



Woman's Missionary Society

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH.



REPORTS FROM MISSIONS.



1891.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

THE JAPAN WORK.

REPORT OF THE TOKYO SCHOOL.

It seems but a short time since I stood upon the threshold of the year, and wondered, somewhat fearfully, what it would bring to our school. Now, at its close, I look back and know God has been with us *every step of the way*.

Though our numbers have continued to decrease (the attendance has ranged from 110 to 85), yet we all feel it has been a *good year*. The Christian girls have grown in grace and in love to God and their fellow-beings. During the year three more have received baptism, and several from among the non-Christians have asked permission to attend the class-meetings, and are showing by their daily lives that they are truly striving to learn of and follow Christ. At the end of June there were only *ten* of our boarders who did not attend class-meeting. Of these, five are very little girls, and three others had been in the school only a few weeks.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. Large, and the withdrawal of Miss Maud Cochran from the work, the time of the foreign teachers has been very fully occupied, and we have through the year called on the older of the supported girls to assist in teaching music and some of the easier English branches. Very efficient and willing helpers they have proved.

You will see that, though the expenditures have been lessened, the native receipts have also decreased, so that we have been obliged to draw upon the Society's funds more heavily than last year. We hope and believe, however, that this will not be a permanent state of affairs.

May God during the coming year abundantly bless His laborers in the dear home-land and in the foreign fields.

ISABELLE S. BLACKMORE, *Principal*.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOYO EIWA JO GAKKO, TOKYO,

For the Year ending June 30th, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

	<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Sen.</i>
To Cash from Treasurer - - - - -	2,001	22
Entrance and tuition fees - - - - -	1,156	30
Boarding fees - - - - -	1,734	45
Music fees - - - - -	248	46
Embroidery fees - - - - -	45	50
Books - - - - -	79	39
Medicine - - - - -	11	51
Young ladies of Bloor Street Church - - - - -	62	50
Insurance rebate - - - - -	16	80
Sundries - - - - -	18	41
	5,374	54

EXPENDITURE.

By Supported girls - - - - -	Yen. Sen.	
School cook - - - - -	412	83
Medicine - - - - -	1,658	76
Stationery and postage - - - - -	37	83
Light - - - - -	24	27
Fuel - - - - -	79	95
Japanese teachers and matron - - - - -	193	50
Servants - - - - -	1,789	94
Printing and advertising - - - - -	250	30
Repairs - - - - -	47	93
Tuning pianos - - - - -	64	45
Books - - - - -	30	00
Taxes - - - - -	87	03
Insurance - - - - -	48	30
Police guard - - - - -	112	00
Sundries - - - - -	272	98
	68	59
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Cash on hand - - - - -	5,178	66
	195	88
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	Yen. Sen.	5,374 54

ISABELLE S. BLACKMORE, *Principal pro tem.*

REPORT OF THE SHIZUOKA SCHOOL.

In less than three months our school will be four years old. How many changes it has undergone, and yet, as I attempt to give the report for last year I feel how little variety there has been in the general work of the school. New pupils have come in, but not enough to fill the places of those who left, so that our attendance is seven less than last year; that decrease in a small school makes quite a difference.

I wrote you last winter that Miss Taito was to leave at Easter. We were indeed sorry to lose her, she had been in the school so long, and during the last two years her Christian example was felt by all around. But her health required a change. We had great difficulty in securing another Normal School graduate to take her place. It was June before one was engaged. She is not a Christian, but is an excellent teacher. May she, too, be won for Christ as Miss Taito was.

In May, Mrs. Takase, our translator, was also obliged to withdraw from the school on account of ill health. She required rest for some time. So you see we lost two Christian teachers in a very short time.

During my absence, Miss Hiraiwa, who graduated at Azabu last Christmas in English and Japanese, was a wonderful help to Miss Hargrave.

Last fall we introduced Japanese cooking into our curriculum, and while it has not yet been a means of drawing many new pupils, it has at least raised our school in the estimation of the people. We hope to give more time to both sewing and cooking next year, and also to add Japanese etiquette to our course. The longer I teach in the interior the more convinced I am that to make our country schools a success more prominence must be given to these subjects.

