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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1916

OF THE

JAPAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY

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In presenting this, the Society's Eighteenth Annual Report, we would again invite our readers to praise the Lord with us that in these strenuous and difficult times He has been with us throughout another year, and has graciously enabled us to send out so many printed messengers all over this empire.

In spite of this terrible war, the Religious Tract Society have, in addition to their usual grant, sent us something for Special Work. Our hearts have also been much cheered by gifts received from other friends in Britain towards our Special Publishing Fund. We have also to thank the American Tract Society for the help they sent us.

On account of the war, the cost of paper and labour has risen greatly. This has caused us much anxiety. Indeed, we closed the year with a serious overdraft, but this, we are most thankful to say, has since been paid off.

We much regret to have again to report a decreased circulation. This falling off is all in our own Tracts, and is no doubt largely due to the fact that we published no fresh ones during the year. On the other hand, we are thankful to note a substantial increase under each of the other headings. The actual figures for 1915 and 1916 are given on the next page:—
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During the year under review, the Society has paid for the printing of 16,500 Books and 610,000 Tracts in Japanese, and 1,000 Books in English. In addition to these, we have also, for the convenience of our customers, superintended the printing of 3,500 Books and 89,000 Tracts in Japanese, 500 Books in Japanese and English, and 1,000 Circulars in English. Compared with the previous year, these figures show a decrease both in books and tracts, the total publication reaching just over ten and a half million pages, or nearly two and a half million pages less than the previous year.

The books include seven separate editions, only two of which, "A Hundred Talks to Inquirers" and "Christ in All the Scriptures" were reprints. Of the new books, "Jessica's First
Prayer" now appears as an entirely new translation, the one we had on sale before being too old-fashioned to meet present day requirements. Two of our other new books, "Jessica's Mother" and "Charity's Birthday Text" are also short stories of the same class. With the kind permission of the New York publishers, we were also enabled to publish "Quiet Talks on Prayer" by the Rev. S. D. Gordon, a book which will surely be most helpful to Japanese Christians of all denominations. Our other new book, "The Traveller's Guide", has been under way for two years or more and we are most thankful to have it out at last. The call for it has been so great that the first edition of 10,000 copies is already nearly exhausted.

The book in English printed by us during the year is the Anglicized Edition of "Sandy Scott's Bible Class and Sabbath Nights at Pitcoonans." This we are confidently expecting will have a large sale both here and in other countries as it has never been printed in English before and the Scottish original for which there was a considerable demand is now out of print.

The books, the printing of which we superintended, consisted of four editions, all quite new. One of these, "Notes on the Acts of the Apostles" is by the Rev. Barclay F. Buxton, and one, "Notes on the Minor Prophets" by the Revs. B. Horiuchi and S. Oya. The other one in Japanese is a "Spiritual Hymn Book" compiled by the Rev. T. Mitani. The one in Japanese and English is Mr. J. Cuthbertson's book of "Classified Religious Phrases." This latter is having a good sale and is evidently meeting a felt need.

The tracts printed during the year comprise thirty-one separate editions, all of which were reprints. Among those the printing of which we superintended are "Three Great Facts" by the Rev. Barclay F. Buxton, and "Safety, Certainty, and Enjoyment" which we published for Archdeacon A. B. Hutchinson.

In addition to the above, two of our tracts, "The Power of Jesus" and "The Relationship Between God and Man" were with our permission published in two of the local papers at Morioka, each having a circulation of about 4,000 to 5,000.
During the year the Society also bought from other publishers 22,896 Books, 49,699 Tracts, and 325,857 Cards and Pictures, also 8,007 copies of "Living Bread" and 244,600 copies of "The Christian News," these being required for stock and to fill orders received.

GENERAL WORK

The following will doubtless be of interest to our readers:—
Miss A. W. Allen of Tokyo writes, "I am distributing your tracts as usual and always find them most helpful."

Rev. H. Brokaw of Kyoto writes, "It is rather difficult to trace conversions to specific tracts. I have had very few such instances myself, although I have been a great tract distributor for twenty years. Rather are the conversions due to persistent scattering. It is like on the battle line. It is impossible to tell which bullet from which gun toppled over the enemy. So with tracts, they are bullets, and we keep on firing them, and the enemy gets toppled over. Whether it was your tract bullet that was fired clear up to the top of the mountains in Central Japan or not, I do not know, but the bullet hit, and toppled over a school-teacher. After correspondence, special tracts and a good deal of investigation, he came 300 or 400 miles to us here in Kyoto, and we gave him further instruction. Now he is a baptized Christian and is teaching others up in his mountain home."

Rev. C. O. P. Cambridge of Saseho writes, "I have testimonies to the value of the translation of "The Traveller's Guide." Busy workers, of whom we have many here, value its brief, incisive messages. I do all I can to introduce it into the homes of Christians and enquirers."

L. W. Coote Esq. of Kobe writes, "Souls have been blest through the distribution of your publications. I know too of those who have been definitely saved by the reading of a tract."

Miss Florence M. Cronise of Nagoya writes, "Last year I was on trains and street cars a great deal and found so many eager
to get something to read. If I left a tract in my seat, some one would take it, often before I was out of the car, and often street car conductors would thank me later for a tract handed quietly to them with my ticket on leaving the car.”

Rev. E. C. Fry of Utsunomiya writes, “I am certain that the distribution of Christian literature is a real and great help toward definite results.”

“Working Together With Him.”

Rev. E. H. Jones of Mito writes, “A remarkable instance of the Spirit’s work in saving a man occurred in my tract distribution last year. I was sitting in a train, looking out of the window, when the whistle sounded and as the train was about to move, I saw a man running along the platform very much out of breath and looking earnestly for an open door. Though I well knew that it was contrary to the railway regulations I put out my hand and unfastened the door of the carriage in which I was. Thereupon the man seeing his opportunity rushed inside and sat down. When the guard came along and saw that the man was safely seated inside and moreover that a foreigner had helped him, he let him go. As soon as the man could get back his breath, he was very profuse in his thanks. I had already given tracts to the others in the car, but I saw that the Holy Spirit had brought this man into my way for special work, so I gave him some reading matter. On asking him if he had heard anything of the Gospel, I was glad to find that he lived at one of the places in the country where we have work. After giving him much instruction, therefore, I gave him the address of our worker and urged him to come to our meetings. He promised to do so, and the Lord so used the means which He Himself provided that the man was helped into the new life, and has recently been added to Christ’s visible church. This incident will, I am sure, be encouraging to those who sow beside all waters.”

