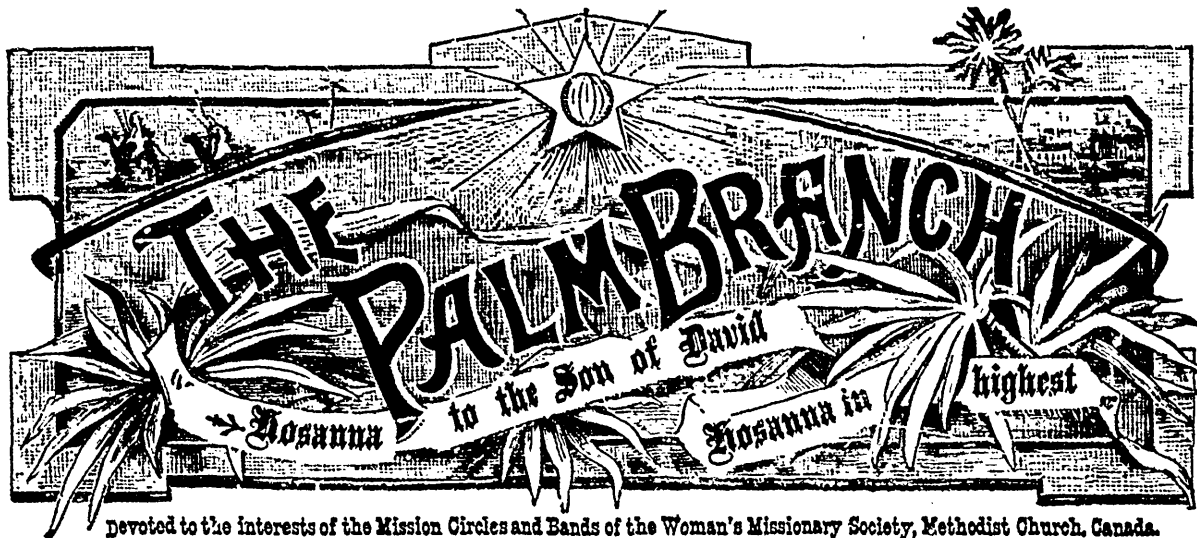


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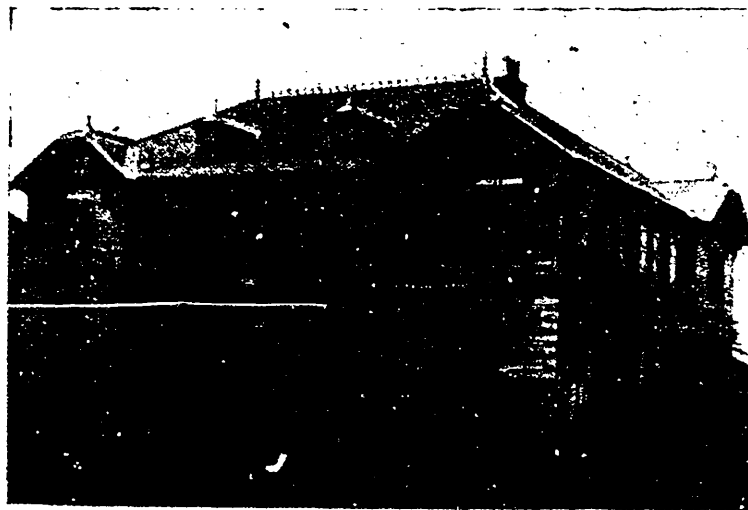
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THE school building that we show you this month was built in 1896. We only wish you could see the Japanese plan, as it lies before us. In the main building, facing you, and just behind the verandah (between two halls) are the reception room, on the right, and an office on the left. Behind these, and separated by a narrower hall, from which all these rooms seem to open, are two class-rooms. On the left side, facing you, are the foreign teachers' rooms — parlor, dining room, kitchen. On the right are two school rooms, opening off the hall. In the ell are the girls' dining room, kitchen, bath-room, and off that, again, the servants rooms. The verandah extends all along the ell. The stairs, back of each front hall, lead to the upper story in which are two rows of dormitories, separated by narrow halls. Indeed the whole upper main building and right side are composed of dormitories, for this is a boarding school, you know. "We are glad," say the missionaries, "to have so many boarders, for they come much more within the Christian influence of the school than do the daily pupils." In the ell, on this floor, are library and sewing room. On the left side are the foreign teachers' sleeping rooms, etc. We notice two wells on the premises.

"Our new building is completed, and quite an ornament to the city. The Japanese are proud of it, and seem inclined to take more interest in the school because of it. If it fills up with girls, and many souls are born into Christ's kingdom because of it, the money which has been so kindly given will not have been spent in vain. It was publicly opened on the 4th of July.



GIRLS' SCHOOL, SHIZUOKA.

Among the guests were the Secretary of State, to represent His Excellency the Governor, who was unable to be present, being out of town; the Superintendent of Education, the Mayor of the city, and several other high officials. Five girls received Japanese diplomas, and one — who graduated in Japanese two years ago — received her English diploma. The Japanese friends who assisted us, and who take interest in the wel-

fare of the school, pronounced the whole affair quite perfect. We have heard that it did much to break down the prejudice existing against us as a Christian school."—[Report, '96.]

Our new building is very pretty, and is most comfortable to live in. It has had the effect of drawing a number of pupils to the school. Forty-four names have been enrolled during the year, the largest number for eight years. Thirty-eight have been in attendance the