Eight of our pupils are baptized Christians; as many more desire to be; and all are truly interested in Christianity.

In November, the shareholders informed us that they could not any longer

bear all the running expenses of the school, so we were obliged to assume the salaries of the teachers in order to keep our school open. This will account for the increase of expenditure over last year. Our present agreement expires the end of October, when, we have every reason to believe, we can formulate one that will give satisfaction to both sides, as the Japanese are anxious the school should continue, and several influential gentlemen in the province have promised their support.

The entire rest from work during the spring term, followed by our six weeks' sojourn among the mountains, has restored me to almost my usual health, and it is with deep gratitude to my Heavenly Father, and renewed interest in our work, that I look forward to the coming year. Pray that I may day by day be guided by Him who has said, "My grace is sufficient for you."

F. KATE MORGAN, *Principal.*

ANNUAL ACCOUNT OF SHIZUOKA SCHOOL.

		INCOME.		
September, 1890-91.				
To Cash on hand	- - - - -		Yen. Sen.	
				14 25
Cash per Treasurer	- - - - -		611 24	Yen. Sen.
				<u>625 49</u>
		EXPENDITURE.		
By Supported girls	- - - - -		Yen. Sen.	
Policeman	- - - - -			80 35
Stationery	- - - - -			22 40
School servant	- - - - -			8 26
Books for school	- - - - -			24 00
Incidentals	- - - - -			35 99
Teachers	- - - - -			40 60
Repairs	- - - - -			351 00
				62 89
				<u>Yen. Sen.</u>
				<u>625 49</u>

F. KATE MORGAN, *Principal.*

REPORT OF KOFU SCHOOL.

Kofu is one of the few places that seem not to have been yet affected by the general reaction against woman's education. Indeed, the past year's work has been most encouraging in every respect, the school having grown, not only in numbers, but in the confidence and favor of the people. We closed in July with thirty-one students (all boarders but three), as against twenty-three at the same time last year—but this increase is over and above a loss of six during the year, showing that the growth has been natural; and, indeed, this has been the case from the beginning, for out of forty one students who have entered since the school was opened two years ago, ten, in all, have withdrawn.

The running expenses this year are a little in advance of last, the increase in fees not being quite sufficient to counterbalance the high rate of exchange and the addition of one to the teaching staff. But we are glad to be able to omit the item of rent from our estimates for the coming year, and thus reduce the amount by \$200.

The interest that the founders, and especially the owner, Mr. Shinkai, have continued to take in the welfare of the school, has been very encouraging, and our relations with them have been most pleasant the whole year. Only once, during the consideration of the agreement about the building, was there, for a few days, a very anxious time; but the difficulties were overcome, and now we are all rejoicing in the prospect of opening school in a fine, new building. When it is finished, I will try to get an account from the founders of all the money they have put into the school from the beginning, so as to give you an idea of what they have done.

An increase of one lady teacher is the only change that has taken place in the staff during the year. She asked for baptism shortly before Easter, but her parents refused to give their consent, and so she thought it wiser to wait for a time. There has been a very marked change in her since her conversion. The sewing teacher was baptized shortly before Christmas. The new matron, a Christian, who came last September, is a great comfort and help, in comparison with the former one.

There are at present nineteen Christians in the school, of whom five have received baptism; but of these, four were Christians when they entered. Of the seven Christian girls who have withdrawn since the school first began, three knew nothing of Christianity before entering.

The various religious services held during the year, have, in a number of instances, been marked by a special outpouring of God's blessing, and have furnished signal examples of the guidance and work of His Spirit. The half-hour talk with the little ones on Sunday afternoon has been to me one of the most interesting and inspiring. The daily students have attended on the Sabbath more regularly than before. The Literary Society and the King's Daughters Circle are both prosperous, and have been a decided help to the students in the pursuance of their daily duties, and in their Christian life.

The words of the prophet seem to express exactly our feelings in regard to the work of the past year, "I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness . . . which He hath bestowed . . . according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses."

