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ABOUT PEOPLE.

Dr. E. E. Macy of Fla. is interested in a colony of Japanese settled in Eau Galle, Fla. E. M. Ohi is head of the settlement.

Miss Kate V. Johnson of Japan is in America on furlough. She will visit the Cunningham's soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. C. L. Pickett of the Philippine Islands expect to reach America on furlough in the spring.

P. H. Welshimer, Canton, O., announced Jan. 26 that the Yotuya Mission man would speak there within a few weeks. Canton is the largest church in our brotherhood, having a membership of over four thousand. They have five and five hundred in their Bible School which is the largest in the world. The Messengers were formerly teachers in this school.

Mrs. Lucinda Prais, Toulon, Ill., sends one dollar for the mission children.

Rope-holder Mrs. M. A. Cochran, Guntown, Miss., died Apr. 10, 1916.

H. V. Nicholson of the Friends Mission in Japan spent a day and a night with the Messengers recently and expressed himself as favorably impressed with the work being done.

A fine parcel of Christmas cards was received in Tokyo from Misses L. M. and L. J. Hofstetter, Erie, Pa.

Rope-holder Mrs. Jennie A. Smith of Des Moines, Iowa, died Oct. 36.

Mrs. Julia A. Nicol, Canada, gives ten dollars for the educational fund.

Miss Susan Bauerfeind of Tokyo, Japan, visited the Cunninghams Jan. 24-25.

W. J. Hastie, Provincial Evangelist of Ont., sends ten dollars and says, "I trust that soon all our missionary interests will have a place in our conventions."


Mrs. Julia A. Nicol of London, Ont., forwarded 100 dollars to the Thomas House, which has been visiting the Cunninghams since Jan. 15.

Mrs. T. E. Arnold of Fla. sends an offering from that state and says, "Our Bible School observed the "giving" service this year and we will never have another tree.

Unclean! Unclean!

Few of the 85,000 lepers in Japan receive any special care. Just as we volunteered for "the most needy field in the world," so we are seeking to help the most needy in our field. No doubt we have found them in the one and only lazaretto in Tokyo. They are about the most miserable looking creatures imaginable. About thirty are so badly decayed they cannot walk. Some have lost their feet. Few have usable fingers. Some are blind, bald and almost featureless. All are doomed to a wretched life and a foulsmelling death. We try to give them cheerful gospel messages, sing cheerful hymns (in which they join with more vehemence than melody) give them picture cards and try to keep them from brooding over their miserable condition. The concern of some of our friends here for our safety is not well founded. One who leads a clean life is in little or no danger of contagion.

The hope of the future lies in the children who are being trained in unselfishness. The Promise Christian says the return of D. C. McCallum, who is now in America on furlough, is doubtful. Mr. McCallum's family preceded him to America.

"I prize highly the Certificate of Life Membership," says Miss Amanda M. Everest of Neb.

LITTLE JOURNEYS.

A lively time was had with the lively church in Uhrichsville, O., where J. A. Canby meets. The C. W. B. M. superintended the stereopticon meeting on Saturday evening and the meeting was a success of it. Our colored slides of Japanese people and mission views never showed up better than through the Presbyterian lantern borrowed for the occasion. This church has a large band of tithers and they always have money for missions. Hope Class, taught by Mrs. H. M. Graybill of New Philadelphia, has long been a living link in our mission. They have a fine volunteer choir. The chief of police who weighs three hundred thirty pounds sings with it.

At Coshocton C. H. Hood leads a loyal band of hunters. One member of the congregation is a half brother of Isaac Errett. Another is Isaac Errett's niece. They know the story of the three Marys—Mary Ogle, Mary Morrison and Mary Graff—to whose efforts the founding of the church was largely due. This was the home of Judge Jeremiah S. Black who shares with Garfield the honor of being the most famous man "that have had in public life in America."

The new church building in Somerset is on the west we have in the state. Miss Eva Palmer's Bury Bees gave a reception on Monday night which was quite well attended. They sang Miss Carrie Hostetter's hymn, "Pray for Japan."

It takes thirty copies of the Tokyo Christian to supply rope-holders in Somerset.

Howoerts ville is without a mini at present, but that fact seems to have no effect upon the activities of the church. It was good to see a man and a woman unite in such a C. E. meeting as would put to shame those who claim that Christian Endeavor is dead or dying. Walter Scott Cook was absent from his post in Wilkinsburg because of too strenuous labors during the recent convention of their church building. Howard Cramblet of McKeenport presided at the morning meeting and took on the work of the C. E. meetings partly as a result of the Biederwolf union meetings then in progress. Some of them were reorganizations. F. E. Wynne, son of Mrs. Wynne, a member of Howoerts ville, is one of the leaders here. L. N. D. Wells and (Continued on Page 2.)
SPECIAL DIRECTIONS.

