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ALUMNAE LAUNCH DRIVE FOR MISSION SCHOOL IN MANCHUKUO

20,000 Yen To Be Raised Over Ten Year Period Hope To Co-operate With Southern Baptists In Support

KOKURA: One of the most forward steps in the history of Seinan Jo Gakuin was taken by her Alumnae at their meeting the day of the dedication of the Memorial Auditorium. The young women perfected a plan by which they might show their appreciation to the founder of their Alma Mater in saving money to build a school for girls in Manchuria.

On October 10, 1935 the Alumnae of Seinan Jo Gakuin decided, by voting unanimously, to express their gratitude to God for the Christian education that had been their privilege to receive, and for the sacrificial service of Mr. J. H. Rowe, the founder of the institution, by saving money to make it possible for girls of another country to know of the blessings of salvation and the Gospel, which they themselves had experienced through the love and prayer of Southern Baptists of America. This is a direct and practical way in which they have decided to pioneer in doing Japanese Foreign Mission work.

Careful and accurate plans have been perfected to which all those present gave their hearty support. With an Alumnae Association of more than five hundred, and an estimated increase of at least a hundred each year, it is reasonable to believe that in a ten year period close to ¥20,000.00 may be realized. It is hoped that the student body will join in this project. It is not easy to foretell what may result from this first step toward real Foreign Missions. It is certainly in accordance with the Great Commission of Christ, "Go ye into all the world."

THE PLAN IN DETAIL

The plan presented to, and adopted by, the Alumnae Association stipulates Manchuria as the field in which the new school is to be built. The goal set is ¥20,000.00 to be gathered over a period of ten years.

Each graduate is asked to contribute 10 to 20 sen a month to this fund over the period of ten years. In order to do this it will be necessary for quite a number of the girls to sacrifice that which on what they would have to spend on their toilet articles. Others will have to sacrifice powder and rouge altogether to be able to meet this part of the agreement.

If the student body joins in the enterprise each of the girls will be asked to give 5 sen a month which is a tithe of her spending money.

During this same period of time the Alumnae Association is asking the patrons and friends of the institution to continue their contributions for the Junior College, and for the Memorial Auditorium at the formerly pledged rate. If this will be put in effect over the same number of years it is expected that an endowment fund of ¥100,000.00 can be raised and thus insure the financial standing of the institution for all time.

At the end of the period stipulated if it will meet with the full approval of the Board of Directors and the Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention it is thought that cooperatively this new school could be built in Manchuria, and most of the funds sent Seinan Jo Gakuin could be turned over to this new institution, due to the enlarged endowment.

It is interesting to observe that though less than two weeks have elapsed ¥20.00 had been received toward this fund. This means, at least 100 graduates have paid in their maximum gift of 20 sen for the first month. Expect great things of God and you are enabled to do great things for Him.

SEMINARY SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS ABOUT 50 IN ATTENDANCE

Garrott, Okada, Ono, Massaki, and Murata Lead In The Work

FUKUOKA: The last week in August found the Summer School of Seinan Gakuin Seminary in full session under the direction of Acting-Dean, Rev. K. Shimose. The classes were held under a tent which was pitched among the pines of the College campus and beds were provided in the College and Seminary dormitories.

Due to the lack of funds no outside speaker was called in, but local talent provided a varied and worthwhile program. Bible Study on each day was led by Maxfield Garrott. History of Prophecy was discussed by Pastor Okada of Kagoshima. History of Missions was taught by Dr. Ono of the College faculty. Rev. Massaki discussed History of Doctrine. Professor Murata of the Literary Department of the College enlightened us on the topic of Bible in English Literature. There were several other one hour lectures which were greatly enjoyed.

Different members of the summer school took turns in leading the Morning Watch and the Vesper services. Rev. K. Shimose led us each morning in the worship period. W. M. Garrott directed the period in Music.

There were never less than 25 present at any one meeting and often as many as 50 assembled to such meetings as the camp-fire round-table discussions. All who attended acclaimed the session as a success. It was the aim to get the churches to co-operate and support the Seminary in every way possible. Due to lack of sufficient time to advertise the numbers were as great as might be expected next year.

PRESS COMMENTS ON DEDICATION

(Ed. Note. The first article appeared in "The Baptist" the organ of the Western Baptist Convention.)

SOLEMN DEDICATORY SERVICE OF SEINAN JO GAKUIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

On the 10th day of the 10th month of the 10th year of Showa at 10 o'clock in the morning the assemblage that thronged the new Rowe Memorial Auditorium was hushed at the sound of music with which the processional began. The building is the tangible result of the gifts of many who would do honor to the memory of J. H. Rowe.

The auditorium was packed to capacity with a record crowd of 1304 persons. Friends, parents, graduates, and students flocked to the school for this auspicious occasion.

There was a distinct atmosphere of reverent thanksgiving for the mercies of God upon this institution. And, all the way from Tokyo—especially for this occasion—came Mr. Homma. His dedicatory message on this memorable day was noticeably in harmony with the deep spirituality of the founder, Mr. J. H. Rowe.

After the ceremony throngs of people passed back and forth in their best kimono making a most colorful sight. From the roof there was a panoramic view of the five cities below. The blue sky with an occasional fleecy cloud added to the picture. Here and there, in booths food was served to those who came to spend the day. In one of the class room buildings there was a splendid display of student handwork.

At three in the afternoon there was an Alumnae meeting with as many of the present and former members of the teaching staff in attendance as possible. And at the end of the day we were reminded again of the sacrificial gifts of Japanese, with the exception of one or two foreigners, in erecting this memorial to the founder, J. H. Rowe. It was good to be there!

MEMORIAL WEEK'S FURTHER PROGRAM

October 11—Handwork Exhibition. October 12—2 P.M. Special Meeting for Primary School Girls. Mr. Kenji Uezawa, President of the Christian Story Teller's Association, that chief feature on the program.

October 12—7 P.M.—Concert Introducing New Music Director, Miss Helen Dozier.

JO GAKUIN DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

Just 6 years ago, in tears the friends of the institution pledged themselves to the task of raising funds for a Junior College and Auditorium. As the first step, it was agreed that the auditorium should be built. The land and construction costs amounted to ¥40,000.00. The architect was Mr. Murata of Vories and Company of the Omori Brotherhood. The contracting firm was the Takenaka Construction Company. The building stands on one of the most commanding sights in all of North Kyushu and can be seen from afar.

Truly, it is a worthy memorial to the memories of Mr. J. H. Rowe, the founder and former President, and Mrs. C. H. Rowe, the first President. Of the funds invested in this enterprise ¥2,800.00 was contributed by the Rowe family. All the rest comes from Japanese sources.

This is certainly a most joyous occasion and those belonging to a sister organization can well rejoice with all who are directly concerned in this consummation of prayerful and faithful labor.

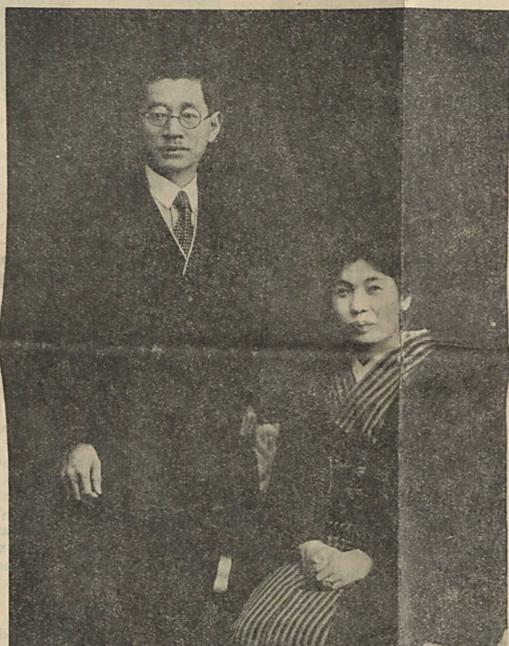
(Ed. Note. This article appeared in "The Educational Review" (Kyoiku Koron) which is widely read throughout the country. It is entirely from an outsider's standpoint.)