For myself, at the close of this my fifth year of experience in the work, I would say, disappointments and trials there are, great and real, to those who have been here long enough to get thoroughly into the work, but there are also joys and pleasures too deep for words, and that cause one to feel, again and again,

"O how shall words with equal warmth
The gratitude declare
That glows within my ravished heart?
But Thou canst read it there."

S. AGNES WINTEMUTE, *Principal.*

ANNUAL ACCOUNT OF KOFU SCHOOL.

INCOME.	
September, 1890-91.	
To Cash on hand	Yen. Sen. 20 47
Cash per Treasurer	838 94
Entrance fees	28 00
Tuition fees	258 00
Boarding fees	731 56
Books	32 97
Wool and canvas	13 07
Sundries	2 76
	1,925 77

EXPENDITURE.		Yen. Sen.
By Cash to school cook	- - - - -	645 65
Light	- - - - -	24 21
Fuel	- - - - -	65 24
Repairs and furnishings	- - - - -	9 34
Stationery and postage	- - - - -	6 56
Teachers and servants	- - - - -	811 80
Printing and advertising	- - - - -	8 81
Entertainment expenses	- - - - -	21 07
Rent	- - - - -	204 40
Sunday-school papers	- - - - -	20 40
Organ (baby) and freight	- - - - -	36 79
Jinrikisha fare	- - - - -	1 20
Books	- - - - -	26 69
Wool and canvas	- - - - -	11 21
Sandries	- - - - -	32 40
		1,925 77
Total expenditure of school		Yen. Sen. 1,925 77
Total receipts from school		1,066 36
Deficiency paid by society		859 41
		1,925 77

S. AGNES WINTERMUTE, *Principal.*

REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The approach of another Annual Meeting makes one realize how time is fleeting, and the necessity of "redeeming the time."

As shown by the Financial Report, the number of women engaged in active work, or in one of our schools preparing for future work, is fourteen. One, Mrs. Luzuki, of Hamamatsu, has withdrawn, and one student has been dropped from the Tokyo school. All of the fourteen women save two have taught in the Sabbath schools, while seven are class-leaders.

The examinations held in June were, in some respects, *more* satisfactory than those of last year. The whole year has been one of marked growth in true wisdom to each Bible-woman.

In Yamanashi province meetings have been held regularly in seven different places; one weekly, one monthly, and the rest bi-monthly. During the fall and winter the attendance was very encouraging, averaging perhaps seven at a meeting. The silk season, however, compelled a rest. The work has been marked by an increased interest in the truth, and during the year by three baptisms. General meetings have also been productive of good, in creating an interest in Christianity, in bringing new members to the meetings, and in furnishing an opportunity for the sale of Bibles.

In Shizuoka province weekly meetings have been held in two places and bi-monthly in another. One of the weekly meetings had to be discontinued on account of the death of the owner of the house in which it was held, and consequent business troubles. New work has also been opened in two places, and the Sabbath schools are increasing in interest and numbers. The reports of the two Bible-women who labored in that district have shown that God was with them blessing their labors.

The work in Kanazawa has been so closely connected with that of the parent Board that it is difficult to estimate its results. Women's meetings have been held in two different places—a general meeting at one of the two places—and the Sabbath schools have been greatly aided by the united efforts of Miss Cunningham and the Bible-worker under her. Now we have a woman desirous of giving herself up to the Lord's work, and three others whose conversion may be largely attributed to their labors. Besides these, several Sunday-school scholars have also been brought into the fold.

Miss Cushing's helper has rendered no report as yet, but with that important exception the reports of the Tokyo Bible-women shew that over 1,900 visits have been made for the purpose of teaching the Gospel; that thirty-nine women have received baptism; that weekly Bible-classes have been held in each church, with an average attendance of six (the greatest average was ten); and that monthly meetings have been held in four places, with an average attendance of fifteen.

In one place the Christian women have formed themselves into a King's Daughters Society. The meetings, held monthly, have been marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit, while their first report is most encouraging. One special result of these monthly meetings has been this: the women study their Bibles more, and are, in consequence, better Christians. Three have been called home, and all left a grand testimony to the saving power of the Gospel.

