

has been not one who has left the Lord, living; and among the members brotherly and sisterly love prevail and peace and harmony rule, so that we did not meet during the year with one instance of strife or unpleasant discord in the Church.

The male and female class-meetings are in good condition, especially so with the latter. The female members also meet once in a month for the object of studying the Scripture, praying and exhorting one another; and after the meeting they make a collection each time for the purpose of building a female school, or a church in future. There are two associations besides, the one of which is called "Bible Study League," and the members of the league meet at their own houses in turn. Its meetings are very profitable, in so much that the most of the souls added in the year came through the meeting. And the other is called "Society of Good Friends," and this is especially for the benefit of young men, to develop their religious and intellectual faculties through study of the Bible and lectures. The members meet twice in a month at the church, and this association is a very proper and important means for leading the young folk of our country to Christ. Though the present membership does not exceed twelve or thirteen, there is a great hope of future enlargement. We have a Sabbath-school to which a little more than thirty scholars attend each Sabbath afternoon.

Such being the state of the Church and her work, we may gather good harvests in future if the Lord bless us. M. KOBAYASHI.

KOFU.

The state of the work in this circuit during the year has been in the main very encouraging. Though we had not much numerical increase of members, the spiritual growth of the Church has been very satisfactory. The habit of keeping the Sabbath has become more strict, the class-meetings and prayer-meetings were lively, and the people became more willing and liberal to give for support of the Church and propagation of the Gospel. And also they became more earnest to tell the glad tidings to their neighbors by themselves. The young men, who are not many yet—only about six or seven now—formed themselves into a Young Men's Christian Association in the Church, and are trying to lead young men of the town, especially the student class, to the Church through the Association. They at present meet together in the chapel (Kofu) every Sunday afternoon, and study the Bible by themselves.

Religious interests were widely awakened in this "Ken" during the year, especially in its latter part, and we received calls to "come over and help us" from different quarters; but we are sorry to say that we could not comply with but one or two through the want of workers. We worked this year rather under many trials and disadvantages, one of which was the sickness, death, and eternal removal from the Church militant of Bro. Miyagawa. See his obituary. The more the work tends to widen, the more we feel the greatness of his

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