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Report of Hokusei Jo Gakko.

Miss Monk.

The absence of the founder and head of the school, Miss Sarah C. Smith, during most of the year just closing, has been felt in the administration and in the religious life of the school. But that a loyal and competent corps of native teachers, and a most efficient and helpful coworker, have made light and pleasant the unaccustomed and, it must be confessed, dreadful duties of her substitute on the field, the writer wishes most gratefully to acknowledge. The school has also been most fortunate in having the help of Mrs. J. B. Morgan, wife of the English Professor at the University.

March 31st a class of 24 was graduated,- four from the full English Japanese course, twenty in Japanese only. Of these, fourteen were baptized Christians, and of the remaining ten, all but one, it is believed, were truly followers of Christ.

After the large enrollment of new students last year (80) the number this year seemed very small, being only forty. But as, on account of “hard times” , girls’ schools throughout the Empire experienced an equal or greater proportionate falling off, this is no reason for discouragement. The decline was in the number of day pupils. The

dormitory vacancies were all filled immediately. The total enrollment thus far is 152, as against 179 last year, or about 15% less.

The number of Christian students is estimated at twenty-five, while the number of those received into the church during the year is four.

Ten of the teachers and older pupils have maintained, during most of the year, four Sunday Schools, with a total average attendance of about 250. The enrollment is at least 100 more than this figure. Of these, the school at Ebetsu, as Miss Moore's report indicates, has recently been turned over to the Methodists, who have a flourishing evangelistic work in that town. One other ~~of the students~~ teaches in still another Sunday School of the city. The Ebetsu, Zenibako and new Sapporo Sunday School were organized during the year by Miss Moore, as was the weekly preaching service at Toyohira, and a promising Christian Association for girls in the government and other non-Christian girls' schools of the city.

This Association meets bi-monthly, has a membership of [blank] girls from [blank] schools, and only lacks a permanent place of meeting to make it an assured success. That place, we believe, will be found.

The Christian Endeavor and "Violet" Societies in the dormitory have, during the year, given Yen 38.82 for the various religious and philanthropic purposes. You may be interested in an itemized account:

Yen 18.27 for Mr. Tonomura's gospel & relief work for the poor in Tokyo

5.00 for the Italian earthquake sufferers

3.00 " the Niigata church, which lost its building by fire

6.65 " S. S. cards for our 4 schools

3.69 " 225 Christmas cards distributed at five hospitals

2.20 " the sick and poor

They also spent Yen 6.80 on local needs. The Violet Society distributed at five hospitals during the summer, no fewer than fifteen hundred bouquets, each accompanied by an appropriate verse of Scripture.

To pass from things spiritual to things material. The new board

fence looks very well, and, what is better, is both strong enough to stand the snows of winter and the winds of summer, and high enough to keep out prying eyes. It will look still better when it is possible to add a new gate. The money didn' t allow that this year.

The use of Mr. Johnson' s house and property during the absence of the family, added much to our comfort and convenience. They have promised us a part of their land when (and we ardently hope soon) they get a new house that can be set further to the East than their present one. But this is a secret.

That land will make room for one long-desired and now partly provided extension, to contain a sewing and one or two other class rooms. It will also provide space for a small store-house and for our great wood-piles, we hope. The new sewing room is to be light and warm; the old one will give our dormitory girls a place for exercise and play during the long, snow-bound winter; and the store house will solve the housekeeper' s ever-recurring puzzle as to where to put the stores that ought to be laid in for our large family.

A gift of sixty yen from the husband of an early student, recently deceased, will, according to his stipulation, be used for supplies for the "Science Department" , if one may use so large a term for so small an actuality.

Thus bright are our hopes for the future, in a material way. Our next need, if the property is not to deteriorate, is for paint.

The most pressing necessity, however, is for a new missionary teacher, to take Miss Moore' s place, as her resignation takes effect in the spring. With that need supplied, and the continued and ever-increasing support of the prayers of God' s people, the New Year opens invitingly and hopefully before us.

Respectfully submitted.

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