Kokuenshi (the writer's pen name) went to see President Hara on some small matter. No one was in the office at the time, so he turned to two little girls who were standing around, and asked if they could find Mr. Hara for him. They gladly took his card and went to the president's office, but they came back to say that he had gone to dinner. Would the guest wait just a few minutes, they would go to the house and tell Mr. Hara that a guest was waiting for him. When the writer acquired they scampered off at a run, giving an appearance of being happy to be of service.

Two months ago the writer was writing about a government girls' school. But had he asked some of the students to do the same sort of favor they would have fled. Here is a distinct difference between government and private education.

It was learned that at this institution that on October 10th the Dedication of a new auditorium is to take place. It is said that the land and building will come to about ¥40,000.00 which was raised through the sacrifice of parents, graduates, teachers, and students of the school with no real aid from the United States. It is also ascertained that there is to be a concert given that week as a part of the celebrations.

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PRESIDENT AND MRS. MATSUTA HARA

PRESIDENT THANKS U. S. FRIENDS

M. HARA, M.A.

Deshisha College - Oberlin University

As I send this message to our Southern Baptist friends in America, the feeling which wells up in my heart is one of hearty and sincere gratitude. Only recently, the editor of one of our non-Christian magazines wrote concerning our school: "When two or three small buildings were being erected on the hill top just above the Itozu car-stop some years ago, we laughed saying, 'How can that school hope to get any students? Why, there isn't even a good road leading up to it! But lo! That school is now one of the finest and most outstanding in the whole North Kyushu district.'"

We too, felt that this statement was almost correct. We remember well with what difficulty we ascended the narrow path, pushing the tall grass aside as we made our way to the top of the hill. When we compare the present campus with our former one, we are reminded of Isaiah's words, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

It is no longer the solitary place that it was thirteen years ago. Truly, not only flowers, trees, good roads, and nice buildings have made it a place of beauty, but hundreds of girls from non-Christian homes have blossomed into beautiful Christian womanhood. I believe that this great change was brought about by the sacrificial efforts of our founder, Mr. J. H. Rowe and his associates, Mrs. Rowe, and Miss Lancaster and others. When I recall their consecration to the cause of Christ and their faithfulness in representing the constituency by whom they were sent, I feel that I want to express my thanks to you as Southern Baptists for sending them to us. I do not know whether it was fortunate or

unfortunate, but just at the time our school was started, the depression began, both in Japan and America. The school experienced very keenly the growing pains that a child must feel as it develops into young manhood. Its growth had to be very gradual, and in some respects this was a blessing. Yet, on some shoulders fell great strain and anxiety, and to them it was a bitter cup. Under the heavy load, Mr. Rowe died, and Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Bouldin broke down. Mr. Dozier, also, though he was not directly connected with the school, lay down his life while serving with us. However through all these trying times Southern Baptist friends in America have stood by us and have done their very best.

Within the past year, you friends kindly sent us your representatives, and they comforted and inspired us immensely. They were Dr. and Mrs. Dodd, Dr. and Mrs. Maddy, Dr. and Mrs. Weatherspoon, and Dr. Rankin. They taught and encouraged us, saying that the Church of Christ was born in tribulation, was purified by tribulation, and got victory over the world through tribulation. I thank you for the expression of brotherly love in Christ that we received from you, through these your messengers.

Dr. Maddy and Weatherspoon were here when we broke the ground for the Rowe Memorial Auditorium in January. That building has been completed and very recently we dedicated it to the Lord's use. It stands overlooking the five large cities that surround our school, for it stands on the highest point on the campus. Not only is this chapel the best building on our campus, but I think that it is

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DR. MADDY PRAISES WORK OF SEINAN JO GAKUIN

Great Field of Opportunity

Nearing Shanghai, China, Wednesday, Feb. 12, '35.

Mr. Matsuta Hara, President Seinan Jo Gakuin, Kokura, Japan.

My dear Mr. Hara:—

Mrs. Maddy and I wish to thank you and all the dear friends at the school for your many gracious kindnesses extended to our party during our recent visit to your city. We greatly enjoyed the blessed Christian fellowship with you in your home and in the circles of the school.

We have greatly enjoyed the pictures and I am sending most of them to the office. They will be used widely in our publicity back home.

Truly you have a great Kingdom opportunity and place for service in that wonderful school. I wrote the

President of our Board that I considered that school the finest piece of Mission work our Board had undertaken anywhere. We are all deeply impressed with the wonderful Christian spirit manifest in both Faculty and student body.

We shall do our best to give you the equipment you need for your best work. Just as rapidly as possible will come to your relief.

We are already looking forward to a return visit in June. At that time I hope to have the opportunity of speaking to the school and seeing more of your opportunity and needs. Remember us to your charming wife.

With sincere Christian affection, I am yours truly, Charles E. Maddy

ROWE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM DEDICATED

SOLEMN SERVICE INAUGURATES USE OF NEW BUILDING; 40,000 YEN INVESTED

Program of Three Days Draw Large Crowds; 1304 Record for Single Day

While the Dedicatory Service in itself was a major event in the history of Seinan Jo Gakuin the other items for the week were planned to make a well rounded program.

The afternoon of the 10th saw the Alumnae gathering for their main meeting in the new auditorium and then later in smaller groups in the class rooms. Many that had not been back since graduation made a special effort to be present. They made history by voting to raise funds for a Mission School in Manchukuo.

October 11th was devoted entirely to exhibits of student handwork. As one passed from one room to another it almost made one's head swim to see the splendid work that had been done. In the first room there were beautiful native kimono tastefully arranged on tables, wall, and on racks. Some had exquisite pieces of embroidery worked into the sashes. The color schemes were admirably worked out. Then passing to another room there were found cunning suits and dresses for little brother and sister. There were bibs of all varieties for all occasions. There were aprons for both young and old and there seemed to be no shortage in that line. Here and there could be seen some western style dress for some older person.

Next came the room in which there was a display of penmanship or rather brushmanship. In it were specimens of Japanese writing which meant next to nothing to the uninitiated eye. It was explained, however, that some of the mottoes were excellently executed. Another room contained lovely oil and water color paintings which were very fine indeed. Here and there were clever pencil sketches. The pottery room came next for inspection. Some mighty cute designs made their appearance on different pieces of porcelain. There was Mickey Mouse and Boop which would make any American girl want to buy that piece of china. Then in the last room there was on display many artfully drawn maps, cards, charts, etc. to be used in school work. Just trying to tell what was in the rooms is enough to make one's head whirl.

Saturday afternoon, the 12th, there was a special program for primary school girls who lived in North Kyushu and might be prospective students. Mr. Kenji Uezawa, a famous story teller, entertained the little ladies with interestingly told Bible stories. Several schools added to the program by singing, or presenting some Japanese folk dances.

In the evening there was a Concert which brought the week to a close. Miss Hinohara, a former teacher, sang several numbers and the Seinan Gakuin Glee Club offered several male chorus numbers.