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Miss O. Julius of Kure writes, “I have had a good many post cards with thanks for the prizes received for the Bible Searching contest, the prize winners seem much pleased with their books. I
think "**Christ in All the Scriptures**" is particularly suitable and acceptable."

Rev. H. Kuyper of Morioka writes, "Your two tracts, "**The Power of Jesus,**" and "**The Relationship Between God and Man**" which I had printed in two of the local papers, each having a circulation of about 4,000 to 5,000, ran through thirty-three issues of the two papers. As a result of these articles I got fourteen requests for Christian literature from people who wished to study further. They are mostly from country towns and villages and would be very difficult to reach in the ordinary way. I have their names still on my lists and am continuing to send them literature."

Mrs. J. M. McCauley of Tokyo writes, "I want to give you just a little glimpse of the many places in which your splendid tracts are helping to spread the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yesterday I had a school closing at which over a hundred parents were present, and each one of them got a tract. The preacher who gave the address said, 'I too want one, I get help to preach from every tract I read. Only two days before, I had given out over eighty at another school closing, and a day or two before that, fifty-six at a Mothers' Meeting, and 120 at a Christian Endeavour Meeting."

"At New Year the workers in a Tobacco Factory near my home were given 3,000, this being the only possible way as yet of reaching them. The City Poor-House received 1,200 copies. This meant only a single tract to each inmate, but a great variety were given and they agreed to exchange so that each one might get to read all. I did up five parcels of splendid tracts by Mr. Wm. George Smith to be given together with calendars to the highest officials, and received a letter of thanks from the head of the Institution. Two Leper Homes received 800 copies. I have also distributed many hundred copies either while waiting at stations or as I travelled on cars."

"Early in December I sent two large parcels of tracts over to the San Francisco Emigrant Station on Angel Island. When I visited that station during one of my furloughs, I noticed the lack of suitable literature for giving to the people who were detained"
there, some of them perhaps for a prolonged period. The place itself and the feeling of loneliness about it, would it seemed to me make the hearts of any there in a receptive mood, so that the printed page, if in a language they understood would be eagerly read. A grateful letter of thanks has since reached me from the worker there. I also at the same time sent a large parcel to Los Angeles for use by a devoted worker among the Japanese in Southern California. She has now written me, 'So delighted to get the tracts, I divided them among all our workers here so that the Japanese Y.M.C.A. and every Japanese preacher received some of them, as also all the adjacent camps and ranches in the suburbs wherever any Japanese labourers are employed.' We are so glad as workers that we always have such a splendid stock to draw from, thanks to the earnest evangelistic spirit of your Society.'

Rev. S. Painter of Omuta, Kiushiu writes, "I am finding the new "Traveller's Guide" is being appreciated. I gave a copy to a goods clerk whom I met on the train and who joyfully told me he was a Christian. He lent it to several of his friends and wrote the other day in distress saying he had lent it to some one and it had been lost. Needless to say, he was soon supplied with another copy. A commercial traveller, who had an hour to spare, came to our house saying he was a Christian from Nagoya, and asking if I could supply him with some suitable easy books to send to a man to whom he had been talking, and he willingly paid for the copies I let him have. He said he did not drink or smoke, and his firm made him some allowance on this account as his expenses were so much less, some of this money he uses in buying books to give away.'"

Mrs. G. P. Pierson of Nokkeushi, Hokkaido writes, "I want to tell you that "The Traveller's Guides" went like hot cakes. It is splendid.'"

Rev. A. Pieters of Oita writes, "We use a good deal of your Society's literature and value it highly.'"

Captain W. H. Price of Kobe writes, "In an experience of tract distributing covering a period of about three years, principally in the trains and at Shimonoseki, I have always found people glad
to take and read them. I have also had the same experience in the tram cars in Kobe.”

Miss E. E. Ranck of Koriyama writes, “A man who with his family moved away recently from here and went to live in Shikoku but became a seeker before he left here, was much moved last summer by reading “A Hundred Talks to Inquirers” and later by “The Traveller’s Guide” which I had sent him. His wife also says that the latter came very opportunely and proved to be a great blessing to her soul. According to a letter received about a week ago the husband is now very near the Kingdom, and has renounced his drinking and also the use of tobacco.”

Miss M. Tapson of Odawara writes, “The Christians are more and more asking for the loan of a book for their own reading. “The Story of Monica” I find lays hold of women. One before baptism said, ‘I should like to be called Monica, she was a woman of so much faith.’ Her eyes are weak, but her daughter had read it aloud to her three times. Another, the head of a large business and difficult to get hold of because of her rushing life said a day or two ago, ‘I have had many books given me but this I have read as I have never read a book before.’”

Miss E. G. Tweedie of Kofu writes, ‘I very gladly add my testimony to the large number of those who greatly appreciate the books and tracts received from your Society each year. I came here less than five months ago, but already have had definite results in the work through the distribution of your literature. At Christmas time I gave a copy of “The Traveller’s Guide” to each of the three or four men in charge of a factory where we have regular meetings for the girls. Through the reading of this book, one of the men was converted and since then has been a regular attender at the church services. Two months ago I loaned a copy of this book with several others to the women of Ichikawa where we have a meeting once a month. Since that time many requests have come to buy the book, and we have already sold about twenty copies to the women who wanted copies either for themselves or for their friends.”

Miss A. B. West of Tokyo says, “Your Society did a grand
thing when they published "Christ in All the Scriptures" in Japanese. Another of your books that I have found very useful and helpful to the Japanese is "Christie's Old Organ." They find it so easy to understand."

The following testimonies from Japanese have also reached us:—

"I have recently received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the Mission Hall here in this city and am now praising God with much joy and happiness, and am waiting for the glad day of the Lord's coming again. I received a copy of a tract called "The Two Hearts," in which I found your advertisement and now write to ask you to send me your catalogue."

"I got a copy of "The Secret of a Happy Life" at the Mission Hall here in Kobe and read it over and over again and am very much interested in the doctrine there set forth and now earnestly desire to be saved. I have heard too that there are many other little booklets similar to the above. If so, please send me an assortment as I am very wishful to read them and will send you the money as soon as I know the cost."