When commencing the year's work, a friend in a letter to me said, "Remember, 'He giveth power to the faint: and to them who have no might He increaseth strength.'" I can only say the promise has been proven true, and now as I stand on the threshold of a new year, the conviction that the words "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established," mean just what they say, is stronger than ever before.

Yours in the work,

HANNAH LUND, *Evangelistic Superintendent.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC FINANCES.

		INCOME.	
		Yen.	Sen.
September, 1890-91.			
To Amount received from Treasurer	- - - - -	1,249	86.1
Balance from last year	- - - - -	13	21.5
		<u>1,263</u>	<u>07.6</u>
Balance	- - - - -	34	Yen. Sen.
		<u>1,263</u>	<u>41.6</u>
		EXPENDITURE.	
		Yen.	Sen.
By Tokyo Bible Women—			
Mrs. Toyama's support	- - - - -	54	50
Mrs. Kubr's	" - - - - -	36	00
Mrs. Hiyama's	" - - - - -	60	00
Mrs. Sabashi	" - - - - -	48	00
Mrs. Inomata's	" - - - - -	60	00
Mrs. Fukushima's	" - - - - -	21	00
Mrs. Nakazawa's	" - - - - -	28	00
Shizuoka Bible-Women—			
Mrs. Tshioka's support	- - - - -	61	50
Mrs. Sato's	" - - - - -	61	50
Kofu Bible-Woman—			
Miss H. Naito's support	- - - - -	61	00

By Kanazawa Bible-Woman—							
Miss S. Shimada's support	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yen. Sen. 63 10.5
Tokyo School—							
Miss K. Ito's support	-	-	-	-	-	-	44 10
Miss S. Inouye's support	-	-	-	-	-	-	39 50.3
Miss K. Ishii's	"	-	-	-	-	-	14 50
Miss K. Fugii's	"	-	-	-	-	-	10 50.3
Shizuoka expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	137 50
Kofu	"	-	-	-	-	-	102 00
Kanazawa	"	-	-	-	-	-	51 35
Papers and printing (general)	-	-	-	-	-	-	78 89
Books	-	-	-	-	-	-	27 80.5
Postage and stationery	"	-	-	-	-	-	14 00
Rikisha (Tokyo)	-	-	-	-	-	-	86 61
Evangelistic worker and translator (Tokyo)	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Sundries (general)	-	-	-	-	-	-	19 50
Xmas presents (general)	-	-	-	-	-	-	13 55
							Yen. Sen. <u>1,263 41.6</u>

HANNAH LUND, *Evangelistic Superintendent.*

YEARLY ACCOUNT OF GENERAL FINANCES.

INCOME.			
September 1st, 1890-91.			Yen. Sen.
To balance in bank from last year	-	-	77 87
Balance in safe from last year	-	-	474 18
Drafts on New York, \$10,500 gold	-	-	12,650 95
Bank interest	-	-	13 29
			Yen. Sen. <u>13,216 39</u>
EXPENDITURE.			
By Tokyo school	-	-	Yen. Sen. 2,001 22
Shizuoka school	-	-	611 24
Kofu school	-	-	838 94
Evangelistic	-	-	1,249 86.1
Ladies' salaries	-	-	5,636 49.7
Travelling	-	-	113 07
Postage and stationery	-	-	18 76
Teachers of Japanese	-	-	525 50
Furniture	-	-	129 42
Sundries	-	-	5 93
Kofu building	-	-	1,257 86
Books	-	-	27 60
Miss C.'s removal to Kanazawa	-	-	56 57
Registration of ten ladies	-	-	50 00
Total expenditure for year	-	-	12,522 46.8
Balance in bank September 1st	-	-	192 21
Total balance in safe	-	-	501 71.2
			Yen. Sen. <u>13,216 39</u>

NOTE.—On motion, the Council decided, "That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to add a foot-note to the financial account, stating that the grant made this year for the Kofu Organ will be drawn with the appropriation for new work."