Offers may be sent by check, draft, express order, postal money order or registered letter.

Letters containing bank notes should be registered.

Send offerings and communications to

W. D. CUNNINGHAM,
Connelville, Pa.

YOTSUYA MISSION WORK.

Sunday School and evangelistic meetings are held in each of the ten stations. In addition:

First Church has the Lord’s Supper, Prayer Meetings, English and Japanese Bible Classes, Women’s Meeting, “Teacher Training” class and Y. M. C. A.

Second Church has the Lord’s Supper, Prayer Meeting, Japanese Bible Classes and Women’s Meeting.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Churches have the Lord’s Supper, Prayer Meeting, Sunday school and Women’s Meetings.

Evangelistic meetings are held regularly in the Leper Hospital.

The “Shepherd” is issued each month. Tracts are translated and printed occasionally. Moninger’s “Training for Service” has been translated and published and is now on sale.

YOTSUYA MISSION WORKERS.

Missionaries—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gunningham, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Messenger.

First Church—Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Poshiro Hoshio, Miss Matu Komuro.

Second Church—Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneosaburo Okuda, Mr. Sosaburo Yamasaki, Mr. Yasuo Satoh.

Third Church—Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Nikichi Hatanaka, Mr. Gichi Chiba, Miss Fuku Sato, Mrs. Toyo Kira, Miss Cho Katsuki.

Fourth Church—Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Sadatomo Okumura, Mrs. K. Mishima and Mr. Yoichiro Tatsuguchi.

Fifth Church—Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Manya Watanuki, Miss Tomi Hirai and Mr. Mikio Watanuki.

Yamashimoto—(Station Number Six)

Workers, Mr. Sosaburo Watanabe, Mr. Tunesaburo Okuda.

Azabu—(Station Number Seven)

Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Sadatomo Okuma, Mr. Yoichiro Taniguchi.

Taninachi—(Station Number Eight)

Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Manya Watanuki, Miss Kei Nakamura.

Tomihisacho—(Station Number Nine)

Workers, Mr. Nikichi Hatanaka, Mr. Gichi Chiba.

Yasazato—(Station Number Ten)

Worker, Mr. Jin Fukuda.

Industrial Teacher, Mr. Teiko Tanabe.

Printer, Mr. Hisshiro Matsumoto.

These workers are supported by the voluntary offerings of friends of the mission. None solicited. Other workers will be employed as funds will warrant.

We are the only missionary families living in Tokyo that has a population of 80,000. Surrounding us are heathen temples by the score—fox-shrines, snake-shrines, etc., etc.

FORWARDING SECRETARIES.

Any of the following will receive and forward offerings:

Chicago: Standard, Cincinnati, O.

Dr. J. B. Herr, Philadelphia, Pa.

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H. C. Ogburn, 500 W. Twenty Second St., Rich-

mond, Va., editor Christian Monthly.

Reuben Hutchcraft, 207 Grace, Toronto, Ont.

D. M. Bitar, 187 W. Straton Ave., German-
town, Pa., editor Kingdom Tidings.

G. M. Kirby, 56 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

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G. W. Gower, 575 W. Taylor, V. A.

T. J. Bull, Oamaru, New Zealand, editor Evangelical Messenger.

Little Journeys—Continued.

G. W. Knepper who ministered here in former years, are still hold in high esteem.

D. G. Strode is an Ohio man who the people there
tently took charge at Turtle Creek. This is a young church but it is already worshiping in its third building. The Westinghouse electric shop is in the rear of the church. This is the most intense life in Turtle Creek would frighten a Japanese hal
to death. The pictures and descriptions seemed to be much appreciated.

The joint meeting of the preachers of Greater Fitzhugh and Union C. W. M. was held in Braddock on Monday, Jan. 22. The Yotsuya Mission man was warmly wel
gowned and given a full hour to tell his story. The next few days from those who attended that meeting, he must have made a good impression.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

1916 was our best year yet. The new missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Messenger, did much to make it so. They assumed the management of the church and had a splendid year. We hope to make advances in 1917. The registration pictures seemed to be much appreciated.