KOKURA, OCTOBER 10, 1935.—Today saw the consummation of the dreams of many in the dedication of the Rowe Memorial Auditorium. At 10 o'clock in the morning a record crowd of 1304 persons filled the new auditorium to its utmost capacity. People thronged to the occasion so that they might witness the service which was to set aside this building for worship and public meetings of Seinan

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND Yen 2,219

In Honor of C.K. Dozier, Founder of Seinan Gakuin

FUKUOKA: Through the generosity of graduates, teachers, and friends of Mr. C. K. Dozier, the Dozier Memorial Scholarship fund is gradually mounting so that some worthy student may receive the benefit of it. It was the thought of the family of the late Mr. C.K. Dozier that rather than some memorial in stone or bronze that a scholarship fund would best perpetuate the memory of the founder of Seinan Gakuin. So when the Memorial was edited and sent out it was suggested that everyone that could would like to share in this Memorial Fund. The amounts received to date are ¥669.87 from Graduates, Teachers, and Friends in Japan; ¥350.00 from Dr. M. E. Dodd; and ¥1,200.00 from the Family and a few Friends in America. The total being ¥2,219.87. This is about half of that which needed to keep one student in both departments of Seinan Gakuin.

W.M.U. OF S.B.C. PROVIDING JR. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Lottie Moon Offerings Last Year and This Mounts to \$10,000 Figure

KOKURA: It is learned from the Mission Treasurer that \$4,000.00 in "over and above gifts" to the Lottie Moon Offering of 1934 are in the hands of the Mission Treasurer, for the first installment on the Seinan Jo Gakuin Junior College. It is further learned that in the Lottie Moon Gifts an additional \$6,000.00 is to be provided for 1935. This brings the total to \$10,000.00.

KOKURA: Japanese Baptists are grateful to the W.M.U. of the South for their gift of \$4,000.00 last year and the promise of \$6,000.00 to be given from this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Six years ago, when Mr. Rowe's friends got together just after his death it was with tears of gratitude that they planned a memorial in his honor. The plan was a twofold one: namely, to build a memorial auditorium, and to establish Seinan Woman's College. This Plan was presented to the P.T.A. a very small per cent of whom were Christian. Yet they were very enthusiastic and gladly made pledges to the new enterprise. Of course, with them it was purely a business proposition. The parents of the school had been pleading for the Junior College since the High School was opened in 1922. At that time the Mission hoped to have the College ready for the first graduating class in 1926. But when that date came, there was the great debt on the Foreign Mission Board, the Mission had to withdraw its promise of a College. So in 1929, the year of Mr. Rowe's passing, it was the parents chiefly, who resolved to make possible this higher department. Of course, they wanted the chapel, but the College was foremost in their minds. At the end of the six year period there had been raised ¥40,000.00 (approximately at present exchange \$13,000.00). Those that had paid in on their pledges were parents, graduates, students, teachers, and a few special friends. Thus plans were being made for the higher department for 1935.

By this time the High School had grown until the small auditorium which had been used for many years for the daily chapel services, as well as the Sunday School, and worship on Sundays, must be converted into class room. The auditorium no longer was large enough to seat the student body, so the chapel was moved to the gymnasium. Trustees, teachers, and Christian constituency were greatly concerned as to the immediate need for a chapel. After much prayer and consultation, the Trustees, and the Mission along with the other co-operating bodies voted to ask the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention to help the school to get the new College building and other necessary equipment. If this could be agreed upon it would be possible to open the higher department in temporary quarters. This, then, would permit the use of the funds raised in Japan to be used on the Rowe Memorial Auditorium. This would insure a building which should be fire and earthquake proof. In case the W.M.U. would not be able to help, two temporary structures must be built.

It was in the plan of God that Seinan Jo Gakuin was to have both structures of substantial material, because the W.M.U. friends have responded so very graciously. Today a beautiful Memorial Auditorium stands as a castle on a high hill to send out the light of Christian love to all parts of North Kyushu. A higher Home Economics course was started in temporary quarters in April 1935. When necessary funds are in hand a permanent structure is to be erected. This may not be built next year in spite of the additional \$6,000.00 grant, due to the fact that even that will not cover probably the costs of a ferro-concrete structure which Dr. Maddy recommends as the only safe building for the future. "All things work together for good to them that love God" is surely true for Seinan Jo Gakuin, though at times things have seemed difficult.

At the first bell the alumnae of the institution filed in to take their places in the rear part of the main floor. Following this group came parents and friends who occupied the gallery. Then the notables who were not on the program were led to their seats right in front of the platform. When all these were seated those on the program came in and took their places on the rostrum. Last of all the student body singing their professional hymn, "Build Ye the Sanctuary of the Lord God" to the tune "Mallory", marched in keeping perfect step with the music. Each girl with Bible and Hymnal in her left hand moved in like clock-work. The audience stood while the girls came in. When all were at their places President Hara received the bows of the entire assemblage.

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There was a spirit of deep reverence and thankfulness which permeated the entire gathering. The people hung on the words of the speakers with great eagerness. Truly it was an unforgettable occasion.

MR. HOMMA'S DEDICATORY ADDRESS

"Will you permit me to read the first five verses of the twenty-seventh Psalm? I wish to make them the basis of what I want to say this morning.

"It is through prayer that we all have been privileged to come and worship in this lovely new auditorium this morning. How very thankful we are for this occasion.

"Just as the Psalmist has sung in the 27th Psalm I pray that this new building may become God's Dwelling Place. No matter how beautiful we may make the exterior and interior of this building unless God is present it is not a true place of worship. Unless this auditorium is really God's dwelling place there is no meaning or purpose for erecting the same.

"I believe that in building such an edifice as this that the first purpose or object is to provide Comfort. Will you, young ladies, please learn to directly and indirectly receive your comfort here. Then I would wish that you may learn how to give comfort for having been here.

"In the second place God's dwelling place should be a house of Hope. All living things should be given hope. How truly we know of a certain hope when we know God.

"The third object we should bear in mind for such an edifice is that it may be a Temple of Prayer. What is true love? It is a prayer that every-

Jo Gakuin. Many notables, parents, and friends from distant parts of the country were present.

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PRESIDENT HARA'S MESSAGE

"As the name suggests, this auditorium has been erected in the memory of Mr. J. H. Rowe. He was loved and admired by his friends. But this love is only a reflection of his own love of the Japanese people and his willingness to serve them in the name of Christ, his Master. His last words were, 'Evangelism! Evangelism!' and they are an evidence of this consecration.

"Mr. Rowe's friends desired to do some lasting work to do him honor after he was taken from them. They planned two things. These were building an auditorium and establishing a Junior College.

"Though we were all poor and weak we prayed and toiled. Six years after his death we have at last accomplished the first part of our plan and we are dedicating it to the use of our Heavenly Father.

"Mr. Vories, a noted Christian architect drew the plans. Mr. Murata, the head of the architectural department of the Omori Brotherhood, was the supervisor, and the Takenaka Company, an outstanding firm in this type of building in Japan, executed the contract. The seating capacity of the main hall is 1,100 persons. There are four other rooms in the building. One of these is known as the Kajikawa Memorial Prayer Room. Our roof-garden will easily accommodate a thousand people.

"Christian education in Japan has a two-fold duty and opportunity. One is toward the Japanese people themselves and the other is toward the civilization of the world. Christianity has life and power to vitalize and purify the very best that the Japanese have cherished and developed these three thousand years. I believe, that through Christian schools this glorious task shall be accomplished.

"Japanese received Buddhism and Confucianism from other countries. But these religions now have more life giving power in Japan than in the countries from which they came. Europeans and Americans, though they have been Christians for some centuries, have not succeeded in putting Christ's principles into effect in international relations. Let us make it Japan's opportunity and privilege to put Christ's principles into the political affairs of the world. Through Christian education we will achieve this aim."

MISS CARVER MAKES TRIP FOR DEDICATION

Returns to Tokyo for Language Study

Kokura: Miss Dorothy Carver, the latest arrival from America in the Southern Baptist Mission, graced the dedicatory services by her presence.

Miss Carver arrived at Yokohama on September 20th and had scarcely settled in her new surroundings before she was initiated into the intricate ramifications of the Japanese language. But, before delving too deeply she found it possible to make a trip to Kyushu to get acquainted with those with whom she will be associated in the near future.