APPENDED GENERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

	<i>Yen. Sen.</i>
Tokyo expense - - - - -	5,856 15.1
Shizuoka " - - - - -	2,291 65.7
Kofu " - - - - -	3,374 42
Kanazawa " - - - - -	947 95
General " - - - - -	52 29
Total Expense - - - - -	12,522 46.8

HANNAH LUND, *Sec.-Treas.*

 THE FRENCH WORK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRENCH WORK.

Having come to the end of another year, we pause to consider what has been accomplished, how far our prayers have been answered, and the hopes fulfilled that were entertained at its opening.

Two schools in Montreal have been carried on during the year, and two dissentient schools in the country have been aided by a grant. The school held in the Salle Evangelique, Delisle Street, has been taught by Miss Jackson, who has given great satisfaction to the Committee by her earnest, faithful work. There were 109 names on the roll during the past year; some only attended a few days. Part of the time the attendance was seventy, but the great amount of sickness prevailing during the winter reduced the average attendance to forty-five. Miss Jackson has been re-engaged for this year, and commenced with sixty-three names on the roll. In connection with this part of the work, Miss Anderson has been engaged as Bible-woman. From nine to twelve o'clock Miss Anderson has assisted Miss Jackson in the school, by taking charge of the youngest pupils. Her afternoons and Saturdays have been spent in visiting from house to house, and, as opportunity offered, reading the Bible, praying, or giving tracts to those she met.

In the east end of the city a smaller school has been taught by Miss Maynard. There were forty names on the roll, with an average attendance of nineteen. Miss Runnels, who has been educated in our school at Actonvale, and subsequently in the French Institute, is in charge of the school this year. She reports an attendance of thirty scholars. Mrs. Lamontagne is our Bible-woman in the East End. She visits daily among the French in this part of the city, has held mother's meetings, and in many ways tried to reach those who know not the truth.

The school at St. Theodore is a small dissentient school, assisted by our Society. Miss Berloz taught last year. Rev. Dr. Williams and Mr. Pinel visited the school, and were much pleased with the result of their examination.

A grant of \$50 has also been made towards the support of a dissentient school at St. Jovite, through the urgent recommendation of Rev. Dr. Williams, and we believe the money is well applied.

How far the seed thus sown has brought forth fruit we cannot tell. We believe our teachers and Bible-women have been faithful workers, and rest in the promise that such work will be blessed.

LOUISA MORTON, *President.*MARY ARMSTRONG, *Secretary.*

FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

The 30th of last April brought to a close a very pleasant and successful winter's work. We had seventy-eight pupils in attendance during the session, thirty-nine boys and thirty-nine girls. Nearly all were studious and attentive, and made marked progress during the time that they were with us. Three of our older girls prepared for the provincial examination for elementary diplomas held in June, and are now engaged in teaching, two of them in country districts and the other in a mission school lately established in the east end of the city.

Another pupil, who only left the Church of Rome a little more than a year ago, spent the summer as a Bible-woman, under the direction of the Rev. H. Benoit, of Rhode Island, formerly a pupil of the Craig Street Institute. She has returned to us this autumn, in order the more thoroughly to prepare herself for the work she has so bravely and successfully commenced. Although persecuted by the priests, and more than once expelled from houses by their orders, she did not give way to discouragement, but comforted herself with the thought that Christ has said, "Heureux aux qui sont persécutés pour la justice, car le royaume des cieus est à eux."

This session has opened with a fair number of pupils, forty-six being now in attendance, and others coming in as soon as their parents can spare them from the farms. There is every prospect of a successful winter's work, though we greatly miss the pupils of our advanced class, many of whom had been with us since our organization two years ago. Nearly all are now away, either teaching or engaged in mission work, and we have once more to begin with a very elementary grade of pupils.

By the kindness of our lady Directors we have a piano of our own this year, not new, but in good order and quite satisfactory for the purpose required.

There is great need for additional accommodation in the laundry department, and it is hoped that either the Woman's Missionary Society or the General Committee will equip us with suitable apparatus for drying the clothes in winter. The thoughtfulness of the Woman's Missionary Society has added much to our comfort in the Institute, perhaps most of all, in the covering of outside passages, last year. We trust that its kind consideration of our needs may ever be continued, and that we may be upheld and strengthened in our work this year, as heretofore, by the knowledge that many prayers are ascending in our behalf.