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Our six evangelists and six laborers took an active part in the Three Years Evangelistic Campaign. Special evangelistic meetings were held in all ten stations. Many house meetings were held. Evangelists Okuda and Watanuki preached in post offices. There were 54 campaigns in Second Church, 10 in Second Church, 16 in Third Church, 3 in Fourth Church, and 16 in Fifth Church. This looks so poorly compared with the forty-two one millions we made in Japan.

All the churches are growing toward self-help. Two churches have more regular contributors. Can any American church beat that? For the first time in their history the churches all held special evangelistic meetings when any financial report was made.

As usual the evangelists attended a summer conference for the deepening of spirit-

ual life. The mission paid their railway and hotel bills. It was money well spent.

An average of more than a thousand people attended our thirty-four regular weekly meetings.

Education.

Moninger’s “Training for Service” and McGarvey’s “Studies of Acts” were the principal books used in the Bible School. No work of the mission is producing better results than this. It has been shown that missionaries can never evangelize Japan, we must depend upon trained Japanese workers to do the job. It is encouraging to notice that with better training Japanese workers have accepted the responsibility and leadership. We have a much better corps of workers than we ever had before.

Bible Schools.

A few over 1,500 pupils in our ten Bible schools—more than a hundredth part of all the children in Bible Schools in Japan—were given the blessed opportunities of the Christian life. Here lies much of our hope for the future. A veteran missionary says if he could choose between teaching in the Bible Schools and preaching, he would give up preaching. The World’s Sunday School Association says “it is not enough to be chosen to God by winning men and women. The children must be won or case is hopeless.” A teacher’s meeting (attendance not optional) was held every week in the mission home. Problems were discussed, the lesson for the following Sunday studied and the principal points emphasized. Yotsuya Mission Gideon medals were given to those who attended every Sunday in the year. The pupils enjoy the S. S. picture rolls and cards sent us from America.

Many Baptist Sunday Schools were formed during the year, and from getting farther on in their studies on getting hold of their children. Buddhism is on the defensive. On one Sunday 295 children’s declared their intention to becomers Christians. Harvest time is coming.

Support was withdrawn from two of our young schools because we did not report conversions from them. We refuse to pad our reports or endeavor the strength of our work to please anybody. We teach temperance. One child in Third Church Bible School, seven of age, promised to give up drinking liquer.

Mr. Messenger’s experience in the large

Bible School is the subject of a great benefit to us as well as to the school in Tokyo Union Church where he teaches a class.

Publication.

Tracts and Bibles were distributed as usual. The Tokyo Christian increased in circulation. It has not yet reached the ten thousand mark at but is growing toward it. One hundred sixty organizations use six to twenty-five copies each. The paper is sent to every one who helps the work.

April 3rd for advances on being steady executed. All receipts and expenditure were reported each month. As far as the work of the year can be ascertained, our income increased two hundred eighty per cent.

Our eighty-two page tract on Baptism has a circulation of 1,200 copies and is the latest production of the mission.

The Yotsuya papers are all in the office and have been cleaned up. All papers for publication have been pressed into use, and the rest has been returned to the mission. The work will be reported to the National Sunday School Association as a good text book for teachers.

Lever Work.

Our evangelists were preaching to the lepers. (Formerly one man was too much afraid of the disease to attend the lepers.) The visiting physicians of the world claim leprosy to be contagious. Most Japanese believe it is caused by the sin of licentiousness. (See picture on first
All our churches contribute regularly to foreign missions. In 1916 we received $560 annuity money mostly from friends who had sent one to three annuities before. All seemed pleased with the plan. We pay six percent to those under sixty and seven percent to those over sixty.

Among our losses were Selgo Sekikura of Second Church who went to South America, and Dr. Kyu So of Fourth Church who went to form the Christian College. Gerritse Mas, infant daughter of the Messengers, died Apr. 8.

Mr. Messenger preached in Union Church, Tokyo, and spoke of the missionary body in Karuzawa. Mr. Messenger was a guest of the Emperor Apr. 18. Two Americans, one in H. and one in Cal, offered to join the mission. Time will come when our income will make it possible to accept offers like these.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Rope-holder Miss Martha Knauber, Somerset, Pa., went to W. Missions to sell our Missionary Fund tickets. She had to track down a commission for the ticket money she had collected.

Mr. and Mrs. Page, missionaries of the Board, are back in the States, and are at present in New York.

**OUR PRAYER CIRCLE.**

I pray daily for the safe return of our work. G. W. Ogden, W. Va.

May God raise up many contributors to our work. Z. H. Holroyd, Ohio.

We pray for you and Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. A. E. Perisho, Ill.