While in Kyushu she made a hasty trip to Fukuoka for one day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dozier at Seinan Gakuin.

Christians he found that there was something that he wanted. He wondered at first whether Christianity was not somewhat antagonistic to the best that there was in Japanese life, but as he studied he found that there nothing that should have caused him to think as he did. He recognized that he had heard too much about the Gospel but had not heard the Gospel itself.

Others of the faculty are earnestly seeking the way and they seem to understand more and more that the message is for them as well as others. The atmosphere of the student body is increasingly for the better. The examination papers in Bible show that there is definitely much of head knowledge, which is preparation for heart knowledge. About the middle of November the autumnal evangelistic meetings are expected to held in the school and church.

DEAN SUGIMOTO LEADS AND PROFESSORS SAKAKURA AND MARUOKA FOLLOW CHRIST

FUKUOKA: The day that Dr. Maddy made his second visit to Fukuoka after spending some time in China, Dean T. Sugimoto gave his life to Christ for His service. For many years a faithful teacher in the College department of Seinan Gakuin he had prolonged confession of his Savior. The Sunday morning of the week that was known as the Maddy Meetings he was baptized by Rev. K. Shimose, his wife's pastor, in the beautiful waters of Hakata Bay. Until that time he had always been friendly toward Christianity, but it was not for him.

His face is radiant with the joy of the fellowship with his Master. The boys in the college are eager to know of how, when, and where he made his profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. His life is telling in the hearts of many.

Before his baptism all but one of the deans were Christian, but now one feels a distinct fellowship of Christian brotherhood. In fact, he was not a full dean, because he wasn't a Christian. His title was Acting Dean.

Early in September two other members of the faculty joined Dean Sugimoto in the pledge of allegiance to their Lord: One was Mr. Maruoka, who is Librarian. He is a graduate of the College department and has worked as Librarian almost from the time of his graduation. During these years that have intervened he too had heard the glad tidings but had not heeded. However his confession was clear-cut and strong and his faith is firm. Another is Professor Sakakura, teacher of Japanese in the Middle School department. He has been in the school only for one year and a half, but through reading the Bible and the lives of

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SIGNS OF GROWTH

The dedication of the Rowe Memorial Auditorium marks an epoch in the history of Southern Baptist work in Japan. Through this significant service we can recognize that the native church is becoming rapidly indigenous to the extent that it can begin to shift for itself.

Since 1889 when McCollum and Brunson came as the first missionaries for Southern Baptists the Foreign Mission Board has had to provide for both the spiritual and physical needs of its Japanese baby. However, we can begin to see that this child has come of such an age that it can earn something so that the parent organization will not always have to support it.

Gradually we shall see this strength to provide for itself develop as the strength of this child increases and its body grows in numbers. We take hope in this initial step in this direction.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN JAPAN, WITHER?

President Tagawa of the National Christian Education Association in his Presidential address at the Annual Meeting's opening session November 8th. at Doshisha University asked this significant question, "Can we Christian schools show what religious education ought to be?" and followed it up immediately by the declaration, "If we can, we can move Japan."

Japan is at the cross roads in her educational system. Early in the Meiji Era the government under the leadership of the brilliant statesman Prince Ito decided that education should be devoid of religion. Resulting from such a policy we find the Japanese educational system leading the youth to a decidedly materialistic point of view. In such troublous times such a philosophy of life is destructive to the whole social order as an attempt is made to re-create it.

The Department of Education is fully aware of the dangers in the present policy, and therefore interested in introducing religious education of some sort into the present system. As a definite step in that direction a select group of religious leaders from all religions were summoned to the Department to discuss the problem. After repeated consultations plans are beginning to take form.

Some of the suggestions that were made are worthy of note. First that in the normal schools a definite course in religion be offered. Second that primary school teachers shall be forbidden to bias the minds of the children against religion. Third that the histories used in the schools be re-written to include a fairer point of view in regard to military achievements. And that greater use of biographies of great men be recommended.

It is true that the above items are only suggestions that have not been approved by the Department of Education, but never-the-less it is at least a move in the right direction.

It was in this regard that President Tagawa challenged the assembled delegates of the National Christian Educational Association to show in the next few months and years what true religious education ought to be. If this can be done successfully the future of Christian education is assured.

To such an end we entreat our friends across the waters that they will covenant with us to pray that these schools supported by Southern Baptists may shine brightly with a clear light that may not be misunderstood. A new day is dawning if Christians are faithful. We pray you keep faith with us.

THE STATUS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN JAPAN

Address Delivered Before Madry Party in June

T. Omura, M.A., Dean of Commercial Department
Seinan Gakuin College

1872 was the year in which the general educational system was established in Japan. Due to the praiseworthy administration of the government we now have a fine educational system in all fields. Progress has been remarkable in compulsory education. It is clearly indicated by the fact that 99.5% of the children actually attend the grammar schools. In the number of teachers and pupils Japan exceeds such leading countries as England and Germany, is second only to the United States in leading the world. The following statistics indicate the general trend of education in Japan.

Table with 3 columns: KIND OF SCHOOL, NUMBER, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, NUMBER OF STUDENTS. Rows include Grammar, Blind & Dumb, Normal, Higher Normal, Middle (H.S.), Girls Middle, Junior Colleges, Colleges & Univ., Profess. College, Profess. Schools, Higher Prof.

This remarkable advance during the last sixty years may be ascribed to the people's zeal for education and the able leadership of the government. Particularly is it noteworthy that the Japanese parents are eager to give their children some education. Thus, they ungrudgingly assign legacies which have been handed down to them for the cause of education.

In framing the educational system the government took as a model the French pattern of pedagogy and forbade religious ceremonies in government and public schools. It was the purpose of the government to lay emphasis solely on the academic side. Consequently, inspite of the zeal and effort on the part of the people and the government, a materialistic view prevail among the great hosts of people and the so called "thought" problem is greatly annoying the authorities of the country at the present time. With a view to correcting this one-sided education the government is seriously interested in adopting some form of religious education in the schools. In Japan there are schools run by Buddhists, but none of them are very influential. As shown below the number of Christian institutions are small, but their influence is great. Especially do we recognize that Christian Missions were were responsible for starting institutions for higher learning for women in this country. We can say without exaggeration that the uplifting of women in Japan is decidedly due to Christian influence. Statistics on Christian Schools follow:

Table with 4 columns: SCHOOL, NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, NO. PUPILS. Rows include Grammar School, Middle Schools, Girls Middle Schools, Universities & Colleges.

Due to the recent business depression, the financial condition of Christian institutions in Japan is extremely unfavorable. Consequently, to our great regret, not a few have come, contrary to their wish, to adopt such policies as to weaken their Christian influence. And as mentioned above, Japan has all kinds of educational institutions with fine equipment. In fact we could even say that there are too many of such institutions. In a country where there are so many well equipped schools it is meaningless to attempt to maintain weak Christian schools.

Japan and the world at large most keenly require men of faith today. Such men, however, are not being produced in ordinary schools in Japan. Therefore, a great mission of Christian schools lies in educating such men and women. If the training of men and women according to Christianity is not undertaken in Christian schools, it is like salt that has lost its saltiness. There is no reason for them to exist any longer. Christian schools are fully aware of this mission. Nevertheless they are compelled to take in enormous student bodies, and thus weaken their Christian influence because of their poor financial foundations. In the United States privately endowed universities and colleges with large endowments and perfect equipment are able to get superior students. But in Japan, contrary to the condition in America, private universities in general are inferior in equipment as well as the quality of students and teaching personnel in comparison to the government schools. Consequently good students prefer government institutions to private ones. Therefore a solid financial foundation is needed for all Christian school so that they will be able to accommodate just the right number of students in order to give the right kind of Christian education. It is absolutely imperative for them to be well equipped and have a first class teaching staff, equal to any government institution, in order to attract superior grade students.