"Last evening I saw several men in Ueno Park explaining God's teachings, and felt obliged to stop and listen. After I had done so for about two hours, one of them gave me a small booklet called, "The True God." When I got back to my boarding-house, I read this through and found on the back a notice saying that any one who wished to study Christianity further could apply to the publisher. This is why I venture to send this letter and ask you to teach me, though I am quite a stranger. If you grant my request, I shall leap with joy."

"I who am a pastor and an evangelist have read your precious book, "The Traveller's Guide" with much interest. It is especially valuable, not only because it has so many passages from the Bible, but because so many explanations are given to lead truth-seekers on into salvation. The book therefore is a most suitable one for giving to truth-seekers as well as to believers. I wish therefore to use this book as an instrument to show forth the glory of God. Please pray that He may be pleased to bless my work abundantly."

"I have been laid up with influenza for some time and so one
of my friends sent me a copy of "The Traveller's Guide," and I read it in bed over and over again. Every page is full of light but the one about "Doubts Removed" struck me specially, indeed it seemed as though it had been written specially for me. My hard heart became softened and the tears ran down my cheeks as I thought of the wonderful love of God. Disappointment and sorrow, doubt and misgiving which till then had filled my mind, gave place to thanksgiving and prayerfulness. How can I explain fully with my pen this my joyful state? Truly this book is a Bible written in easy and readable language. I would like to print it in raised type so that my blind friends may read it. I thank your Society much for having brought out this splendid book."

A paper-box maker in Tokyo writes, "I bought a copy of "The Traveller's Guide" for myself, and six copies afterwards for giving to my friends. I do not know how others felt after reading it, but I do not see how it could interest anyone more than it did me, indeed to me it is the complete way of salvation. I knew before that whosoever believes—just accepts the fact—will be saved,
but till today I never had such a clear experience and understanding of it. I was always apt to reverse the order, and in place of fact, faith and effect, think it must be effect, faith and fact, with the result that I always ended in great uncertainty. The price of this book is only ten sen, but to me it is priceless, for I have found it a newly written Bible and the Book of Life. I have still some difficulties but believe that God will solve them for me before long. I have never before seen so cheap a book so well got up, and so calculated to give people true happiness."

A Kobe Middle School graduate who has been forced by consumption to give up his studies, writes us from Suma, "I first heard of man's sinfulness and of God some four years ago but I thought it was then too early for me to think about such things and so I paid no attention. Now, however, that I am so ill and do not seem to improve, I have begun to think of my condition and to feel uneasy, for as the proverb says, 'In times of difficulty we turn to God.' Thus I began to wish to believe in the Christians' God and that I might receive the joy of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing of God, just opposite my house there lived a gentleman whose wife is a very earnest Christian, and she most kindly taught me about the true God and also about the Lord Jesus Christ. Moreover she introduced me to an earnest Christian student, and he made many points clear to me so that I firmly believed in the Saviour and brought all my past sins to God and thanked Him that the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ had in truth cleansed me from all sin. But sometimes after this, Satan would whisper doubts into my soul and trouble me greatly, 'Am I truly saved? Does God regard me as His child?' But thank God, I through His great mercy have now received a copy of "The Traveller's Guide," which I have read all through page after page with great joy. Now I clearly understand the meaning of the Saviour's most precious blood and that God has forgiven all my sins:—'He that believeth on the Son has eternal life and shall never come into condemnation.' 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' 'Ask and it shall be given you.' 'God
will never forsake those who believe on His Son. These texts I have now tasted the meaning of, fully trusting in God and clinging to His hand, while I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and look up to His cross. In truth, I am most thankful for my illness, for though my flesh faileth, yet my spiritual eyes have been opened and I am saved so that I can hardly contain myself for joy. Now I do not mind at all if I do die, for then my soul will go up to the Heavenly Kingdom, therefore I am living a joyful life every day. It is now my greatest joy to pray to God, to read the Scriptures, to talk with the Lord Jesus Christ, to attend the church, and to tell others of the way of salvation. This is entirely due to "The Traveller's Guide," because its pages have brought me to this place of joy."

A Japanese Prisoner in Corea also writes, "I have read "The Introduction to the New Testament" published by your Society, and shall be glad if you will send me your price list as I wish to buy some Christian books. May I also ask you to let me know the prices of Bibles and Hymn Books?"

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SPECIAL WORK

The Religious Tract Society most kindly made us a grant of £18.— for special work, and thus enabled us to send out 104 Books, 151,141 Tracts and 1,800 Cards. That these grants met a real need, the following particulars will show:—

Work Among the Pilgrims in Kyoto

About the middle of March last, Mr. G. S. Phelps of Kyoto wrote us, "From 20,000 to 50,000 pilgrims from all parts of the Empire are coming here every day to see the Coronation Palaces, which it is now announced will be kept open until the end of April. The Christian forces seem to have largely exhausted themselves in their efforts last fall, for nothing is now being done to reach these pilgrims. Can we not at least put Christian tracts into the hands of these multitudes? Can your Society not help us with tracts?"

For this work we sent a special grant amounting in all to
27,000 copies. Four centres of operation were established in different parts of the city, and during certain hours the workers were kept going at high pressure. On the busiest day, over 20,000 tracts were put into the hands of those whom we hope have since read them and told the Gospel story to their friends at home. The people showed an appreciative attitude. There were few cases of indifference, and only rarely did any one refuse to take the little messengers. Remarkably few of them were thrown down along the streets. One man returned and gave some money to the distributor, saying he wished to help the good work along. Altogether, about 150,000 Tracts were thus distributed.

A few weeks after the distribution was all over, the Rev. B. F. Shively of Kyoto wrote us, "Word has now come from one of the churches here that a woman, who used to keep a small house of ill-fame, came to the church saying she wished to repent and become a Christian. She was already grieving over her sad condition when she received the tract, and after reading it, made up her mind to try Christianity. She has been under instruction ever since."