ISABEL G. MASTEN.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE.

INCOME.

To Balance on hand, Sept. 30th, 1890	-	-	-	\$502 63
Cash from General Treasurer, Nov. 26th, 1890	-	-	-	1,880 00
Interest from savings bank	-	-	-	27 77
Cash from General Treasurer, Feb. 21st, 1891	-	-	-	2,180 00
				\$4,590 00

EXPENDITURE.

By Cost of East End School	-	-	-	\$432 41
" Bible-woman, East End	-	-	-	220 00
" West End School	-	-	-	356 72
" Bible-woman, West End	-	-	-	210 00
Miss Berloz (special grant)	-	-	-	50 00
Miss Runnels, (special grant)	-	-	-	50 00

By Roxton mission, " "	- - - - -	\$14 00
Hymn books for Institute	- - - - -	50 00
Prizes for Schools	- - - - -	3 27
Furnishing Institute	- - - - -	350 00
Interest to Missionary Secretary	- - - - -	600 00
Institute expenses	- - - - -	2,000 00
Balance on hand	- - - - -	254 00
		<u>\$4,590 40</u>

M. W. TORRANCE, *Treasurer.*

THE CHINESE WORK—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

REPORT OF CHINESE GIRLS' HOME, VICTORIA.

No.	NAMES.		AGES.	TIME SINCE RESCUE.	
	Chinese.	English.	Years.	Years.	Months.
1	Bo Tsai	Sarah	26	4	..
2	Ah Lin	Lily	17	5	..
3	Sau Kam	Gertrude	13	4	4
4	Ou Yuk	Cherrie	28	3	9
5	Kam Ho	Mary	15	2	6
6	Don Choy	Daisie	15	2	5
7	Pat Moi	Carrie	23	2	4
8	Loi Ho	Jessie	11	2	2
9	Chun Fa .....	.....	45	..	10
10	Ah So .....	.....	20	..	10
11	Tsoi Lin .....	.....	16	..	10
12	Yuen Kee	Edith	11	..	10
13	Ah Kui	Emma	8	..	10
14	Fook Yue	(Boy)	6	..	10
15	Tsoi Kui (Ah Moi) ..	.....	15	..	7
16	Mrs. Ah Dick .....	.....	40	..	7
17	Ah Moi's baby boy *.	.....	..	..	..

* Born in the Home April 23rd, 1891.

In submitting to you this Fourth Annual Report of the Chinese Girls' Home, it is with feelings of gratitude that we have all been kept through the year alive and well, in the midst of comforts and many blessings. The above list will show you the number with which we have had to do during the year, but it is difficult to chronicle the various phases of the work. Five of the number have been married during the year, and all to young Christian Chinamen, except Ah So, and she was engaged before she came in to an industrious well-to-do man.

Chun Fa, and her boy Fook Yue, left the Home April 14th, with Ah So, when she was married. Mrs. Ah Dick left about the same time, returning to

her own home in Chinatown, the difficulties arising to Ah Dick and his wife through Ah Moi's rescue having passed away.

This leaves us with eight young girls and Ah Moi's baby boy, now five months old. All in the above list have been baptized except Ah Moi and the baby, and she has asked for baptism. Among the number are some truly Christian women and clever young girls, and we trust all will find eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus

Miss Cartmell has taken charge of the school work since January, and in other ways has assisted me in the duties of the Home. You will observe the generous donation of Capt. Powers, of Moodyville, B. C. He was interested in Loi Ho's (Jessie) rescue, therefore the donation. The rice is still given by the Hall & Ross Co., which saves the provision account about \$100. Other friends far and near still remember us. We desire through this means again to thank them.

We will close our report this year as last, asking that prayer be offered for increase of numbers during the year.

There are many Chinese girls in slavery in British Columbia whom we would like to have under the shelter of this Home. Pray to our Father for their rescue.

Yours sincerely,

ANNIE LEAKE.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHINESE GIRLS' HOME,

RECEIPTS.