There are two schools in Japan supported by Southern Baptists, namely: Seinan Gakuin and Seinan Jo Gakuin. The former consists of a high school and college for men, and the latter a high school for women. Both schools maintain comparatively small student bodies and are considered as among the most faithful Christian schools in Japan. Seinan Gakuin College, particularly stands out, as the only Christian College in all of Western Japan. Therefore its future is promising, though its responsibility is very great. It is the policy of the school to maintain a small student body, but this will not be possible if self-support is pushed on her. Nor will this be possible by asking the Baptists of Western Japan to support this, their educational institution, because of the fewness of their membership. We do hope that the brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention may realize that they still have a noble mission to perform in Japan. It is our sincere hope that they will render assistance to these schools with love and co-operation.

In spite of the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention started mission work in Japan not much later than other denominations, it is far behind them, as the statistics given below will indicate, as regards to its influence. I think that this situation is due largely to fact that Baptists have had little interest in educational work in the past, and have consequently been left behind by the others in the matter of training leaders.

Statistics regarding Various Christian Denominations

Table with 5 columns: Denomination, Yr. Started Work, No. Churches, No. Workers, Members. Rows include Japan (Presbyterian), Congregational, Methodist, Episcopal, Eastern Baptists, Western Baptists (Southern), Lutheran.

The following table shows the number of educational institutions that are sponsored and conducted by the denominations.

Table with 6 columns: Denomination, Theo. Sem., Univ. Colleges, Middle Sch., Girls Gram. Rows include Japan Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, Episcopal, Eastern Baptists, Western Baptists, Lutheran, Others.

It was in 1916 that Seinan Gakuin, which is supported by Southern Baptists, and working co-operatively with the Western Baptists, was established; and Seinan Jo Gakuin in 1922. It is 19 and 13 years respectively, since they were established. Nevertheless, both institutions have produced many able and earnest Christians in various fields. Eleven out of all the pastors now in the service of the Western Convention are graduates of Seinan Gakuin. Deacons in five of the leading churches of the Convention have graduates of the same school doing faithful work. Besides these there are many other laymen that are actively serving in the churches. Thus, these two Baptist schools are reservoirs, so to speak, of men and women who must carry on the work of the churches. Some people have a very pessimistic view concerning the future of evangelistic work here in Japan, but it must be remembered that Buddhism, which is the most influential of all the religions in Japan, took several hundreds of years to gain its present power, since it was introduced from China. It seems yet too early to jump to any hasty conclusion as to the future of Christianity in Japan when it is only 70 or 80 years in the country. Educating a people, (giving them a new culture), is such an enormous enterprise that it of necessity takes at least three or four generations. The fact that the Japanese people have great interest and zeal for educating their children, and that most of the leading educators and social workers in this country are Christians, we take courage and seem to see a great light and hope before us as we carry on the work of Christian education. May the Baptist friends in America pray for their brethren in the Land of the Rising Sun who are engaged in this work of Christian education, and constantly encourage them, and co-operate with them in, the establishment of the Kingdom of God in this country.

FORMER PRESIDENTS



MRS. C. H. ROWE



J. H. ROWE, Founder



MRS. G. W. BOULDIN

GLEANINGS FROM SEINAN JO GAKUIN'S HISTORY

Vision

For years the Baptist Mission of the S.B.C. felt the need of Christian education for women and often discussed the subject in Mission Meeting. From 1913 this desire was recorded in the Annual Report to the Foreign Mission Board. It reads, "When our Kumamoto Girls' School shall be a reality instead of a dream." The Minutes of 1914 read, "We are hoping to establish a first class school for girls, and are asking for two single ladies for this work." Under large headlines in 1916 we read, "Kumamoto Girls' School." "The burden of beginning this work rests heavily upon our hearts. We appeal to the women of Georgia and all others, who are interested in this imperative need, to make the sacrifice necessary to make this school a reality and a power in our work in Japan," writes W. H. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke. 1917 records "Kumamoto Girls' School, a star of hope still shining through the veil. A beautiful lot available." 1918 shows that mist begins to vanish. "We wish to express deepest gratitude to the women of Georgia and all others who aided in raising \$6,000.00 for the school. A committee has been appointed to make plans." In 1919 the location was the problem. At Annual Mission Meeting a strong desire was expressed to locate the school in the great industrial center of North Kyushu. But, with a hope that our Japanese constituency would feel led to establish a school in this needy section it was decided to go on with plans in Kumamoto. We see that 1920 brings about specific plans for "Our Girls' School." After careful study the Mission appointed a committee to find the best possible lot in North Kyushu, feeling that this location would give a far greater field of service. A resolution was made to this effect, "Resolved that we undertake to make our school for girls as good as any in Japan, having at least seven years above primary school and special courses above this." The promoting committee go on record with the following, "We the Promoting Committee of the Girls' School recommend to the Executive Committee of the Japan Mission of the S.B.C. that the plot of land consisting of two lots, one 1,200 tsubo for ¥20,000.00, and one of 3,000 tsubo at approximately ¥3.00 per tsubo, near Kokura, be bought for the location of the Girls' School." Land was bought, the committee consulted an architect. Grading, fencing, building, began. Mrs. Foy Johnson Willingham was asked to take charge of the school, but returned to U.S. for health reasons.

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SEINAN

Alma Mater of Seinan Jo Gakuin Sung at Dedicatory Service of New Building

Seinan, sweet Seinan, we love you, Castle on the mountain top so high in the blue Throw your lightbeams down the valley, over hill and plain, In the home send sunshine, tell of Jesus' Name.

Chorus

Honor to you Seinan; Honor, praise and glory be; Castle shining on the mountain, Lighting up both land and sea.

Seinan, awake, arise, put on your garments white, Gird yourself with armour bright and step forth with your light. See your daughters waiting round you; shine, yes shine for Him, Tell them of the Savior, how He died for them.

Maidens fair of Seinan, may your hearts be filled With love sent down from Christ who died for you and me, Till your goal in life shall be what God has planned for you, High as Hobashira, deep as Genkai blue.

NATIONAL PHYSICAL ED. WEEK OBSERVED AT SEINAN

FUKUOKA: Every year the week following the 3rd of November is known as National Athletic Week. On November 3rd the nation celebrates the anniversary of the death of the late Emperor Meiji with solemn ceremonies in all the schools. The remainder of the day is turned into a holiday.

Since this year Meiji-Setu (Nov. 3rd) came on Sunday, Seinan Gakuin could not have its regular meet. But the Middle School department had its program on November 4th. The College, however, postponed its program until the 7th. The type of program adopted this year is different from that which is generally carried out. This year it is suggested that each class with their teacher shall make an excursion to some distant spot and while walking together learn each other better. It is hoped that this will result in better fellowship between faculty and students and also among the students themselves.

LT.-COL. YAMADA OF SEINAN COMMANDS PREFECTURAL R.O.T.C. CONTINGENT

FUKUOKA: The Grand Army Manuvers to be reviewed by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan are to be held in the three southern-most provinces of Kyushu. At this time all the Colleges and Middle Schools of Kyushu are expected to send R.O.T.C. units to Kagoshima for the period of three days. The Sophomore class of 15 members in the Literary Department of the College are leaving for Kagoshima to represent Seinan Gakuin. Professor Teshima, one of the graduates who came back to teach in his Alma Mater will be responsible for the discipline of the group. Lieutenant-Colonel Yamada, who drills the students regularly has been chosen to command the College contingent from Fukuoka Prefecture. He has been connected with Seinan Gakuin for three years. This is a great honor to have this faculty member chosen as the commanding officer of this highest educational group.

