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In presenting this, our twelfth Annual Report, we much regret that we cannot, as in some previous years, record any case where special blessing has been received in the course of the year through any one of our publications. We trust, however, that our friends and supporters will praise God with us for the wonderful opportunities that He has given, and also for the large increase in our circulation. He alone knows all the result of this seed-sowing both now and for the future.

During the year under review, the American Tract Society sent us some help towards Publication Work. We have also to thank the Religious Tract Society for continued assistance, and also for an extra grant of £102.—.—for Special Work.

The past year is marked in our annals by the fact that Industrial Exhibitions were held at Fukuoka, Nagoya, and Maebashi; and also by the widespread special efforts made to bring the Gospel message to all the women in Tokyo and Yokohama. These opportunities for distribution brought us large calls for tracts.

The large circulation effected also makes the year a memorable one. In 1907, for the first time in the history of Tract Work in this empire, the Society, owing to the large number of tracts distributed among the visitors to the Tokyo Industrial Exhibition, passed the million mark; but this time we have exceeded a million and a
quarter. We regret, however, to note a considerable decrease in the sale of our own books. The actual figures for 1909 and 1910 are given below:

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During the year under review, the Society has paid for the printing of 4,500 Books and 1,244,000 Tracts in Japanese. In addition to these, we have, for the convenience of our customers, superintended the printing of 41,000 Tracts, 10,000 Hymn-Books, and 92,000 Leaflets in Japanese, and 1,600 Circulars in English, the total publication amounting to very nearly twelve million pages.

The books include a reprint of "The Practice of the Presence of God." This book was first published four years ago and we have since disposed of about 500 copies each year. A new edition of the first volume of "Edersheim's Old Testament History" was also issued, embodying a large number of corrections which the Rev. J. Hind, the translator, wished inserted. Entirely new translations were also published of an "Exposition of the Ten Commandments" and "Stalker's Life of St. Paul," both of which books had been out of print for some time.

Only one new book was printed by the Society during the year, the "Yearly Bible Calendar." This is a plan of daily readings, whereby the whole of the New Testament may be read through once each year, and the Old Testament once each year or once in two years. This book will, we feel sure, prove useful to many.

The tracts printed during the year include seventy-one separate editions, sixty-one of which were reprints. Of the ten new ones, four are by Brigadier Yamamuro of the Salvation Army, and were specially prepared for use at the Maebashi Exhibition, 40,000 copies of each one were called for. Three others, "The Strongest Thing in the World," "The Power of Jesus," and "The Relationship Between God and Man" were written in response to the Society's offer last spring of a prize for the best original Gospel Tract. Two other new ones, "Just a Word to Women" by Miss A. C. Bosanquet, and "The Door of Salvation" by the Rev. W. P. Buncombe were
prepared for use in the special effort that was made during the year to reach the women of Tokyo and Yokohama. Both tracts did good service, so much so that before the year closed we printed 10,000 copies of the former, and 65,000 copies of the latter.

During the year the Society also bought from other publishers 15,525 Books, 47,409 Tracts and 180,004 Cards and Pictures, these being required for stock and to fill orders received.

GENERAL WORK.

The following letters which have been received will, it is hoped, be of interest:—

From Mrs. Nakano, Ito.

Many of your little tracts have proved to be a great blessing. I'll only mention a few from which we have heard specially, "It is Nothing," The Boy Who Loved Truth Better than Life," "The Secret of a Happy Life," and "Born Blind." Many have read these little messages of glad tidings with great interest and have received much good. Many of our Sunday School children have, like the little boy in the tract, put their trust in God.

From J. P. Whitney Esq., Matsumoto.

Very many thanks for sending the booklets on so promptly. Have you any more in stock? I wish all the missionaries would buy and read them, they are first class. Last Monday, when I went to the barracks to give the officers their English lesson, I took fifty of the "Bouverie Series" with me to show them. They bought the lot and were glad to get them.

From Rev. H. V. S. Peeke, Fukuoka.

I write to ask if it may not be possible for me to receive a grant of selected tracts for my own personal operations. I expect to do a
good deal of preaching in rural sections during the next few years. I have found it desirable to call from door to door, leaving a tract at each house. In this way I can use several, yes many thousands, which I am not in a position to purchase.

