

zeal. At present our membership numbers 30. Our meetings are held monthly, and we have found that the interest of our Circle has been maintained by having something definite to work for. Owing to Miss Welsh, one of our members, teaching at the St. Clair Mission, our efforts have centered there. Two boxes of clothing have been sent, and when their Church was being repaired we sent \$5, which we since learned bought the new pulpit. At an open meeting held recently, an address was given by Miss Whitfield, of Africa, which was very interesting and instructive. It is our present intention to defray the expense of educating a Chinese girl for three years. We feel that even our smallest efforts in advancing Christ's Kingdom have been blessed, and we are anxious that a deeper interest will be awakened in more of our young people during the year.

MINNIE CANTELON, *Cor. Sec.*

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR readers will welcome with delight the very interesting letter of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, with which we are favored in this issue. By its perusal we are brought more sensibly into touch with the work of our Society in that far-off land, and cannot but join in Mrs. Strachan's expression of thankfulness that we were privileged to engage in it, and that so much of success has been vouchsafed us. We are sure all our workers unite in the hope that our officers, during their entire visit, may be abundantly blessed, and enjoy a safe and pleasant return to the home land.

AZABU, TOKYO, *June 11th, 1892.*

DEAR MRS. PARKER,—In the hurry and fatigue of travel and sight-seeing it is difficult to find time or strength for correspondence beyond home letters, but a good steady rain to-day provides a favorable opportunity, and I have thought you might be interested in hearing something of the wanderings of Mrs. Gooderham and myself, especially in connection with the work so dear to us. Blessings unnumbered have been our portion, and nothing could exceed the kindness and attention of Christian friends, both Japanese and those of our own language. Mrs. Large and her associates have been untiring in their efforts to give all desired information, and to make our visit satisfactory and pleasant.

It has been a gratification of no small degree to visit and remain for some time in our schools both here and in Shidzuoka, witnessing the daily routine, hearing of encouraging incidents, or difficulties, as the case might be, listening to histories of absorbing interest of rescue and salvation both for this world and the next, witnessing the harmony and love among our Missionaries, their mutual respect and freedom of counsel one with another. The better we know them the more thankful we feel that God has been so gracious as to give us such earnest, consecrated and efficient representatives. The same, I am sure, applies to the ladies in Kofu and Kanazawa, whom we have not yet seen.

Our friends in Canada may rest satisfied that their thought, prayer and means have been well expended in this land; excellent work has been done, but "there remains much land to be possessed." There is only a light here and there even in this great city of over a million inhabitants, while numerous other large places, and uncounted villages, have not yet heard of the Lord Jesus Christ.

One very encouraging feature of our work is the holding of meetings once a week, and conducting of Sabbath Schools in private houses or in churches, superintended by our ladies,

and assisted by the Christian girls, who are thus being trained for future usefulness. Meantime many weary hearts are being comforted, and dark minds (concerning God) enlightened. Our girls teach in nine of these places in this city, some of them four or five miles apart, so that it takes the most of an afternoon to go to one. While a general education is being given to a certain extent, it is very satisfactory to find that the pupils are becoming so conversant with the Scriptures, having a daily Bible lesson, and thus the school is the preparation for the evangelistic work, and they are mutually helpful.

Soon after our arrival we were honored by a welcome meeting from the women of our churches in Tokyo. It was held in the Azabu church, a very neat attractive building on a hill near the school. About two hundred assembled; Mrs. Sabashi, the Bible woman of this station, presiding with grace and dignity. Miss Midzuno, who formerly was connected with our school, then delivered an address of kind and hearty welcome, and I could not but covet her fluency of language, as I did also that of Mrs. Kobayashi, in Shidzuoka, who performed a similar duty in a like meeting there. Mrs. Gooderham and I then spoke, as best we could through an interpreter, followed by an earnest and eloquent address from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa, so well known to many in Canada. Those present seemed quite interested in the work of our Society, expressing much appreciation of the work accomplished, and it would not be surprising if they should form a Women's Missionary Society of their own, there being a very large show of hands in favor of such a movement. The Japanese we find are not content to be receivers only, but as a general thing are liberal according to their means in supporting and extending Christian work.

In Kyoto we had the pleasure and advantage of seeing and hearing a good deal of the work under the American Board. Quite a group of buildings in a very advantageous position afford unusual facilities for carrying on various phases of mission work. The history of the Doshisha, founded by Rev. Mr. Nushima, is most interesting. The chapel, the library, the science hall (built and endowed by Mr. Harris of New London, Conn.), the lecture building, the hospital, the dormitories, all are very complete. The girls' school, where so much kindness was shown us, is also very interesting.

At Shidzuoka we spent five or six very pleasant days, quite a deputation of Christian friends greeting us at the depot on our arrival, and also coming to say good-bye when leaving. The prospects of the school here are very encouraging, twelve new pupils having been admitted this spring. Seven little Sabbath Schools and meetings are also being carried on as the direct result of the W. M. S. Miss Morgan and Miss Robertson are successfully carrying on the work, assisted by earnest Japanese Christians, some of whom have been trained in our own schools. Here we witnessed a very interesting sacramental service, eleven being baptized. The next Sunday, in Tokyo, there were five thus received into the church, two of whom were pupils in the school, and one was a servant, the whole household being under Christian influence.

While in Tokyo a very delightful day was spent, under the guidance of Mrs. Chappell, in visiting the Empress' School, and also the various institutions at Ayoyama, under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church U. S., both those of the parent Society and the W. F. M. S.

KOFU, YAMANASHI KEN, *June 18th.*

This city does not look very far from Tokyo on the map, nor is it when the mere question of miles is considered (being only eighty miles), but there are various ways of estimating distance. Leaving Tokyo before 6 a.m., on