From Rev. E. H. Jones, Mito

The grant of Tracts which you so kindly made to our Tent Evangelistic Meeting at Kasama was very timely and helpful. The Fox-god Festival is held there every year in March. This year the weather was good and a great crowd of people from the surrounding district, and many from a distance swelled the population of the town to many times the ordinary number. At the side of the road near the village we put up our tent, which will hold about 200 people. Our workers came in from outlying places. Three of them were out in front on the street distributing tracts and inviting the people to come inside. At the entrance was written, "All are welcome. No charge." But even with such a notice, many stopped at the door and had to be urged to come in and re-assured that there really was no charge. So many catch-penny shows are about that the people have become very suspicious. The inside of the tent was taken care of by three or four workers. Twenty minute addresses were given. Then between the addresses, the workers tried to find those who had been impressed so as to give
them more definite instruction. Names and addresses were taken, Testaments and other helpful books sold, and preparations made for the next meeting. Many stayed on however to hear the succeeding address.

In the evenings we used a stereopticon and thus gave to the eye as well as to the ear scenes from the life of our Lord together with texts of Scripture, hymns also were thrown on the screen and sung. Usually after each meeting we had thirty or forty names to whom to send tracts and other literature afterwards. Your 5,000 Tracts were largely used for giving to the passers-by, and so the little printed messengers went into many a home not reached otherwise.

From Rev. S. Painter, Omuta, Kiushiu

I want to say how much we value the 10,000 tracts which you gave for our work here. This is a comparatively new place, which has sprung up round the Mitsui Companies' large coal mines and has grown so fast that it has just been made a "city." The population consists very largely of the miners and the Companies' workmen, and they have very little idea beyond making a living. They spend their money readily and often carelessly, so there is always a crowd of cheap jacks and others trying for a share of it. The new Hall we put up last year proved a source of interest and wonder to them and also to the country people from the surrounding villages. It is to these crowds who pass our Hall that your tracts are being distributed, and they have undoubtedly helped to get the people in to hear the Gospel. Since last summer when the Hall was opened, some eighty have given in their names as showing an interest in what they had heard, we do not press for more than this at these meetings, though the WAY is faithfully put before them. Out of these we have traced some sixty, a fair proportion, and you will rejoice to hear that four men have already been baptized. They say they were attracted by the Hall, and your tracts may have helped too. At any rate when I am out inviting the passers-by into the Hall, I find them an immense help, as when giving a tract it is so easy to say that its meaning will be explained in the meeting if they will only go in and hear. The same holds good in our work
in Kumamoto, where we give away your tracts in the street in front of our Hall, and the people come in to hear.

From Rev. Gordon J. Walsh, Tokushima

Thank you so much for the splendid parcel of over 8,000 Tracts you sent us in June. We used them in connection with the second part of our Special Evangelistic Campaign here. A personal invitation to come to the meetings was given from house to house by the workers and this was in each case accompanied by the offer of a tract. We cannot speak as yet of definite results traceable to the distribution of tracts, but we feel that a growing interest and an increased willingness to hear Christian teaching in this city and neighbourhood is in great measure due to the Christian literature which has been so freely used at every opportunity.

Evangelistic Campaign in Tokyo

The 10,000 small tracts which you so kindly gave us last October we used, some of them in our motor car rides through the city, and the rest in our open air evangelistic work. They were handed out to several thousand people, and we confidently believe that through them the glory of God has been manifested, and joy and comfort brought to some perishing souls. A drunkard in Fukagawa received a tract given out from one of our motor cars. He was deeply interested in its contents and became one of the truth-seekers in that district. At an open air meeting some of us were holding in Kanda, a young student came forward and began to argue with us about religion. We gave him a copy of your little tract, "A Young Man's Study of Comparative Religion," and he afterwards became an earnest seeker after the truth. A woman who was at one of our open air meetings in Ueno Park was much touched with what she there heard. A tract she then received led her to believe, so that she bought a New Testament and became an earnest truth seeker.

Industrial Exhibition at Yamagata

We most heartily thank you for the grant of 10,000 tracts which did so much to make our evangelistic work efficient at the
Industrial Exhibition held here last autumn. During the Exhibition, in which six prefectures took part, we gave the tracts to those who came into our Tent, and also distributed them among the people outside. We gave away all we had, and all those we gave to seemed glad to read them, so much so indeed, that we did not see a single copy torn up or thrown down on the road. These tracts were read by very many people all through these six northern prefectures, and were the means of bringing many souls to at least some knowledge of the will of God. During the Exhibition, more than 400 persons put their names down as seekers after the truth. Of these, about ten have been baptized in Yamagata alone, many others have been attending the church ever since, and others are still in correspondence with us. We praise God for His goodness in giving us to see these most blessed results.

The C. M. S. Preaching-Place, Ginza, Tokyo

We are very thankful for the 41,000 tracts which your Society has so generously given for our work. They have been most useful in inducing passers-by to come into the Hall and listen to the preaching of the Gospel. During the past year about 10,000 persons allowed themselves to be thus persuaded. In truth, tracts are our most important weapon. We hear too that some who received tracts outside our Hall, but did not come in, became truth seekers at other places.

Among the Navy Men and Dock Workers

Rev. C. O. P. Cambridge of Sasebo writes, "Thank you so much for the grant of 10,000 tracts which you sent me some time ago for distribution amongst navy men and dock workers. I can use any quantity here. They have been most helpful. They get into the arsenal and on to the ships, where the living preacher is not allowed to go. Often when the sailors and petty officers on their leave days come quietly into our Gospel Hall and take their seats with evident intention to stay and hear, I feel that your literature has been helping and has been used of God. I am sorry to send no
photos but the authorities are so strict in their rules about such things here."

Miss O. Julius of Kure writes, "The large and welcome box of tracts arrived two days ago. Very many thanks for sending so many. We shall begin distributing them at once, and I trust and we are praying that they may indeed be good seed sown on good soil. We are putting our church stamp on them so that any who wish to hear more may know where to go to do so."

**Work Among The Cotton Mill Girls at Osaka**

During the year under review we sent out 96 Books and 15,341 Tracts for this work. In writing for a renewal of the grant Miss J. M. Holland says, "The grant is a great help, but more new books are needed as some of the girls have read all that are yet out. The lending system I have adopted so largely is educating them in Christian truth. The girls' leisure time for three or four days in the week is now all taken up with compulsory education, and what leisure they have on other days is generally taken up with entertainments given by the factory companies, so it is much more difficult than formerly to have meetings with them. I have been obliged, therefore, to lean much more on literature, indeed without it, they would cease to be under Christian teaching."

