Spiritual.—memorizing Scripture, daily bible [*sic*] study, morning and evening prayers and weekly attendance at church,—must in time produce cultured christian [*sic*] women. Two more of our number have recently united with the church, and every pupil seems interested in the religious exercises of the school. A number of them are engaged in active christian [*sic*] work. The Post Graduate Department which was added last year is progressing, and the Preparatory Department, begun at the same time, now numbers twenty-three.

The Sabbath School which has been held in our School-room during the year enrolls seventy pupils, ~~and~~ with an average attendance of forty. Several members of the bible [*sic*] class from the Agricultural College, which has been taught in our home during the past year, have expressed a hope in Christ.

During the long vacation one of the graduates from our Sapporo School went with me over to Otaru to open a work among the children and young women. The results were so encouraging that we were constrained to make the summer work a permanent one, and when the opening of our fall term in the Hokusei Jo Gakko called for my return to Sapporo, Kawai san remained in Otaru, and is now carrying on a work of considerable

dimensions, aided by the pastor of our Otaru church and two of his most faithful church members. After my week's work in the Sapporo school is over on Fridays, there is abundant incentive for me to go over to Otaru and help my faithful native workers until Monday morning, when an early train brings me to the opening of our Sapporo school at nine o'clock.

In Otaru there are traces of Mr. Pierson's work on every side. This is the more encouraging in view of the fact that Otaru is "difficult." We find abundant work among the children, however, and have no lack of interested audiences in Sunday School work, especially among the poor. Our day school, too, is growing. But the women are hard to reach. Perhaps the hope of Otaru is in its children. The church in Otaru is feeble, but its pastor is earnest and spiritual, as are also a few of his helpers, and we feel that an important future is in store for this church, as its Sabbath School, (of about thirty members,) is an inspiration. There is one christian [*sic*] worker in this Sunday school who would kindle a flame in the deadest heart. Our Sunday School among the poor in Otaru numbers more than one hundred. Our day school about thirty, (thirteen of these are boarders.)

Yours Very Sincerely,

Clara H. Rose