

itself self-supporting, was premature and rather misleading. This arose from the fact that he returned from his summer vacation only a few hours before the arrangement was concluded, and had not, before writing, made himself acquainted with the actual state of the case and with the amount of labor involved in reaching results so small.

From the time the arrangement was made Tsukiji paid about 12 yen per month, and after deducting, say, $1\frac{1}{2}$ yen per month for running expenses, the pastor, Mr. Sigi-yama, received the remaining $10\frac{1}{2}$ yen on salary, instead of 15 yen per month. He bore the deficiency. Of the 12 yen per month we, *i.e.*, the foreign missionaries, paid $5\frac{1}{2}$ yen.

This year we must raise about 20 yen per month, about 13 of which must be paid by us, so that, while Tsukiji will not come upon the mission funds, it is self-supporting largely at the cost of the foreigners. We wish to get the work started in Azabu. It will be in connection with Tsukiji. Tsukiji, thus strengthened, will, in the course of two years or so, grow into a really self-sustaining circuit. Until then we intend to carry it along, for to allow it to go back upon the mission fund would be a retrograde movement that would have a bad effect.

Taking the effort that was being made in Tsukiji for a text, I visited all the places in order to present the financial question. The brethren took hold of it, and have endeavoured to introduce a plan of systematic giving. The matter was also thoroughly discussed at our annual meeting, and I feel certain that the plan we are now working will give us better results than we have reached before.

There is a decrease in the amount of missionary money, but a real increase, so far as the givings of the native Churches are concerned.

We had a very pleasant annual meeting. All seemed to be of one mind. And though we had no great things to rejoice over, yet our hearts were full of hope, and the brethren enter upon the work of the year with the feeling that, as a mission, we are entering into an era of blessing and prosperity. May it be so. D. McDONALD.

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During the year we have not made any striking progress in the way of ingathering souls, but it is a matter of great thankfulness that there are evidences of much improvement of the internal spiritual condition of the Church having been made. As the membership schedule shows, there have been only eight souls added. Three persons slept happily in the Lord, with strong faith and hope, but there