**FREE GRANTS**

These are much fewer than in the previous year, amounting in all to 41,343 copies. As usual they include copies sent to Japanese newspapers for review and specimens given to possible purchasers, also a few copies sent to prisoners and others who wrote to the depot specially asking for Christian instruction. There are also included 10,000 Tracts granted to the Rev. J. Anderson for giving out among the people who went to see the cherry flowers at Mukojima; 9,000 Tracts given to the Rev. T. Mitani for use at his Gospel Hall at Asakusa; 20 Books and 5,000 Tracts sent to the Rev. B. S. Moore for use in Yokohama; 5,000 Tracts forwarded to
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the Rev. W. B. McIlwaine for distribution in Kochi; 2,000 Tracts donated to the Young Men's Christian Association for giving away at a Holiday Meeting of Office Boys, and several other grants made to missionaries and Japanese Christian workers. The following are some of the letters which have reached us in acknowledgement of these:—

From Rev. J. Anderson, Nakano

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the great assistance you rendered us in our evangelistic campaign on Mukojima, through your donation of 10,000 Tracts. Besides being a great help to us financially, who can tell what in a spiritual sense your grant meant to those great crowds who were thus reached by the Gospel.

Our campaign continued for four days and we succeeded in hiring a large tent, which we pitched near the road, within easy reach of the surging masses of flower-viewing people. Our services began at noon each day and were kept up until shortly before sunset when the crowds began to melt away. The workers were divided into two bands; one working inside the tent, and the other outside distributing tracts, selling New Testaments and inviting the people to the services inside.

Once, when I chanced to be on the outside distributing tracts, a number of students passed by on the road, and as some of them were the worse for drink, they created quite a commotion. As soon as they caught sight of me standing in front of the tent, with a bundle of tracts under my arm, one of them raised his hand high in the air and cried out, "Listen all of you! It is the Christians who are trying to interfere with us and stop our enjoying ourselves." To this I answered with just as loud a voice, "Very true, sir!" Shortly afterwards I was called inside the tent to take my turn at preaching, and the student's words afforded me the best subject I've ever had, I believe. I was glad to notice too by their demonstrations of approval, that I had the majority of the audience on my side, as I tried to tell them how we were doing our best to save the young people of Japan from moral failure and ruin.
On another occasion a drunken man came up close to the tent and made an eloquent speech to the crowd that could not find room inside. He told them very plainly that the Jesus religion was the only religion that could save them from drink and tobacco and make them worthy citizens of Japan.

In all we distributed 12,000 Tracts and sold 225 copies of the New Testament. Immediate results were seen in those who earnestly asked to be instructed about Christianity and how to believe in the true God, but the greatest fruit-gathering remains.

From Miss N. Bowman, Matsumoto, Shinshiu

Last December you very kindly sent me six copies of the Japanese translation of the Bible Game for children which I was interested in having published. I was very pleased to receive it and am glad to use the same. Thank you very much for them. I am glad that it has been successfully published.

From Miss E. R. Gillett, Tokyo

So many thanks for the nice supply of books and tracts, also for the Notes on Galatians and Colossians, we were surprised to receive so many of each. We hope to be better able now to encourage Bible reading and Bible study.

From Rt. Rev. Bishop Arthur Lea, Fukuoka

No. 1

As you may have heard, we have here in Fukuoka a hostel in which a few men are being trained as workers, in a practical way. Our great desideratum is religious literature, of which our present supply is almost nil. I wonder if it would be possible for you to give us a grant of books useful for Bible students. The kind of books needed are devotional works, commentaries and other works which will help them to understand the Bible. If you could make a grant I can assure you that they would be welcomed and would, I believe, serve a good purpose.

No. 2

Very many thanks for your most kind consideration of my request for books for the students. The selection has already come and will be most useful.
From Rev. B. S. Moore, Yokohama

The 5,000 Tracts which your Society so kindly sent me as a Free Grant were all stamped with our stamp and distributed among the people from house to house, and through this means many have been brought to our Gospel Hall in Honmoku and also to the Church Assembly at Kitagata and have become real true believers. The books were read by different ones and were highly appreciated. We have had a revival spirit in our midst ever since the new year began, and many have become true believers in the True and Living God. For all this we rejoice to have His loving favor and co-operation, for we are co-workers together with Him.

Work Among Prisoners

Last July a missionary in Tokyo received the following letter from a prisoner in Takayama, "Some years ago when I was living in Tokyo, I often heard from you the Gospel of the deep love of God, and how dreadful a thing sin was; and how my sin might all be washed away by the blood of Christ which was shed on the cross and that thus I might by faith become a righteous man. As I heard, my heart was filled with thanksgiving and I began to realize how I was the chief of sinners in God's sight and that I could do nothing but pray, 'Lord, save this sinner.' Thus for a short time, I had very weak faith and worked on at the Gas Company, but after a few months I went back to my country where idolatry and superstition prevail, and those who believe in the Lord are very few in number, and Satan is ever watching to lead men astray. Alas! he took me captive and caused me to depart from God, so that I am now in this prison working hard, and can only weep when I think how I can escape the coming anger of God. Here in this prison some say that Christianity is a republican, socialistic religion, quite unfit for us Japanese; while others say that Christ was merely the son of a carpenter, while Buddha was the son of a king. Thus they tried to make me lose what little faith I still had. For a while, I yielded to them, and read only Buddhist books and asked the priest about his teaching, but I could get no comfort or peace of mind, and so spent some time in despair and agony. At that time of
disappointment, a light came to my dark heart and I realized that God grieves more over the loss of the soul of the vilest man than over the loss of a whole world of material things, also that Christ came into this world to save me, a sinner, and also that God so loved me that He gave His only begotten Son to save me from sin, and was longing to adopt me as His own child. Then was my heart filled with joy and thankfulness, and I was enabled firmly to believe that Christ is my Saviour and my dwelling-place. Now the love of Christ constraineth me and I am doing my daily prison tasks with thanksgiving to God. This is wholly the power of His love. I am so thankful that my life has quite changed and that when this life is over I can look forward, not to descending into hell but to entering the glory of Heaven. I have received new life by the cross, and am serving God with my body and soul, daily bearing the cross. Every morning I read Romans xiii and Luke xv. I am now in prison, shut up like a wild beast in a cage with iron bars and cannot go out, my hands and feet lettered with iron chains; but I have liberty in my heart, and the stone walls of this prison cannot hinder my soul going forth at will and rejoicing in the presence of my God."