From Miss Ada B. Chandler, Asahigawa.

Many thanks for sending the 3,000 tracts so quickly in response to my telegram. There have been many Temple Festivals here and in the neighbouring villages, and a great opportunity to give away the tracts and sell the New Testaments. The only trouble is to know what to give the children as their little hands are lifted so eagerly and so imploringly. Can you not arrange something for them? They are always first in a crowd.

At Asahigawa a preaching-place was found and evangelistic talks were given by Mr. Pierson and some Japanese young men through the days and evenings of the festival. At one place we went to, the Shinto shrine was brought right into the midst of the crowd that was listening to the Christian talk and was whirled round and round, scattering the people, and running great risk of crushing some of the children under the feet of the bearers, but no one was hurt. We kept on singing louder than ever, and as soon as the shrine rested, the bearers rushed back to get some of the tracts. The Shinto priests stood by in their gorgeous robes watching the effect. But all that we Christians can do seems but a drop of good in the great sea of life, and I should soon be quite discouraged were it not for the promise, "My word shall not return unto Me void."

The following account shows how much a small Tokyo shop keeper values one of our One Sen Tracts:—

Some months ago, a member of one of the churches in Tokyo received a copy of "God's Ladder," one of our tracts. On looking it over and trying to read it he found many words and characters which he, an ignorant man could not understand the meaning of. These he marked with red ink and lost no time in looking up in a
dictionary. He then read and re-read the tract again and again, going over it clause by clause until he knew it all by heart from cover to cover. By this time it was beginning to fall to pieces, but he still made a point of taking it with him wherever he went. At length, realizing that such usage would soon destroy it, he thought of asking some one to write out a copy for him to carry about so that he might leave the precious original safely at home. What was his joy, therefore, when some one chanced to give him a fresh copy of the same tract!

SPECIAL WORK.

Early in the spring we learned that Industrial Exhibitions were to be held at Fukuoka, Nagoya and Maebashi, and also that plans were being made for a special effort to reach all the women in Tokyo and Yokohama. In response to our appeal, the Religious Tract Society most kindly made us a special grant of £102.—.— that we might take advantage of the exceptional opportunities thus afforded for tract distribution.

1. At the Fukuoka Exhibition.

The Industrial Exhibition held at Fukuoka in the spring attracted large numbers of visitors from all parts of Kiushiu, and many also from distant places. To reach these, special evangelistic meetings were held, for distribution at which several thousand tracts were purchased from us. We also sent 3,900 copies free, and should gladly have sent more had they been required. The two letters given below, refer to this grant.


On behalf of the various missions which are holding special
meetings at the Fukuoka Exhibition, I have been asked to make an appeal for a grant of tracts suitable for general distribution.

I trust you will be able to give us a good supply, as it is a grand opportunity. The meetings will go on for some months.

From Rev. H. V. S. Peeke, Fukuoka.

The tracts came duly to hand and were all distributed about a week ago. I should have applied for a second grant in order that we might keep up the distribution till the very last day, but it is not only the Israelitish king who failed to smite as often as he should have done.

We had a hall that would hold about thirty-five people on the benches and as many more standing. During the middle part of the Exposition, there were generally sixty or seventy people listening from three o'clock till six o'clock while four sermons were being delivered. All this time there would be a number of workers standing out in the street handing out tracts and inviting people to come in. Bibles and larger tracts were for sale at one side of the house.

I presume that 10,000 people have listened to at least the greater part of a sermon, and have carried away your tracts and also 20,000 other leaflets which we ourselves printed, while perhaps 2,000 other tracts have been given away by individuals.

We have made no effort to have cards signed, though we have given away 1,000 copies of a directory of the Christian workers in our territory. A number of instances show that a good many people have listened in a very serious manner. I do not care to go into particulars but we feel strongly that this effort has done considerable to push forward the advance lines of the Kingdom. Thank you again for your very prompt and generous grant.