I pray in hope for your work.

Mrs. Dollie S. Weed, Md.

We pray for you daily.

Alfred Barber, Pa.

I pray the Lord will greatly bless the work in Japan. W. W. Eastly, Ky.

With this goes also my prayer to the Master for you.

C. B. Bain, O.

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**TITHING CORNER.**

It isn't much we give to the Lord, but as much we hold back that ought to be given.

“I have shown you all things, how that by laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'” —Acts 20:35.

"Should ever give or pay more than one-tenth?"

Yes, when you can afford to do it without endangering your ability to produce a larger income. The right word to use until the tenth, God's tithe, has been paid. "Be just before your God." In other words, don't pay what you owe before giving anything. Giving or making free-will offerings cannot justly commence until the tenth has been paid.

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**THE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS MEETING.**

The Annual Christmas meeting for the Women's Yotseka Mission was held on the 22nd in the Mission House with 29 present. The meeting began promptly at 3:30 with the reading of the beautiful story of Jesus' birth found in the Bible. It was followed by a Christmas talk by Mrs. Slocum, the Bible Woman of First Church. There were earnest prayers offered by many present. The balance of the afternoon was spent in games, which all seemed to enjoy. Tea, foreign cakes and popcorn balls were served.

One social afternoon to women in a Christian Nation does not mean so very much to them, but it brings a great deal to the women here, as their social life is very meager.

Will you not remember the women of Japan in your prayers?

Mrs. Messenger.

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**THE DIGNITY OF LABOR.**

Christianity has taught us the dignity of Labor. The Son of Man labored as a carpenter for several years and He has taken manual labor and placed it upon a dignified foundation. It is not surprising then that nations which do not know of Christ consider labor as very menial.

The other day a young man came to me for work. He is a student in one of the large Universities. He was in need of work and wanted to use the Mission to help him out of his financial difficulty. As there was no opening I told him we could not use him at present. While he left here I remembered that I wanted some spading done in the yard. Thinking it would be doing him a favor, I offered him the work. He thanked me and thanked me, but said "That is Labor" and it would be impossible for him to do it. I then thought of how I had been using my way thru such work and glorifying God that thru Jesus Christ He had dignified labor.

J. F. Messenger.

"I am sending this to you but think that ought to go to Japan. May God bless you and all our work and that we are responsible for Mr. Messenger's salary and all other expenses of the mission."
WHAT THEY SAY.

John W. Augur, Ill. We are glad to get your Nova paper.

Mrs. A. E. Kennedy, Kan. Only wish it were more frequent.

Chas. D. Henley, N. J. Pleased to hear of the success of your work.

E. Mcmillin, O. I get the paper and read it.

Frank Lee, Ky. Wish I had the money of Carnegie and Rockefeller to aid missions.

George T. Jewett, Me. Glad to note that your work is prospering.

Chas. Dansie, O. The good reports from your work make us feel like cheer ing you on.

Miss L. M. Hoffstetter, Pa. Hope you may be able to lead many to find Jesus as their Saviour.

H. A. Spangler, Pa. We make good use of the T. C. by handing it to some of our members here.

H. C. Combs, Va. I rejoice in all your work and in every victory you achieve in the name of the Master.

Claude Stanbary, Can. Additional copies will be handed on where they are most likely to be read.

GET YOURSELF RECOGNIZED.

These are the words of a preacher who knows the truth. It is nice to have your help but does not dare so unless we get some sort of official stamp attached to our undertaking. This man is close kin to the line of God and His purpose and to the few who have blessed the work of a man who accused us of rebellion against constituted authority. We were beginning to believe that fifteen years of its kind had been an error to manifest approval of the Lord and the cooperation of many of the leading men and women of our brotherhood, had served to establish us as orthodox, honest and recognized, but it seems we were mistaken. One wonders who makes the laws that admit one mission to fellowship and exclude another as unworthy, even though the latter may be as successful and as faithful as the former. What is chosen is not always the one who is in the greatest need.

This is not to say that we should be evaluated by the number of converts alone. We know that the results of our work cannot be measured by the number of names added to the rolls of membership. We know that the work of the Lord is not to be measured by the number of souls won but by the spiritual growth and character development of the souls won.

The vision of a world where all people have access to the life-giving waters of the Gospel is compelling. It is a vision that challenges us to be leaders in the global mission effort. It is a vision that motivates us to give generously, to serve unselfishly, and to pray constantly for the guidance and strength of the Lord. Let us be mindful of the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel; if necessary, use words."