This letter we sent on to the missionary working in Takayama, the Rev. C. E. Carlson and in August he wrote saying, "We went to the prison and had a long talk with him about God, and the salvation which there is for him in the Lord Jesus Christ which he seems to be earnestly seeking. He has a New Testament, but wishes for a Hymn Book and a Bible, and also for a copy of the "Pilgrim's Progress." Will you be so kind as to let him have these?"

In October the Rev. J. Anderson of Nakano, Tokyo wrote us, "I have just returned from Takayama and found the prisoner there doing well. Through his conversion the head-warder too has now been saved."

The total number of prisoners detained in the various prisons in Japan is said to be about 50,000. Some of these are in for life, others for much shorter periods. Some years ago the Rev. H. S. Kimura paid a religious visit to one of the largest convict prisons
here, and on his return he said, "I found it so easy to speak to those
prisoners, for they all know they are sinners. What I had to do
was to tell them of the One who is able to save even them." Copies
of the New Testament have been given to these social outcasts, and
we should greatly rejoice if any of our friends could help us to place
other Christian books in the hands of at least some of them. Will
you not prayerfully consider this call?

Work in the South Seas

Pfarrer Ernst Uhlig, a German missionary formerly in the
Carolines wrote us from China, "I hope you received the money I
sent you. It was what I received for Japanese books and tracts
which I sold to Japanese in Ponape, Truk &c. in the South Seas
from the parcel you so kindly sent me last year. Many of the
books you gave me I gave to Japanese officers and sailors.
Some of them they bought, and others I left in the hands
of my fellow workers on the islands when I had to come
away. I thank you so very much for your kind help in this little
distribution work. The Gospel of our gracious Lord and Saviour
has come by this means into the hands of many Japanese and I hope
that it has also entered or will hereafter enter into many of their
hearts. This little work has been an especial joy and comfort to me
in this time of trouble and of so much that is evil. I do pray that
our gracious Lord will bless you and all your works."

"The Way to Heaven Made Plain"

The very kind gift of £3.--- which Mrs. E. Davis of Harefield
sent us out during the year under review enabled us to issue 40,000
more copies of her little leaflet as grants to missionaries and
Japanese Christian workers in different centres throughout the
country. These were much appreciated and proved very helpful.
Some of the letters already given refer to these grants, but the
following one does so more particularly:---

From Miss M. L. Winn of Aomori

Hundreds of rugged, sturdy men are now daily passing through
Aomori en route to the Hokkaido for the herring fishery. I am
distributing to them copies of St. Mark’s Gospel in Japanese Colloquial and always slip in a copy of "The Way to Heaven Made Plain," and I notice that many take out this leaflet and read it first. All through the winter one of our zealous young men has been going out every Tuesday evening and holding open air meetings, even in snow storms and blizzards. I gave him some copies of this little tract to distribute, and when I called on him recently, I found him busy reading a copy. He said, "I am getting some seed thoughts from this for my talk next Tuesday evening. It is just the very thing to tell the people in the streets."

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"THE CHRISTIAN NEWS"

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"LIVING BREAD"

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We still have the selling and distributing Agency for both the above most helpful Christian Monthly Papers. "The Christian News" now has a circulation of 22,500 each month. For this we are most thankful, but we long that it as also "Living Bread" may have a yet more extended field of usefulness. The following testimonies show how well both these papers repay the cost of circulation:—

Rev. C. O. P. Cambridge of Saseho writes, "There is undiminished interest in "The Christian News" here. Many await its issue eagerly and I believe their faith is really strengthened through it. Recently I have had special testimony to the helpfulness to young teachers of Mr. Suzuka’s Old Testament Sunday School Lessons which appeared last year.

Miss K. I. Drake of Ueda writes, "Our Bible-woman tells me that she finds "The Christian News" most helpful in her work. She says the people whom she visits receive it very gladly and often tell her how helpful it is to them. She says they are especially
helped by the section given over to personal testimonies, and often
tell her how their own faith has been strengthened by reading these
experiences of others. We distribute a good many copies on the
trains and every one accepts them gladly and seems to read them
with much pleasure."

Rev. T. R. Francis of Shobara writes, "We have found
"The Christian News" can get in where we are excluded and
it often opens the doors for us to get in later. We send it out to
schools, offices, banks and such places, and the clerks and others
seem glad to read it."

Miss L. A. Galgey of Fukuyama writes, "I think you ought to
know that "The Christian News" is most eagerly waited for
month by month by many of our Christians and enquirers in the
country, who have only occasional opportunities of hearing the
Gospel preached. Also I am sending copies of it to people in
Formosa, some of whom have testified to being strengthened in their
faith by reading it."

Rev. F. E. Hagan of Tokyo writes, "Both pastors and
Christians in the eight towns to which we regularly send "The
Christian News" are all greatly pleased with it. The church
members are especially delighted with it because it contains so much
nourishing material, is not given to argumentation and difficult
reasoning but to clear expression of essential truths, and its language
is so plain and simple that all can understand it. It always stands
for a pure faith, and its influence is wholly on the side of good. I
know of nothing that could take its place."

Rev. A. D. Hail of Osaka writes, "I write to express my
great appreciation of "The Christian News". I am using it in
the work and interests of Newspaper Evangelism. In this way it
becomes a kind of co-evangelist. Many believers, inquirers and
even unbelievers have written to express their appreciation of its
helpfulness."

Miss O. C. Lindsay of Shizuoka writes, "My Bible-women say
that it is the unanimous testimony in this neighbourhood that
"The Christian News" is especially well edited, and that it
meets the needs of the non-Christian masses. Readers of the paper
frequently thank me for sending it to them and I am sure it is greatly appreciated."