2. At the Nagoya Exhibition.

Evangelistic work was energetically carried on all through the ninety days of the Nagoya Exhibition, beginning with March 16th and concluding on June 13th.
A joint committee had been at work for some time beforehand, a site rented, money collected and a temporary building put up. The various churches taking part were divided into eight groups and each group was responsible for two periods of five days each, while union meetings were held on the first five and on the last five days. As a general thing meetings were held in the afternoons only.

Official statistics show that more than two and a half million people entered the exhibition. Of these 66,000 entered the Mission Hall and heard the Gospel for a longer or shorter period of time. Many of these stayed on for after-meetings, and more than 5,000 gave in their names as intending to hear further. These were from almost all parts of Japan proper, and some even from Hokkaido and Formosa.

More than 300,000 tracts were distributed, some to those who entered the hall, but most to passers-by as they were being invited to come in. Much seed has thus been sown and widely sown. May the Lord of the Harvest grant that much of it may have fallen on good ground!

The following letters refer to the grant of 190,345 Tracts which we supplied:—

From J. P. Whitney Esq., Matsumoto.

No. 1.

I am wanting some tracts for use at the Nagoya Exhibition. I want to give one copy to each one who purchases a New Testament. We find this a very good plan as then they read both together, and the tract helps them to understand the Testament. I expect to sell, at least six or seven thousand Testaments.

No. 2.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in arranging the grant of tracts for me and also please convey my hearty thanks to your Board. I can assure you and them that I heartily appreciate it. We feel that this grant is the Lord’s provision for our need.
SPECIAL WORK.

No. 3.

We are still plodding on here and are glad to say that we are getting many inquiries from those who have bought from us. Among them are people from Hokkaido, Maebashi, Kanazawa, Nagasaki, Kobe and many other places. No doubt the tracts we have given away have greatly helped to bring the Truth before them, and we feel sure that much lasting good will yet be done in this way.

From Miss G. Weaver, Nagoya.

No. 1.

We can use any number of tracts in connection with the Exposition. The people by the thousand are listening to the truth and we seem to have a few earnest inquirers. Perhaps you know our methods of conducting the work. The first five days we all worked together. Since then the different denominations have been taking turns. We are to work early in May, and again in June. Thousands of people come in to the services but thousands more receive tracts which we distribute at the door or on the streets. I shall be glad to use any number of tracts you can spare. We need the prayers of all Christians. So far there are about three hundred inquirers. If we can only follow them up we hope that many may be won for Christ.

No. 2.

The work at the Exhibition is over and we feel grateful to God for all His blessings and to our many friends for the help they have given. Only God knows the results but they are safe with Him. About five thousand names are in the hands of the pastors. Some of these express real conversion while many others mean a desire to know more.

3. At the Maebashi Exhibition.

This exhibition which was participated in by Tokyo and fourteen of the northern provinces was open from Sept. 17th till Nov. 15th.
We supplied 113,400 Tracts free of charge for distribution among the visitors. The following extract is from the printed account of the work which appeared in "The Japan Evangelist."

Evangelistic work began on Sept. 26th and was continued until the exhibition closed. The building used for the services, was small but prettily fitted up, and capable of holding sixty to eighty people. Every afternoon and evening the gatherings ranged from fifteen to sixty with occasional times of overcrowding. One striking feature of these meetings was the steady sitting through to the end of the majority of the listeners. One felt he was in an ordinary preaching-place, so quiet and continuous was the listening. Altogether, over six thousand people heard different sides of Gospel truth, and about three hundred and fifty registered themselves as seekers after the light. A novelty presented itself in the shape of a children's meeting conducted every night by the man in charge of the building, and attended by from fifty to eighty eager boys and girls. They had their talk before the big folks came, were taught also several hymns, and last but not least learned together the Lord's Prayer.

We must not forget to thank the Japan Book and Tract Society and especially Prof. Wm. George Smith for cordial interest in our work and for the large numbers of tracts freely sent for distribution, nor must we omit Mr. Ishizuka, the man in charge, who not only did so well by the children but laboured in season and out of season in handing many thousands of these tracts and booklets to the listeners and passers-by.

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**EVANGELISTIC WORK FOR WOMEN.**

"The Lord giveth the word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host." Psalm 68:11. (R.V.) Special efforts were put forth during the year to reach all the women in Tokyo and Yokohama.

