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Our Sapporo School registers more than a hundred pupils since April, ninety-six in present attendance, all excepting eight being in the Academic department. There have been three baptisms this summer, and several others prepared who have not yet been able to obtain consent of parents. There is nothing special to report, except that two pupils left school their after stated reason being that they feared might become weak and learn to shed tears during chapel exercises as they saw several girls doing one morning and many the other morning of the two days they attended. Also the new veranda for the house of the foreign teachers, contracted for Aug. 17th, and to be completed without fail by the 18th Sept., is to be finished by, or soon after, my return at the end of this month, October, and the new floors □ sometime. I should like to add just here, for the gratification of the Mission that Miss Wells and myself are perfectly harmonious as to the rebuilding of the school. Each is more than willing that the other should undertake the job, which, failing, we should be glad if the Mission would appoint some one to the honorable position of superintending it.

Signed

Respectfully

S. C. Smith