SEINAN'S HORSEMANSHIP WINS CUP

FUKUOKA: Seinan Gakuin's College Riding Club wins Championship for All Western Japan at the Army Parade Grounds at Kurume. Out of a field of 12 competitors of collegiate institutions hailing from Osaka and Kobe to the East and Kagoshima and Nagasaki on the South-west the Seinan aggregation showed its skill splendidly. There a number of dangerous jumps to be taken as well as the straight-away course which were negotiated by the boys from South-western in perfect style.

The Osaka-Mainichi, one of the leading daily papers of the country, sponsored the meet and presented the silver loving cup.

hundred. Rowe memorial Auditorium dedication exercises are held on October 10-12. Great crowds attend. Two flags—Japan and American—have floated over the school for 13 years. The spirit of friendliness between the Japanese and Missionary teachers has been most beautiful. "My help cometh from Jehovah," has been verified in the history of Seinan Jo Gakuin. The teaching to the students has been, "Except Jehovah build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The constant prayer of the founder was, "Establish thou the work of our hands, establish thou it." To give Christ to all the students has been, and is, the supreme aim of the school.

EXCERPTS OF LETTERS FROM GRADUATES AND TEACHERS

Gleanings from President Hara's Correspondence

A RECENT GRADUATE

TOKYO: I have no words adequate to make my apology to you for my long silence. Thank you ever so much for the Church Bulletins that you so regularly send me.

The school which I am attending is very materialistic. Though I have been here one whole year, I do not know the names of my classmates. Our class teacher knows less than 10% of us, and when we meet about the school 90% are not recognized.

My friends in the dormitory have no interest in religion and particularly in Christianity. As a result, I suppose, I haven't been to church regularly.

Since I have graduated and left the school I have realized for the first time how dear my Alma Mater is. I am just like a child who lost its parents and realizes the value of having been protected and guided by the warm love of a father and a mother.

As I look back on the five years in Seinan Jo Gakuin I realize that those years were becoming the motive force in my life for these days to guide in the paths that I should go.

Out of the class of 130 girls who have gathered from all parts of the country, there are perhaps no more than 5 or 6 Mission School graduates. Even in this Pharmaceutical school these girls are different from the other girls. There's something gentle about them that can't be expressed in words.

FIRST GRADUATE

TOKYO: Since I left home it's not more than two weeks, but through God's watchcare over me I've come back full of pep and am feeling fine.

Before leaving for my trip I felt that surely Seinan Jo Gakuin would be so changed since I left, that I'd not know anybody, hardly, and there would be scarcely anything that would make me recall the days I was in the school.

Just as you had often said that Seinan Jo Gakuin was the spiritual home for all of us girls, so it is. I really understand the meaning of those words now. I also awakened anew to how fortunate we were to have such a spiritual home.

FORMER TEACHER

HIMEJI: How is Seinan Jo Gakuin these days? Mother has just gone to Tokyo and I am left with the maid. I haven't forgotten the school though I haven't written as I had hoped.

I often think of the chapels and remember with pleasure what they meant to me. Today is Thursday and it is the day for the English Chapel. I have taken out my English Hymnal and sang from it.

On Sundays I want to go to church, but my life has changed, and my home is far from Christian as I would wish. I realize the need for prayer more than ever. Perhaps things would change if I prayed more.

I think often of the teachers and students. But especially do I think of the 5B class and 3rd year Sunday School students. As I write, I feel that it was good for me that I was privileged to be at Seinan Jo Gakuin. How I long to go again and be with you.

I know that each recurring year that you have new teachers and your hopes for the school are continually made fresh. How happy and full of high hopes for the school you must be. Such happiness we had at Seinan Jo Gakuin makes one homesick for it.

I will try to write to the others later, but please give them my regards.



HELEN DOZIER New Music Department Head

WELCOME CONCERT FOR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Helen Dozier Returns to Take Post

On the evening of October 12th, Seinan opened the doors of her new auditorium to the public in a concert. The building was filled with a select crowd of music lovers, even before the hour arrived for the opening number.

The program of the evening was opened by the following brief address of President Hara: "We consider that our music department is one of the most important in the school. In the years past, this department has made an effort to uplift character through the spread of musical taste by means of public concerts. For this reason it is hoped that our auditorium may serve for this purpose in the future."

Miss Dozier was assisted by a chorus from Seinan Jo Gakuin, the Glee Club of Seinan Gakuin of Fukuoka, and Miss Amy Hinohara, a former teacher, but now at the Hiroshima Girl's School.

Program

- 1. Chorus Fifth Year Students The Dance of Spring.....Wilson
2. Piano Solo Masako Sakiyama ValseChopin
3. Chorus Seinan Gakuin Glee Club A. Zum OffertoriumSchubert B. Zum SantusSchubert C. Zum GloriaSchubert
4. Vocal Solo Miss Hinohara A. StändchenSchubert B. Kayano KiyamaK. Yamada C. Air "Samson and Delilah"Saint Saëns
5. Pianola Solo Miss Dozier A. The LarkBalakirew B. NovelletSchumann
Intermission
6. Piano Duet Emiko Kitajima Nobuko Kubo Overture "Resamunde" Schubert
7. Chorus Seinan Gakuin Glee Club A. The Night of FallSchulz B. Bell of Scotland C. The Wild Rose
8. Vocal Solo Miss Hinohara Lucia di Lammen moor...Donizetti Act 3 (Il dolce suono)
9. Pianola Solo Miss Dozier ValseMoszkowsky

PRESS COMMENTS ON DEDICATION

(Continued from page 1)

The new building can be seen from the car stop at the foot of the hill, and for some distance as the car approaches. Flying from the flag staff is the Japanese flag (a red sun in a white field) making one fill with pride when he sees it. The writer wishes to emphasize this fact because he wishes to dispell the wrong impression that many people have regarding Mission Schools. It has been said by unknowing and irresponsible people that the Imperial Rescript on Education is not read, and the National flag is not displayed in Mission Schools. The writer went particularly to the commencement ceremony of Seinan Jo Gakuin to see if there could be any foundation for such a rumor. But, on the contrary an unusually solemn, worshipful atmosphere prevailed in which both of the items mentioned were faithfully observed.

It is reliably learned that this specially built flagstaff was in the first plan of the new building. This is rather a significant fact. Though no one has asked that this be written, it seemed best that the fears of many ignorant people in this regard be dispelled for the good of all.

Some 10 years or more ago when a few small buildings were erected on the top of this hill with no road leading to it, the writer among many others laughed and made fun of such a choice of location. But now it can be noted that this section is becoming a fine residential section, and a road has been put through in front of the site. Indeed this is one of the very best sites for an educational institution anywhere in this country. Foreigners seem to be different in several things, and we are made to wonder, but there we must take off our hats off to them.

STUDENT IMPRESSION ON FOUNDER'S DAY

(Ed. Note. The first is by a Senior. The second is by a Sophomore. They are 18 and 14 years old respectively.)

I have seen the cherries blossom for the first time since I have entered Seinan Jo Gakuin. And how can I express the beauty of the atmosphere of the chapel services during these years? For four years I have seen my older sisters graduate, and how I wanted to be sent away with such honors as they have received. But, now it's almost time for me to go out from this beloved school and I have wondered within recent days whether I was worthy of the honors as my sister who have gone on before.

As I think back four years, I can well remember with what high resolves I entered these doors. But, during these years that have intervened I now realize that I have become slack in my endeavor, but I do want to once again resolve to do my best.

By the grace of God many of our elder sisters have graduated, and during the years that are to follow, we shall be among that number. When I think on that I realize that our responsibilities are very great. I want to pledge on this Founders Day that I will do all in my power to be of service to society and the Kingdom of God.

Last year at this time I was an ignorant freshman. When chapel time came I wanted to swing in the swings, and I didn't seem to know how to keep step with the crowd as we entered chapel. I can remember the times that I skipped the Morning Watch and the like. But, there are those wonderful times we had with the teachers in our social gathering—especially with our room teacher on the hillside talking about anything we liked.