September 30th, 1891.	
To Balance from last year	\$74 10
General Treasurer	1,340 00
Donations, Capt. Powers, Moodyville, B.C.	100 00
Donations	33 00
Sale of apples	7 50
	<u>\$1,554 60</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By House furnishing	\$108 84
Fuel and light	101 12
Provisions	210 07
Clothing	40 70
School	58 55
Repairs	17 15
Sundries	74 47
" Rescue expenses	47 00
" Marriage expenses	30 00
" Water rates	12 00
" Scavenger	13 00
Miss Cartmell, salary (for 13 months)	380 00
Matron, salary	450 00
	<u>\$1,547 90</u>
To balance	6 70
	<u>\$1,554 60</u>

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK FOR THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF CHINATOWN, VICTORIA, B.C.

This work has been pursued only at intervals, occasioned by the absence of one or other of the workers here, holiday seasons, sickness in the "Home," and other business.

After my arrival in the province and return from Port Simpson and Chilliwack last autumn, weeks passed before I had an opportunity, properly speaking, to visit Chinatown. The first date in my note-book is that of November 25th, 1890, when Miss Leake and Sarah accompanied me.

To-day there are not so many men who leave their stores to watch and wonder, as we pass, seeking entrance here and there. I am persuaded, however, every movement is observed suspiciously by some one. The most interesting visit we made that first day was in a store where two women resided. One of them had a baby boy and a little girl of eight years; the other had four boys and one girl of seven, all very small. What delighted us was the evident pleasure of the two women. I called upon these two almost every time Sarah and I went out together, until first one and then the other moved away—to be found after some weeks, as a pleasant surprise, in quite a different neighborhood, and apparently changed circumstances. Sarah, and, when she was married, Carrie, and I were welcomed till they began to bind the feet of the little girls, and until our attempts at rescue work alarmed the husbands.

The change was very marked, especially when we failed to accomplish anything by arresting a procuress who would not give us a girl who had appealed to us, with real or feigned desire, to come to the Home. The magistrate dismissed the case, because, he said, the woman's own admission could not be taken as evidence against her since it *was not given under oath*. Since then there has been other and stronger evidence that the authorities of the city do not intend to contend with the evil, consequently the *evil-doers* "wax worse and worse," are far more impudent and defiant.

One of the worst courts in the city lies beside our new Chinese Church. It is hidden from the streets by fine new brick blocks in front and rear, the old houses having been moved back. The ruined lives of white and black, Chinese and Indian, are to be found here, and some of our baptized people living within sight and sound.

Do you wonder if earnest efforts have been made to bring about a change? You would rather wonder if there had been none. Yet gentlemen, forcing the police to see, are rewarded for their self-sacrificing determination by the question, "What can we do?" "What can you prove?" "If we drive them away from here, they will only go somewhere else." Oh! for men who will consecrate themselves to God for political work, both municipal and provincial, for the salvation of the masses of our own Dominion.

Then, again, the High Binders, sharing in the profits and protecting this business, arouse strong opposition to anything affecting its interests.

The power of this influence we felt, when next we went our rounds after the police-court case already mentioned. Everywhere we went we were received with coldness, and the request not to come again.

The feeling was so clearly expressed in word and manner to Carrie (and so that I might understand it, without showing me too great rudeness), that I thought it wise not to go again during the summer months.

In August I began alone, cautiously. The power of resistance had somewhat worn off. But on my third visit to the mother and five children, whose little girl's feet, since spring, had been undergoing the process of binding, the door was significantly kept locked, though the husband passed through the outer room and saw me waiting. A very tender feeling came as I thought, "Is this how they meet the gentle knocking of the Holy Spirit at their hearts?"

I believe the women and children in many cases would be glad to receive instruction, if the husbands would allow it. My heart aches as I see the nervous, troubled look upon the faces of the little girls, who used to come to me with shy pleasure, and say English words as I would try to win them.

Of the twenty-four Chinese women, whose names I have succeeded in obtaining and whom I have visited once or oftener in their homes, I have seen eighteen this week. Out of these, and besides the five married girls from the "Homes," there are only three, perhaps four, others, where, now, I see a faint reason to hope I may be suffered to go, relying upon the Lord to work.

