

spoken of, in respect to grade of instruction, and to the Christian influence exerted by our teacher, Santiago G. Gonzalez.

Samuel Purdie writes of him as one of their best Mexican workers, and says that his evangelistic labors, in the Meeting and Bible Class are greatly appreciated. The higher rate of exchange, and the increased cost of living in Victoria, have materially added to the necessary expenses of the School. We sent an additional \$100 early in the summer, making \$500 in all, and were disappointed to learn that a still further rise in the exchange had taken place. This being the case, we trust that through the kindness of friends we may be able to increase our contribution in the coming year.

Japan:—Many of us are aware of the changes that have taken place in Japan since last year. Our expectations in regard to probable opportunities and difficulties, in that most interesting field have been more than realized. The President of the Scripture Union writes, under date of 10th month 1890:

"I have read of revolutions, both political and religious, but none have been so real and impressive as that my own eyes are now beholding."

It is at this juncture that the circulation of the Scriptures ought to be extended to its utmost possibilities; now, whilst the hearts of men are in an attitude of search, as to whether these things are so or not, lest a time come, when they shall have settled in their own minds, without personal research, that the Bible is fallacious upon the assertions alone of others. If the Japanese will read and study the Bible now, they will surely pass through the struggle in safety; if they do not, Japan may become a country given up to atheism and idolatry. We feel it a great privilege to have the friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting share in this most important work. The travelling secretary supported by you, has during his 12 months of labor visited nearly every one of the principal provinces of the country: telling of the truth wherever he went, and encouraging the members, some of whom were quite isolated and alone. During this time he has obtained 1000 new members to the Union Ch, that the Bible could, for just one year, be made as free as water to those to whom the invitation of our Master is still addressed: 'He, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat: yea, come buy wine and milk without money, and without price.' We feel that the coming six months or year is a critical time, and we ask you, dear friends, to remember your brethren, the Japanese, torn by inward doubt and outward dissension, with the example of the great Christian nations oppressing the weaker ones before their eyes. We have found it necessary to make

Iwase Maisaburo, General Secretary, instead of Travelling Secretary, as heretofore, as he seemed to be the only one fitted to fill this most important place, having visited nearly all the local branches; and it is our desire now to send out others in his place. Every province ought to have one, and we think by having them travel on foot, and as far as possible stop with Christians, the expense could be very much lessened, so that \$10 per month would pay the cost of each one. Iwase now receives only \$12 per month: so we are able to put another man in the field for the remainder of the year. He may possibly be able to get sufficient funds from the subscriptions of the members to pay part of the General Secretary's salary, and can then use whatever is left in the field in actual Bible work. The membership of the Union is now about 15000, and the lists are used in nearly all the Christian schools of every denomination. With such prospects in view, we feel that we ought not to draw back, especially, at this critical moment.

Three hundred dollars has been forwarded this year by our Committee for Iwase's salary, and expenses, and about six dollars worth of muslin has been bought, and made up into sheets and pillow-cases for the hospital in Tokyo, by our Federal Hill members.

The Little Gleamers of Federal Hill, besides raising about \$20 in money, have made and sent pretty picture books for the same hospital.

India:—Two Meetings, Black Creek and Ashton, have each sent \$25. for the support of an orphan child in Friends' Orphanage at Herhanganabad.

Small sums placed in our hands for the purpose, have been sent to the Methodist Mission in Paris, and two boxes of clothing were forwarded last winter to the Indian Schools at Grand River and Skiatook.

Our friend, Murray Shipley, a member of the Indiana Committee, has laid an important proposition before us, and we ask that opportunity may be given him to present it in the Yearly Meeting.

As the present Committee has now served for several years, we ask that its membership may be revised.

On behalf of the Committee

11 mo. 1890.

Anna B Thomas, Corresponding Secretary
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