Miss E. Nash of Matsuye writes, "Your paper, "The Christian News" is very helpful in our work. Those whom we are visiting and teaching look forward to getting it each month and all say that they get real help through reading it. The Christian women too look forward eagerly to getting several copies each month to give to their friends and neighbours. I send out over 50 copies by post to Christians and enquirers in lonely places and receive most encouraging letters and post cards from them thanking me for it and saying what help and comfort they get through reading it. A nurse in a country hospital passed her copy on to three different people after she had read it and they all became interested. She then asked for three copies a month for giving to others. She is now an earnest enquirer. A Christian woman in a very lonely place lent her copy to the neighbours, and from that village they wrote and sent money for four Testaments, and now an evangelist goes there occasionally to teach them. At the New Year I received a letter of thanks from the head-master of one of the Primary Schools in the country, saying he had read some of "The Christian News" at the Teachers' Meeting and they had much enjoyed it. He is not a Christian yet, but is reading the Bible."

Miss J. Noordhoff of Shimonoseki writes, "When our school girls first become interested and wish others to hear what they themselves are hearing, they always send the paper to their friends. For instance, when recently several confessed their faith in Christ and wished to be His children, they at once asked for papers to send to their parents and home-folks. Also, when I first begin sending the paper to some friend, I always receive letters of appreciation and very often after that these will continue regularly to come."

Rev. S. Painter of Omuta, Kiushiu writes, "I send "The Christian News" to numbers of railwaymen and people in lonely country places, and am constantly receiving letters of thanks. Men on being sent to fresh stations will send their change of address, and the other day at the town of Mitai in the heart of the mountains of Kiushiu after a meeting when I was dealing with some enquirers, one
of them said, 'We used to read the papers you sent to our friend, an Excise Official, who was moved from this district, but now they do not come.' They readily gave me their addresses to have the papers sent. More than one man has offered to pay for the paper as they value it for themselves and their families.'

Rev. G. P. Pierson of Hokkaido writes, "I want to tell you of the great good "The Christian News" is doing. I use it freely, sending it to remote places, and the news one gets of its influence is only good news. The other day a man I did not know approached me in the railroad train, thanked me warmly for sending him papers and asked me to come to his place, promising me an audience."

Miss E. E. Ranck of Koriyama writes, "I am glad to say that "The Christian News" is generally gladly received. The 40 copies which I receive are distributed monthly by my Bible-women, mostly among non-Christians and about half of them are paid for by the recipients. In my own home, my servant, who has recently become a Christian, reads it very eagerly. One woman who receives it has heard the preaching of the Gospel at times for years, but she seems to be dull of comprehension and thus far has not yielded to its blessed influence; but she told the Bible-woman that she likes to read your paper because she can understand it and finds it so interesting. I have been sending one copy to a family who moved to Shikoku and it is greatly appreciated by the wife, who has lately come into a very positive experience of salvation."

Mrs. J. J. Scott of Kure writes, "You will rejoice to know that "The Christian News" is much liked and eagerly received by the sailors in the Naval Hospital here. Our Lay Pastor also uses it a good deal to send to Christians who have moved away to lonely places."

Miss M. B. Sherman of Matsuyama writes, "I have many students coming each week for some form of Bible Study and have used "The Christian News" for giving to them and also to the members of our Women's Society. They always seem pleased to welcome each new copy. I value the paper as a means of Christian education and interest."

Miss C. E. Stirling writes from Santa Monica, California, "I am sincerely thankful that I can still have "The Christian
News” in my work, and it would gratify you to see with what delight and eager eyes it is received, with scarcely an exception, by all my Japanese who have ever had a previous copy. Some new ones appear among us from time to time to whom the “News” and its happy tidings are entirely new, and still “strange.” One of my Japanese Christian friends is so very well pleased with it and has been so much helped by it that he has lately subscribed for ten copies to use in his personal work in Los Angeles, or neighbourhood.”

Miss E. G. Tweedie of Kofu writes, “You will like to know that “The Christian News” is always greatly appreciated. Our Japanese workers say it is the very best literature we have for non-Christians. Besides what we use in our work here, we send 40 copies by mail each month to people whom we know in outside places, whom we cannot reach in any other way. Many of the people who receive this paper from us, say that it is so helpful, they send it to their friends, and often in this way one paper touches and helps more than one life.”

Dr. A. D. Woodworth of Tokyo writes, “During the past year I have been using 800 copies a month of “The Christian News,” mainly in the Azabu Middle School with its 800 students. Recently a census in this school showed 265 boys who were either out and out Christians or who prefer the Christian religion to any other. Backed by the personal influence of Christian workers I consider the use of this paper the cheapest and one of the most successful forms of carrying on Christian work. This is especially true of work among students. Hereafter I expect to use 900 copies a month.”

Mr. Yamamoto writes from Hokkaido, “I write to say that “The Christian News” reaches me regularly and I am very much obliged for your kindness in sending it me. Please accept the One Yen enclosed in this as a small token of my gratitude and use it for your evangelistic work.”

A Christian Japanese who is working in the Oki Memorial Library at Nagasaki writes, “We thank you much for sending us “The Christian News” so regularly ever since we asked you to
do so at the time we enlarged this institution. As you doubtless know, this library was founded in memory of Mr. Teisuke Oki who was arrested by the Russians as a spy at the time of the Russo-Japanese war, and was put to death at Harbin. Your paper now attracts many readers, so we are well satisfied with it and hope you will kindly send it to us regularly hereafter.”

Rev. C. O. P. Cambridge of Saseho writes, “Your monthly paper, “Living Bread” is appreciated by a small group here, and some are making use of the “Once a Year” scheme for continuous Bible study, which is now appearing month by month in its pages. I sincerely hope that it will be re-issued as a pamphlet at the end of the year and become available to a wider circle of Bible readers.”

Miss H. S. Cockram of Kurume writes, “One of our young Christians, a groom to an army doctor says he used to find no pleasure in reading the Bible, but that recently another Christian has been lending him “Living Bread.” This magazine has been a great help to him and has made him understand his Bible much better.”

Miss E. Nash of Matsuyama writes, “I lend two copies of “Living Bread” to the Christian women here and they get real spiritual help through the reading of it. Afterwards I send them by post to Christians in lonely places. One such young woman cut off from all Christian fellowship much appreciated the magazine. She died of consumption the end of last year, but some months before she wrote saying how much she had been cheered and comforted by an address on Victory in “Living Bread.”

Dr. A. Oltmans of Tokyo writes, “I like both “The Christian News” and “Living Bread” very much and believe that they both supply a real need in the teaching of Christian truth in Japan.”