When I entered, I longed to be with my friends who had gone to the government schools. But as the months passed I began to realize how very fortunate I was to be in this school. I believe firmly, and want to praise God, that He led me here and gave me such sweet, thoughtful teachers. Because English and Bible were strange subjects to me when I entered, I took particular interest in them and I continued to like them. Then we kept from getting tired of the same old stuff by having plays and concerts at different times of the year. How do we enjoy our class meetings with our teacher. We are always planning how we can make our class better.

As I look back over last year there are a number of things that I can well remember, but the most vivid memory is that of losing my school tam. Others may think it a very small, trifling incident, but to me it will stay with me all my life. I went up on the hill and looked for it—and the town below, and the hills beyond were blurred for some reason or other—whether it was the dusk or tears, I do not know. All my friends had gone and then two of the teachers came and one of them searched through the tall wet grass while the other comforted me. When I got home I told my parents and they were ever so grateful for such kind teachers.

Another thing that I shall not forget is that when I write seasonal greetings to my teachers they reply with such loving letters and tell me how I can do better. This makes me think and feel very humble.

Each day it's hard work climbing Mt. Zion with school books in a bag and the perspiration streaming down one's face, but when we get to the top the scenery is simply beautiful—especially at this season of the year. We want to sit and gaze out on the panorama, forever. Such things as these who would want to forget them?

Since I've become a Sophomore I feel that I know a bit more about the school, and want to study harder and do more for my Alma Mater.

COLLEGE WINS IN BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, AND RUGBY

Fukuoka: S.W.C. nine was victorious over the visiting team from Meiji Technical College by the score of 16 to 12. The game was batting practice for both teams.

Seinan's College Quintet is a member of the new Fukuoka College Basketball League and in the initial game of the season the boys managed to pile up a one sided score against the Fukuoka Commercial College to the tune of 46-14.

The College 15 in Rugby won over the Fukuoka Commercial team with a lopsided score of 33-5. And again they were able to vanquish the Kyushu Dental College by 41-0.

PRAYER ROOM DEDICATED

President Hara Speaks

Miss Kajikawa was the beloved president of the Y.W.A. in her Senior year. She was one of the most consecrated Christians that has ever gone out from this school. President Hara paid a beautiful tribute to her memory in an address on the dedication program, as follows:

"Matsuko's father wanted his gift to be used as a memorial to his daughter, but when he learned that the Y.W.A. was planning to put all of it into a room in the Rowe Memorial Auditorium he hesitated to agree to such a plan. He felt that it would be bestowing too much honor on her to let her memorial be placed within a memorial to such a character as Mr. Rowe. But we Seinan friends insisted assuring him that a room in Matsuko's memory would give added meaning and significance to the memorial in honor of Mr. Rowe."

"In this world there have been girls more beautiful in face, and perhaps more talented and clever than Matsuko, but none with a more spotless character. She was truly a messenger from heaven sent to us as a living example of humility and unselfishness. Her teachers and dormitory friends say she was never proud or vain, always putting others first. How is it that Matsuko could have made such an impression upon those who knew her best? I believe it is because of her beautiful faith."

"Let me share with you a glimpse of her very soul that I have gotten by reading a part of her diary. It was written at the time of the Y.W.A. Summer Camp held here at our school. 'For a long time I have waited for this opening day of our camp. I have given way to many temptations. It is with joy and gratitude that I now resolve to walk with my Saviour and put Him first in my life.'

"In her graduation album what do you think she wrote? It was the one word 'God'. God meant everything to her. She was conscious of His nearness. This was the secret of her character. When you girls use this room, made sacred through Matsuko's life and influence, I hope you will feel that it is truly a sacred spot and that you are face to face with God. May God become real to you!"

"Matsuko graduated as valedictorian of her class. She was able to pass the entrance examinations to college. It was her privilege to live in the dormitory enjoying the sweet Christian fellowship that prevailed there, while a student in Seinan. She was free to teach in the Primary Department at Sunday School and could attend the church services every Sunday. It is school that just anyone cannot be the valedictorian of his class or pass the difficult examinations to college. I sympathize and understand your feeling when you say that you do not have Christian parents as did Matsuko to encourage you in the Christian life. You would gladly serve in the church but you are not permitted by your family to attend even the church services on Sunday, much less teach a Sunday School class. Yet God knows and loves you. The Saviour is yours. He will give you as many talents or blessings as He gave Matsuko. But in that case He doesn't expect as much from you. Yet if you use your two talents as faithfully as Matsuko used her five, the Master will be satisfied. In reading the 'Parable of the Talents' I often think how wonderful it would have been if the servant with the two talents had made two and one half extra instead of two. His master was glad of course, because he had made the best of what he had. But if you will walk close to God, even though you meet with persecution in your Christian life, you can make these handicaps a blessing, and maybe your harvest will be two and one half talents, which would be greater in the Lord's sight than five extra talents that Matsuko was able to take care of."

"Matsuko was unusual in that she would pray in public. She felt it her duty and opportunity as a Christian in a group to lead on in prayer. She could do this because of her close friendship with God and with her fellow classmates, whom she was representing as she carried theirs as well as her petitions to the throne of Grace. What blessings are Christian friends!"

NEW AUDITORIUM DEDICATED

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body may be blessed—a spirit of true brotherhood through prayer. When we try to know God we are empowered to do many good things. But we see about us many who from their hearts do not wish their brethren well. This may be a very rude, abrupt way of saying a thing, but I sincerely wish that this true spirit of brotherhood may be the chief characteristic of this school though it may not measure up to other schools in other points. This far more important than high scholastic standing, though that need not be despised. This is true faith. My prayer during the long train trip was that this auditorium might be the doorway through which many students may learn of and enter into the Heavenly Kingdom.

"This district is known as Itozu. The meaning of the characters are 'Arrival or Put in' and 'Harbor or Port'. Herein lies a very deep meaning. 'Arrival at the harbor' or 'Putting into port' are very suggestive. May this institution do a great service to mankind by helping many to know how to 'put in at the Heavenly port' at the end of the way of life. And so may this building be an instrument to that end. May it help many to faith."

"As you will recall Jesus on all occasions caused faith to be exercised by those about him. Many people in the world today are willing to exercise faith when it is convenient, but whenever it becomes inconvenient they will lay it aside. Please do not be guilty of such fickleness, but please have a strong faith which will be willing to walk through fire if need arises."

"Sometimes it does seem that we are alone, but God the creator of the universe is with us if we believe Him. I rejoice that many will learn of this Living Faith in this building. Many think the way of Jesus is the way of suffering. This is a great mistake. Never was one more joyful than Christ. He was always exercising faith toward God and grew strong in it. 'To be a Christian is to have a life filled with a living faith. It is the surest way to real growth.'

"Years ago I came to this school and talked with Mr. Rowe. His name is the first letter in the word for laborer. We talked of laborers and how to work among them. As we talked I realized that there was a different kind of atmosphere on this hill. Before I left we prayed together that here on this hill that a new type of Japanese womanhood would be born and enabled to go out into society to change Japan."

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES



Kajikawa Memorial Prayer Room in Rowe Memorial Auditorium

MISS UMENE Y.W.A. PRESIDENT ACCEPTS PRAYER ROOM

Expresses Desire That Room Will Increase Spirituality in School

In our prayers we had looked forward with joy at the daily progress we saw on the new building which is rapidly nearing completion. How we had dreamed of the Dedication. We can not express the mingled feelings which were ours at being allowed to be present at the service. But, we of the Y.W.A. have a deeper joy of being presented a PRAYER ROOM. This room is given to us by the father of our elder sister Matsuko Kajikawa who has gone to her reward to perpetuate her memory and with a wish that the spirit of prayer and devotion which his daughter had.