1.—In Tokyo.

The work commenced in Tokyo with one of the missionaries
who felt a deep and strong conviction in her heart that the time had come for a systematic effort to reach the women. As she spoke of this conviction to others, she found such a ready response not only from missionaries of all boards but also from the Japanese pastors that it was decided to attempt a systematic house to house visitation of the whole city with the special object of reaching each woman in the city in her own home. All who were consulted realized the difficulties of undertaking such a work and felt the importance of every step being taken in prayer. Much preliminary work was necessary. As far as possible each church and preaching-place was located, the number reaching 154. A map was prepared, so divided as to give to each church the territory immediately surrounding it, and the Christians of each church were asked to be responsible for taking a Gospel and tract to each home, and inviting the women to the special meetings which had been arranged for them. The money required for Gospels and tracts seemed at one time likely to be a difficulty, but different ones came quietly to the rescue and each church was left free to conduct the work in its own way, thus reducing expenses to a minimum.

Several thousand tracts were purchased from us for use in this work, and the Special Fund sent out from England also enabled us to grant 136,509 Tracts free of charge to the workers.

The following particulars in regard to the distribution have reached us:—

One day while the distribution was going on, a wealthy lady chanced to see the wife of one of her retainers reading one of our tracts, and inquired what it was about. The woman told her it was a Christian book and added a few words of explanation. The mistress said she had noticed for some days past a change in the woman's conduct and added, "You had much better take the whole household to hear the Christian preaching."

From Miss M. A. Clagett, Tokyo.

Your letter has just been received. As for the tracts you speak of to be given with the Gospels, I am sure all will be very grateful
for such a gift. I shall be very glad for any number you can give me. If I can carry out my present plan I shall have a small leaf of invitation printed to give away at each home on the mornings of the days when the special meetings for women are held.

From Mrs. J. K. McCauley, Tokyo.

The several thousand tracts given for the forward movement among the women were each distributed with a Gospel in Fukagawa, Tsukiji, Shiba and Okubo districts. They were all gladly received. I afterwards called a meeting for parents in my Shiba Day School, and out of ninety invitations sent out, I had over eighty families present at the meeting.

In my two Day Schools and one Kindergarten I can reach four hundred families direct and say each family consists of four people (a small average) in this way I reach 1,600 people with tracts. I give them out regularly three times a year, usually putting one temperance one and one evangelistic one together into each envelope. These envelopes, stamped with the school stamp and bearing my name and address are given out at the close of each term, each child being told to take them home to their parents.

From time to time I have also given many tracts to the Government Leper Hospital, where we as a Society do evangelistic work two Sundays every month, also at the Meguro Leper Home tracts are received with delight. Thousands have also been distributed at Ueno station to the people going out on the long trains where they have from twelve hours to two days on their hands. Also as I go back and forth on the train to school I usually carry tracts in my bag and find many glad to receive them.

May the promise, "My Word shall not return to Me void" be proven in a rich harvest from plentiful seed-sowing, and may these printed leaves bring healing to the nation.

From Mrs. G. Bowles, Tokyo.

As a Committee we thank the Japan Book and Tract Society
most warmly for the most generous gift of tracts sent for the Special Work for women in Tokyo.

2.—In Yokohama.

The work in Tokyo was well under way when the contagion spread to Yokohama, where in the spring similar plans were set in motion.

The semi-annual prayer meeting of the Japanese Christian women of Tokyo and Yokohama in May was made especially a meeting of prayer for this work in the two cities. The burden of petition on the hearts of the women was significant. Each one invariably besought the Lord for—what do you think? You would hardly guess, but it was for courage to do this work.

One of the chief charms of the true Japanese woman is her gentle shyness and timidity. The new conditions induced by modern civilization and the late war have wrought a change, making some bold and forward. But the majority of women in our Christian churches are still modest and quiet in their demeanour. With the customs of centuries still bound upon them like chains of iron, it was a tremendous innovation for them to go from house to house inviting entire strangers to come to hear the message of a new religion. Even our salaried pastors and Bible-women seldom do this, but wait for some little wedge of introduction before entering any home.

