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Sapporo, the capital ; Station occupied 1887. Missionaries: Miss S. C. Smith, Miss Lillian A. Wells, Miss Mary Belle Sherman.

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As to Sapporo Girls' Boarding School the high-water mark of 100 pupils in actual attendance has been reached, & of these fully 1/4 have joined the Church during the year, and 1/3 of the whole school are Christians.

Among New Work begun we note 4 Cooking-classes, one in Tokyo conducted by Mrs. MacNair, two in Sapporo by Miss Wells, one in Asahigawa by Mrs. Johnson.

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Sapporo Girls Boarding School.

Miss Smith

Total no. of pupils	140
Aver. Attendance	100
Recently united with church	23
Church members	33
Jap. Teachers	9
Church S. S.	200 members.

Besides the 33 church members are several others who are christians [*sic*] but whose parents object to their receiving baptism[.]

Besides the 23 others have united with other churches ; so that fully 1/4/ of the students have become Christian during the year.

There are many favorable results of Taikyo Dendo - increase of church members and attendance, increase in church unity among the 5 denominations in Sapporo, more general study of Christianity[.]

Our girls attend and help in 2 SSs., the church S.S. (under the care of a No Gakko professor) which numbers 200 pupils, and the School SS. under Miss Wells' charge, which numbers 55 pupils. Seven of our girls and S.S. teachers and the younger Christian girls go out and gather the children into the S.Schools. Our King' s Daughters and "Helping Hands" Society raised yen 37 35/100 during the year. Two Bible women there are; the regular one travels, holds meetings, visits parents[,], does house to house visiting. The other is detailed for special work and services. They have both been kept busy and have had but one salary between them. Though the Government opened its new Higher School for Girls last May and we lost a few pupils strongly opposed to Christianity, yet our number has rather

increased than diminished - due no doubt to the fact of Miss Wells' faithful careful work and to the fact that there are to be new school buildings which the pupils need not feel ashamed to speak of as their own.

Miss Wells' classes, English, Reading[,] Grammar and the Bible, fill up the morning. A class in foreign cooking for the Seniors once a week has proved very popular. Another similar class for the Christian women of the church meets, at their own suggestion, once a week in the church rooms, and is attended by 10 of our brightest and wideawake women. At their own suggestion they hold a prayer-meeting either before or after the cooking class. The children from the School S.S. are interesting and attend well. "I have recently provided the girls who help me in teaching with the Internat. SS. helps which they greatly appreciate. The 55 children have collected about 3 yen during the year which is given to the orphanages."

During my Summer holidays on the sea coast near Sendai, with the help of a Japanese teacher a S.S. was held in a poor little fishing village, attended by nearly 100 children. "As we went to the village on Sunday afternoon following the path that led thro[ugh] the rice fields we would find the children waiting all along the way for us. On the last Sunday they had gathered a great bunch of wild flowers, the only thing which they in their poverty could give to shew [*sic*] us that they were glad we had come. Oh these wretched fishing villages, with their wretchedness and filth and narrowness! Would that there were more laborers for these neglected corners of the Master's Vineyard."