

3. *Financial Account.*—The duty and privilege of members of giving something for the support of the Gospel were clearly explained, and a general and regular monthly giving was strongly urged upon, and the result is that they now are willing to give regularly what they can. And not only the monthly collections were increased and are increasing, but also contributions for church enterprises, etc., were much increased. The whole giving during the year has been 95.45 yen, while that of the last ecclesiastical year was 30.99 yen.

4. *Death and Burial.*—A member by the name of Hayashi died of consumption on the 23rd of last January, to join with his first wife in heaven, who slept in the arms of Jesus seven years ago. Mr. Hayashi was baptized by Dr. McDonald, together with his first wife, mother, and two children, and received into the Church eight years ago. He lived at a place called Shimidsu, eight miles from Shidzuoka. A week before he died, as his illness became serious, I and one Mr. Yoneyama, a valuable steward of the Church, called upon him. He was then much cast down, as he was deeply concerned with the members of his family and his family affairs. But as we called upon him frequently since then, read some suitable portions of the Scriptures to him, sang hymns, and prayed for him, his faith became stronger and hope brighter. Two days before he died, I administered the Lord's Supper to him and his family, when he exclaimed, with very much brightened face, "What peace! what joy!" He slept at last peacefully in the arms of Him who conquered and destroyed death. It is interesting and thankful to note that his remains were buried according to Christian burial rites (our ritual) from the beginning to the last. This was the first time for Shidzuoka Church to do so, as hitherto the Buddhist priests always interfered and prevented from doing so. Before we parted we sang "Sweet by-and-bye" in Japanese over the grave. The scene was affecting.

5. *The Future Prospect.*—Our future is bright enough. Workers are wanted very much, as I am the only worker in this large field of labor. Some plan shall be devised to provide men, and we expect great things of the Lord in the coming years.

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A house and ground were bought at the best place in the town in the beginning of the year, and the church was removed there. As the new chapel is in great contrast with the old in every respect, the latter being surrounded with infamous houses, and bad people in evenings going and coming in the front street, women and girls are now free to come to the services without dread, and sincere inquirers are willing to come too, so that the attendance at the services has been considerably increased.

There have been 4,875 persons who attended the services during the year, the number of which having been 159, so that the average attendance has been a little over thirty at each service; while the total attendance during the last ecclesiastical year was 3,659.