So they prayed for courage, and in the faith that it would be given they started out, going in the old apostolic way, two by two. We can only imagine with what diffidence they called out, “Gomen nasai!” (Excuse me!) at the first little combination house and shop, with which Yokohama streets abounded. How they must have recoiled when the master’s voice roughly replied to the proffered Gospel, “Irimasen!” (We don’t want it!). One little woman said afterwards that the hard receptions she had then received had made her resolve to thereafter treat politely every beggar, peddler, Buddhist priest, every one who might come to her door.

But the women all reported with surprise and overflowing joy that they very seldom met with a rude reception; on the contrary
the polite "Arigato gozaimasu!" (Thank you!) and even "Gokurosama!" (How kind of you to go to so much trouble!) sent them more frequently with light feet and eager spirits to the next door.

The women carried printed slips of paper containing a list of all the churches and preaching-places in the city with their regular hours of service and the added announcement of special evangelistic meetings for women. One of these was presented at each house, and as far as possible a Gospel and one or more tracts.

The distributors showed wonderful tact in the work, presenting the simple slip of paper as an invitation from the Christian women of the city to come to church. They were persuasive, too, saying of a tract or Gospel, "We do not ask you to believe it, only please do not throw it away without reading it." Their politeness made such an impression in some places that they were invited inside and even offered the cup of tea always provided for the welcome guest.

The following incident shows the tact used by one Bible-woman in interviewing the mistress of a Buddhist home, who was emphatic in avowing her faith and sought to get rid of her visitor by saying she did not want to hear about any other religion. But the Bible-woman held her ground, "I, too, respect Buddha and consider him a great and good man, but I have come to tell you of one who is greater than Buddha, of the one who created Buddha." At this, the woman seemed so much astonished that the Bible-woman was emboldened to go on to tell her of the one true God and of His Son Jesus Christ, and the woman listened quietly for fully five minutes.

A pastor's wife, the mother of a large family and a woman of natural refinement, and sweet, ready sympathy went to one house. As soon as the mistress learned her errand, she said, "As you are a Christian, I want to tell you my secret sorrow. I have a husband, but he has forsaken me for another woman. This has made me very unhappy. I cannot get over it but am always thinking about it and am just as wretched as I can be. Is there anything in your religion that can take away my misery?" The Christian's face shone as she told how glad she was to be able to tell the wretched woman that Jesus came to cure just such misery as hers.
One very happy worker said, "I have worked all my life for myself and have never before done anything for God. I am so glad to have this work to do for Him." She is a poor, uneducated woman and her companion equally so and blind in addition; but the two were so eager to give their report that they kept continually interrupting each other lest some interesting item should be overlooked.

This same eager interest was manifest on the part of all the workers whenever opportunity for prayer was given. Each woman had something definite to pray for, and consequently she wanted to pray and prayed with unwonted faith and earnestness.

Two beautiful buds of promise burst into bloom in connection with this work. One is that the time is at hand, even here in Japan, for systematic sustained efforts to reach "every creature" with the Gospel message. And the other is that the only way in which this can be done is made plain; namely, for every layman to preach, and for every Christian woman to be a Bible-woman. The spirit of union and co-operation between the different missions and churches was also most encouraging.

From Miss Anna B. Slate, Yokohama.

The 16,000 Tracts you so kindly sent us were divided equally between all the churches and were all distributed. Everywhere they were received GLADLY. In do not know the exact number of new inquirers at all the churches as the result of the work, but I believe it was nearly 250 in all. Last Sunday a woman was baptized at our church, the direct fruit of the meetings. I thank you for sending us so many tracts and can assure you that they did great good.
OTHER SPECIAL WORK.

The two letters given below are in acknowledgement of other grants of tracts which the Special Fund enabled us to make:—

From Rev. W. P. Buncombe, Tokyo.