Miss E. G. Tweedie of Kofu writes, “Our workers read “Living Bread” each month and find it a great help in their own spiritual lives and for their work.”
THE UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

At the request of the World's Evangelical Alliance (British Organization), who bear the whole of the cost, the Society again reprinted the Week of Prayer Programmes in English and sent a copy to each Protestant missionary in the empire.

We also, on their behalf, issued 30,000 copies of the Programme in Japanese and supplied copies of the same to the Japanese pastors and evangelists throughout the empire, as well as in California, Hawaii and other places, the Federation of Churches (Japanese) having decided to again leave this work to us.

SPECIAL PUBLISHING FUND

During the year under review, this fund enabled us to print an edition in Japanese of 1,000 copies of the Rev. S. D. Gordon's book "Quiet Talks on Prayer." In 1914 the Society published another book by the same author, "Quiet Talks on Power." This is much liked and has sold steadily, and we feel sure that the volume now issued will also prove useful to very many in this land.

As mentioned in our last Report, the Society received early in 1915 the sum of £100.-- from Stephen J. Menzies Esq. towards the cost of printing an edition of "The Traveller's Guide" in Japanese. The difficulty of bringing out a book in Japanese which should be as nearly as possible page for page the same as the English original sorely taxed the patience of the typesetters and the progress made was very slow. At length, however, on the 10th of December last, all difficulties having been successfully overcome, we received our first supply of finished copies. The edition consisted of 10,000 copies. These Mr. Menzies wished sold at as low a figure as possible, and so we fixed the price at 10 sen per copy (say 2½d), about half the cost of production, this low price being made possible
only by his very kind gift. The demand has been so great that the whole edition is already nearly exhausted. We much hope that further help may be given so that we may issue a much larger edition and be also enabled to maintain the present low selling price.

We heartily thank all the kind friends in Britain who in the midst of all the grievous pressure they are under there, have yet had the Society's work here in this land laid on their hearts, and have contributed towards our "Special Publishing Fund." The need is great and we are still open to receive contributions, indeed gifts to this Fund are a permanent help to the Society's work. One of the books that we have had waiting a long time and which we should much like to put in hand is Dr. Hepburn's "Bible Dictionary." This has been carefully gone through by the Rev. T. Yamamoto who assisted in the preparation of the original work.

The publishers abroad have also given us full permission to issue a number of other books in Japanese. We should also rejoice to be enabled to offer suitable inducements to gifted Japanese Christians to prepare original works.

From Rev. G. P. Pierson, Hokkaido

A Japanese friend said to me recently, 'Nowadays the Japanese are reading anything and everything.' This, therefore, is our opportunity. I have the privilege of speaking at some forty railroad stations occasionally. Three travelling libraries of Christian books were prepared and the railroad officials kindly sent them over the lines, leaving each box at each station for a week or so. These libraries came back recently together with a most appreciative letter from headquarters.

**How the Taste For Reading Is Spreading In Japan**

The following extracts from an article headed as above which appeared in "The Japan Advertiser" for June 23rd, 1916 may be of interest. The article is by a Japanese and deals with ordinary reading, but the thirst for secular literature and knowledge of which he speaks, means a wide open door for such Christian books and publications as will bring the people to a knowledge of life eternal.
"The taste for reading is spreading among the Japanese with wonderful force. Literature today is as powerful a social factor in Japan as militarism. Till half a century ago reading was, as Buddhist meditation now is, the vocation of a few. It was either the favourite pursuit of old folk who were useless for active work, and women of much leisure, or the beguilement of recluses, or the work of scholars and writers. Ordinary samurai (the military class) were too busy to read; merchants and mechanics had no business to handle books.

"The proposition that reading is growing popular among the Japanese is not as simple as it may appear at first. Just stop before any reputable bookshop in Tokyo, and you will be astonished at the apparently very brisk business they are doing. The shop is like a beehive swarming with restless humanity, each man thrusting his head into this book or that with the eagerness of a miser digging for treasure-trove. How many of them are bona fide buyers is a question, but the general eagerness to buy books if they can afford to do so, is undoubted.

"The most striking feature of the book-shop throng is its juvenile population. The first row of those book-examiners is invariably composed of children of from seven to thirteen years old—students of the primary school—to whom the ability to read is a new experience in life. Those young children stand for hours before the shop, examining one magazine after another, or even reading a book from cover to finish with studious application and audible voice, turning over page after page with absorbing interest. One can see from their clothes that they are the offspring of well-to-do families, who are no deliberate stealers of reading. Evidently they have come, armed with a silver coin, to buy some favourite magazine, but when they see the tempting show of so many attractive magazines to choose from, they naturally waver, and begin comparing one with another, in the course of which they come across some inspiring article or story and start reading it, till they forget the flight of time and their original errand. Every book-store in Tokyo has consequently become a standing library, so to speak, for juveniles. The proprietors of book-shops seem to take these
children as philosophically as a fish-monger does a swarm of flies settled upon his fish. For children's magazines are placed nearest the edge of the stall, within easy reach of little customers. Nor do they do much harm, if they stand reading there all day; for adult customers can handle books and transact business over their little heads.

"The taste for reading acquired at such an age and in so natural and genuine a fashion, must grow with one and last till death, and it is an undoubted fact that this taste is growing with marvellous force, especially among the younger generation. But what does this indicate? Can it be a sign of anything? The first thought which this question provokes is that Japan is advancing fast in the path of civilization. But what does this progress mean? It means the retrogression of militarism. The children of the present generation are spending the time in reading which the children of the pre Meiji era spent in fencing and jujutsu and in practising how to commit harakiri (suicide), etc. This alone means the lessening of the ultra samurai spirit in the bosom of the rising generation."

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we would thank all those who have in any way helped by prayer and effort to bring about the results that we already have been able to record, and we now ask for a continuance of your prayerful interest in this branch of the Lord's work, that so we may experience "the greater things" which He has in store for those who diligently seek Him.

GEORGE BRAITHWAITE, Secretary,
3 Yuraku Cho Nichome,
Kojimachi, Tokyo
# Cash Account of the Japan Book and Tract Society for the Year ending December 31st, 1916

## Receipts

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<th>Description</th>
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Audited, compared with the vouchers and found to be correct

(Signed) **CHARLES BISHOP**  
**H. M. LANDIS**  

*Auditors*

**Tokyo, March 26th, 1917**

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