Though Matsuko San cannot be a school-fellow of ours she was as President Hara has just said such a pure and beautiful character. She was a leader in our Y.M.A. and was prominent in all the life of the school. And now how can we find words sufficient to give thanks for such a beautiful and meaningful room!

When we silently open the door and step into the room there comes over us a calmness and purity of spirit which prepares us for worship. We are so environed that it's natural to pray. We want to pray of our own accord. Even as Matsuko San must have prayed in the past so we feel that she is interceding for us now. We feel that she would smile on each of us as we entered the room and ask us to go deeper in our faith in her God and ours.

Hereafter we feel that God wants many girls to enter this room to learn of Him in the same loving spirit with which Matsuko San loved Him. May all of us of the Y.W.A. follow God more nearly and become strong, pure, true personalities. May we revere the beautifully winsome character which Matsuko San has left to us and follow in her footsteps.

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Pastor Miyoshi Leads in Religious Work of School

Mt. Zion Baptist Church is the center of the religious life of Seinan Jo Gakuin, with T. Miyoshi, the pastor, virtually the religious director of the school. There is a membership of nearly 100 of which number 20 are teachers and 80 students. The morning worship service is attended by nearly 180 persons. The evening services consist of only the dormitory girls and the members of the faculty living on the hill or nearby. The mid-week Prayer Service attended by about 40 persons is held every Thursday morning in the missionary residence.

Each Sunday morning from eight-thirty there is a Sunday School for the children of the neighborhood who come from families working on the farms and in factories. One of the teachers in the school acts as superintendent and the fourth and fifth year girls serve as teachers for about 70 children. The Sunday School is gradually giving opportunities for work among the older people in the neighborhood. Visiting in the homes and leaving tracts is also a helpful means for approaching the parents of the children.

At nine-thirty the Seinan Jo Gakuin girls assemble for worship and Sunday School. The order is somewhat different from that of other churches in other parts of the Western Convention. The church service begins and the main part including the sermon is held before breaking up into classes. After the class period all re-assemble for the remainder of the service and reports. The pastor has a class of third year girls training them to become teachers. President Hara teaches the adult Bible class.

Each year there is an evangelistic campaign known as the Rowe Memorial Evangelistic Week. During last year one teacher and fifty girls were baptized into this church. During Dedication Week for the auditorium two girls were baptized.

Perhaps the Y.W.A. is the strongest single organization of the church. There are 230 members in this organization. There is the regular monthly meeting to which most of that number gather. It is through this arm of the church life that much of the different types of service are carried out. The girls like to take old clothes and food to the needy, serve as Sunday School teachers, teach at the Good Will Center in Tobata, the neighboring city, help in the church schools in Yawata and Kokura, and to edit a mimeographed sheet telling of the religious progress on the hill, through their contributions they have bought books for a lending library which is now kept in the new Prayer Room in the Rowe Memorial Auditorium.

The W.M.S. has 23 members consisting chiefly of teachers and teachers' wives. This is indeed a splendid group of soul winners. They too help in the work of the Good Will Center through various means. They help the girls in the Y.W.A. work.

Though the church has not yet been able to have a building of its own, funds are being collected for the same from some time back. The new auditorium is being used for the morning worship on Sunday, but the other services are held in the missionary residence.

Of the monthly budget of ¥130.00 twenty yen is designated to be given to Home Missions. And, it was just last year that this church became independent.

Flower Day, Mother's Day, Christmas and such special occasions are utilized to visit the poor and needy and those in hospitals and in prison.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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The building is most substantial, as well as beautiful, being both fire-proof and earthquake-proof. Southern Baptists have had for many years, a college and high school for boys, yet until now, they have provided only high school education for girls. It seems very fitting that Baptist higher education for women in Japan is to be made possible by the women of America. I know that you will love this college and pray for it as your very own daughter. This is a most critical age both in Japan and throughout the world. If we are to have world peace Japan must make her contribution. Women are very different from men. They are naturally peace loving beings. We must give our girls and young women true Christian education. We must Christianize our Japanese women if we are to train the children of our nation in Christian love and peace.

May God's richest blessings be upon all our Southern Baptist friends of America, and may we, in Japan, join hearts and hands with you, in the great task of establishing the Lord's Kingdom here and all around the world, in my sincere prayer.

ANNUAL Y.W.A. CAMP HELD

AUGUST 22-27

Fifty Girls Blessed

Vacation stillness was broken on the campus at Seinan Jo Gakuin, for the Y.W.A. Camp was to be held there this year, and the opening day, July 22, had arrived. In spite of the intense heat girls were rushing about arranging the rooms, decoration, making the beds, for about fifty girls were soon to arrive to spend five days together on Mt. Zion.

Two large airy rooms were made ready each with the fifty odd seats, one to be used for Bible study, and one for the daily lecture on Evangelism or Missions.

The gymnasium was decorated and arranged for social meetings, programs, games etc. The early morning prayer meetings were held under the arbor and the vesper services in some attractive spot on the campus, and one especially impressive one, down by the lake which suggested to us Galilee.

Miss Hinohara who had charge of the music and also helped with the Southern schools, and attended some of our camps, so she was able to put "pep" and spirit into the songs and yells just as we do at home. She even got things lived up at meal times, usually formal occasions in Japan.

The music hours were varied and very enjoyable. Records, camp songs, hymns and even Handel were included. But there were other things besides music and camp songs. Mr. Higasa of the Baptist church in Tobata gave the course in Missions and made it most practical and helpful. Beginning with the local situation, the girl in her non-Christian home and community, under the topic "Faith and Life" he tried to meet the real problems of the girl who after five years in the Christian atmosphere of the school here, must so live out that message in her own home, as to win them to Christ. Then he took the Y.W.A. in relation to the church describing our Baptist organization, relation to the American Board, effort towards self support, plans and goals for the year, speaking especially of the work and duties of the Y.W.A. The last day he gave the vision or dream for the next ten years setting up the goals. Not only must we win Japan for Christ, he said, but Manchuria and China.

The Bible study each day was given by Mr. Yasumura, now President of Osaka Bible Training School of the Northern Baptist Board. He also had charge of the vesper services, and by his music added much to the inspiration of these meetings.

Under the beautiful figure "The Beautifully Colored Garment" he set forth each morning some phase of the Christ-like life. The garment of Love, of Purity, of Righteousness. As Joseph received the beautiful coat of many colors from his father, who loved him so much, so we must receive from Christ a beautiful garment to cover our unrighteousness. The garment of Christ's love, dwelling in Christ's love, a love which is strong enough to win even the vilest to the good life. Mr. Yasumura now and then as he talked would sing a verse of some song, that would carry his message across in a most telling way. The girls said his messages were so full of meaning they had to listen hard, in order not to miss something; for so much was packed in.

The hour after Vespers spent on Y.W.A. problems and methods seemed to be especially enjoyed by the girls, who took great interest in the discussions talking freely of their problems and plans.

The picnic especially as we had watermelon to serve after the swim, delighted the girls as did the campfire and marshmallow roast, followed by Indian songs and games.

The closing meeting may best be covered by the report of the Conference, which appeared in "The Baptist."

"Brush cannot express the seriousness and the joy of that closing session. 'At thy word we will let down the net'—'in faith we will launch out into the deep.' 'Do everything in faith.' 'Believe in that love of Jesus who so often said the words, 'In my love.' Put on the Beautiful garment that Christ offers you, so that you may not be naked in that day. Put on the garment of love from the Father etc. Then Mr. Yasumura sang softly a solo and asked for decisions. Out of the seven non-Christian girls present, several of the Seinan girls stood out after another, and spoke of their decision to follow Christ. Also some of the Christians spoke of their doubts and failures and of the deep faith that had come to them. So in tears this most impressive meeting closed.