The Whidborne Mission Hall in the Ginza, Tokyo, is situated in a very favourable situation for daily Evangelistic work. Preaching is held every night, followed by an after-meeting in the form of a Bible Reading. The opportunity for tract distribution is exceptionally great. The workers at the door giving tracts to those who pass as they ask them to come in, are able to distribute on an average 200 a night. For this purpose the cheap leaflet tracts published by the Tract Society are very useful. The people ordinarily gladly receive them and keep them, a few throw them away after just looking at them, but the great majority keep them. Besides those distributed at the door, a number are given to those who stay for the after-meeting. The tracts we use for this purpose are the larger ones, and we have evidence that they are valued and carefully read. Some of the tracts have a short form of prayer at the end, for the use of those who are wanting to seek God but do not know with what words to offer their first prayers. We have noticed that some who have become enquirers, on being invited to pray in our enquirers' prayer-meeting have used the words of the prayer in the Tract.

It is difficult to trace decision or conversion to the reading of a tract because there have been so many other influences at work, i.e. the addresses, and Bible-reading, and personal talks, but it is most certain that the tract is a most valuable ally; being taken away to be read at home it serves to deepen and confirm the impression already received.

We have been greatly indebted to the Tract Society, having received grants, from the funds for special distribution, of 42,525 tracts. This has been a most welcome aid to our work.
From Rev. F. O. Bergström, Tokyo.

Allow me to express to you my gratefulness for the 10,000 tracts you so kindly donated towards the special Gospel work at Mukojima this year.

During the ten days the cherries were in blossom, we distributed 46,000 tracts, sold 531 copies of the New Testament, and preached about nine hours daily to the untold masses. The tracts were distributed outside the shelter, and thousands were thus induced to come inside and sit down; and even in such reckless crowds we were pleased to see that there were many who set to at once and read the tracts right through, while many others folded them neatly together and put them into their bosoms; few indeed, appearing not to value them. Now and then one would stand up against a cherry tree and read the whole tract through, its very shortness being an inducement to them to do so. The better tracts, I mean those printed on the better paper, we gave to those who sat down on the benches, and to those who seemed to be more earnestly seeking to know of Christ. Nearly fifty persons came inside as inquirers, and were dealt with definitely; we trust with good results.

We also sent out 16,000 Tracts for house to house distribution in the province of Hida, a most out of the way place, and so mountainous that it has been called, "The Switzerland of Japan."

FREE GRANTS.

These are again less than during the previous year. They include copies sent to Japanese newspapers for review and specimens sent to possible purchasers; also 1,000 Tracts sent at his request to an ex-prisoner for distribution in Hakodate; 1,050 Tracts distributed in Tokyo; 40 Books and 102 Tracts given to Miss L. J. Wirick for use among former soldiers; 15 Books and 65 Tracts sent to a
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Christian Japanese for use among the patients in a Military Hospital on the West Coast; 36 Books given to Mrs. M. C. Whitney for the Akasaka Hospital Library; 5,000 Tracts granted to Rev. W. J. Callahan for village work in Kiuishiu; 3,000 Tracts given to the Salvation Army for placing in the Comfort Baskets they distribute at Christmas time to some of the extremely poor in Tokyo; and 34 Books supplied to Miss E. R. Gillett for use among the Railway men.

The two letters given below are selected from those received in acknowledgement of these grants:—

From Miss E. R. Gillett, Tokyo.

Very many thanks for the nice grant of books for our Railway Mission library. They make a splendid addition to our shelves and I hope will bring many a helpful message to the Railway men who may read them.

From Miss L. J. Wirick, Tokyo.

The grant of books and tracts came safely to hand. I am very much pleased to have them, and can use them in the work with good results, I am sure. Just this week calls for literature came from two places in the country, and I shall send some of these at once. Thank you very much for the grant.

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In conclusion we would ask our readers to put up fresh and continued prayer that both through the spoken and written word the Holy Spirit may be poured out on this whole empire in convicting power, and that He may also empower the Christian Church to buy up the opportunity of reaping this great harvest field for our Lord and Master.

Secretary,

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE,
5 Hikawa Cho, Akasaka, Tokyo.
# Cash Account of the Japan Book and Tract Society
for the year ending December 31st, 1910.

## Receipts.

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**Total Receipts: ¥15,163.58**

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**Total Disbursements: ¥15,163.58**

Audited and found correct. 
(Signed) W. P. Buncombe  
D. C. Ruigh  

Tokyo, March 24th, 1911.

N.B.—The Yen is equal to about 50 cents U.S. Gold, or 2/1.