There are many women, and oh! so many little children in Chinatown. Numbers of them are of school age, showing the necessity of them being ready, watching and listening for the "Sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, and then bestir ourselves; for then shall the Lord go out before us." That time will surely come, and the Lord will give abundant fruit to the faithful sower and patient watcher.

Though my work has been so intermittent, full of weakness and defect, when calmly considered, the condition of things is only what ought to be expected. A good deal of thought has been aroused, and though opposition is the first expression of ignorant prejudice, knowledge of our true aim may result. Early in the year I sought aid from the Bible Society, asking a grant of portions of Scripture, the "Gospels" and "Book of the Acts" in Chinese for distribution. This was kindly and very cheerfully granted. Several hundred copies have been scattered as judiciously as possible. Pray that His Word may not return unto the Lord void.

We are not left without encouragement in the Chinese Sabbath-school, though it has not been thought best to encourage the attendance of the women, at one time desired.

We have attempted, though not succeeded, in forming the Christian women into a band for prayer and Bible study. Some are too busy, and the husbands of others object to their wives being on the street, and from home oftener than agrees with Chinese ideas of right for young married women. The women themselves do not feel their need keenly enough, and there is no use forcing things. It will be of more benefit when somebody comes who can instruct them in their own tongue. We have need of patience, till these Christian women know enough of the constraining love of Christ to be aroused to individual responsibility and effort for their friends.

From my heartfelt experience I pray, if the Lord sees best, that He will send us one for this work, whom He has prepared in the province of Canton, China, who will come among the people with a knowledge of themselves and their language.

Until that time comes, may His lot fall upon the right one to meet the present need of the "Home," and the work outside.

With deepened reverence for the work,

Very sincerely,

M. J. CARTMELL.

THE INDIAN WORK.

REPORT OF THE McDOUGALL ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

This year has been one of peculiar experiences in the history of our school, because of death, disease and desertion. We began the year with very few pupils, and as our quarters had been small and very uncomfortable during the past, and now the prospect of larger and more comfortable accommodation had dawned upon us, we concluded to not look for or receive any more pupils until the new building should be completed. This, largely through the persevering and kind efforts of Mr. Reid, the Indian Commissioner, was accomplished, so that in January we moved into the handsome and comfortable building we now occupy. Immediately upon opening the New Home our number of pupils ran up from nine to forty-two, and then our staff became too small and we were compelled to engage an assistant to the Principal, some one who could at times take charge of and work with the boys at the various occupations around the Home and on the farm.

In May, Mr. and Mrs. Youmans, who had held the position of Principal and Matron for the last five years, decided to leave this work, and it was not until the first of July we succeeded in securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who are now Principal and Matron. In the interim the assistants, Miss McKie and Mr. Graham, had their hands full. Miss Gussie McDougall kindly went to their help, and remained with them until the new Principal came.

In the past we had too small a staff, and all honor is due to Mr. and Mrs. Youmans and Miss McKie for the manner in which they labored under great disadvantage. Now we hope because of Government help, and also trusting to your continued aid and generosity, to enlarge our staff from three to five. We expect a Miss Whitelaw to come to us on the first of October and take the position of teacher, and thus with better accommodation and with more help we expect to do very much better work in the future, not that we have any reason to discount the past in any sense, for in great poverty and with comparatively little help, we began and kept on through the years, and had it not been for the noble help given to us by your Society, we should have been in great straits.

We still have a debt of \$2,814.36, and while we are steadily acquiring stock and implements and property, yet this does not cancel the debt. During the last three years in which we have had a surplus on income as against expenditure, we reduced our debt from \$4,679.08 to \$2,814.36, and it was only by the strictest economy that we created a surplus, as we felt the burden of debt and wished to be free again.

Under the circumstances I have had personally to assume all the responsibility, and this has been a constant source of trouble and worry to my family and work, and I trust that until this debt is wiped out your Committee will graciously see fit to keep us under your patronage.

Thanking you for past sympathy and financial support, and praying for God's blessing upon your work generally, I am, yours faithfully,

JOHN McDOUGALL.