FOR IDENTIFICATION.

My Name and Address is Arthur J. Stirewalt
Kumamoto Japan (388 Shinyashiki)

In case of accident or serious illness please notify

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

The make of my Bicycle is Number 1 Special Standard

Its number is

The number on the case of my Watch is

The number of the works is

The number of my Bank Book is

My Weight was 162 2/3 lbs

On Feb. 7

and my Height 5 feet 11 3/4 inches

Size of Hat 6 7/8 Gloves 10

" Hosiery Collar 15 1/2

" Cuffs 11 Shoes 8

" Shirt 15 1/2 Drawers

CALENDAR.

1908.

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DECEMBER

MOON'S PHASES. (In Standard Time.)	EASTERN DIVISION.	CENTRAL DIVISION.
Full Moon	7d. 4h. 41m. P.M.	7d. 3h. 44m. P.M.
Last Quarter	15d. 4h. 12m. P.M.	15d. 3h. 12m. P.M.
New Moon	23d. 6h. 50m. A.M.	23d. 5h. 50m. A.M.
First Quarter	30d. 0h. 40m. A.M.	29d. 11h. 40m. P.M.

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Kumamoto.

2 Ther. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 1908 Wea.
44° at 8 a.m. Misty - Cloudy.

As the A.M. was somewhat rainy, Mr. Yamanouchi did not come to go with Mr. Miller & I to make new year calls. At 1:30 Mr. M. & I went to the service we held in the church. About 18 were present. After this — from 3 to 6 P.M. to 7 15 we called. Mr. Yamanouchi went with us. It was a new experience to Mr. Miller. At Miss Nakashima's home we went in and ate according to genuine old Japanese style. 20 cards were left on our home. Must continue our visiting tomorrow. Sent off a number of our postals. In A.M. I stated to Mr. Miller the facts concerning Mr. Yamanouchi's request for an increase of salary. Today I had the cook hang out both the American & Japanese flag. At night the sky was perfectly clear, showing immerable stars. May the good Lord guide our way through the opening year.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 31° at 8ᵒᵒ A.m. THURSDAY, JAN. 2, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.m. Mr. Miller & I made a few calls. Also after noon we made some more. After supper, we called at Mr. Yamanouchi's home a moment and then went to Mr. Mannis but he was absent; so we walked down to the bazaar, only to find that that had already closed. So we returned with the exercise we got on the way. In P.M. I sent Mr. Yamanouchi 25 of the Zabon which grew on the tree in the yard. Wrote to Mrs. A.W. Wineoff, Rev. Brown, Rev. Siffard, Mr. Jno A. Cline. It is very strange that Mr. Miller can not receive the bill of lading from Mr. Walker in Nagasaki, so as to be able to get his books from the station. They came last week. The night to night is perfectly clear. Sent Sous. Post to Rev J.W. McCauley, Cumberland, Md.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 35° at 8ᵒᵒ A.m. FRIDAY, JAN. 3, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

Spent A.m. in making calls. Mr. Yamanouchi promised to go with Mr. Miller & I out calling in P.M., but he had guests all day and could not go. We have been to all the places we knew, but there were a few places I did not know to which I wished to go. In P.M. Mr. Miller began to learn the Kana from Lange's grammar. At 4³⁰, he & I went to Mr. Yamanouchi's by previous invitation to eat Suki Yaki. Last night one of the gold fish died. The boy thought it was because they were not fed. So I told him to get some fish and give them. He did this at 6ᵒᵒ P.M. At 8³⁰ when we returned they were all dead. Before I found that they were dead he joyously told me how they ate. Mr. Peake told me that it would kill them to be fed. So it did. At night I wrote to Dr. Holland and included financial report for December.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 35° at 8 A.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.m. Mr. Takahashi came and wrote a number of letters & sour. Postals for me. In P.M. I went to bank and sent off 4 bank drafts to our men. Also, I sent a postal money order to Ueda San. In A.m. Mr. Takahashi asked for a raise of salary. I told him I would let him know on Monday. At 3 P.M. Mr. Miller & I went to Mr. Painter's by previous invitation to take tea. Mr & Mrs. Clark & Mrs. Daniels were there. Also, Mr. Mann and Dr. & Mrs. Davison. After tea we played Flinch. I went to Dr. Davison's home and got their game. 6 played at each game. Miss Watson of Nagoya and Miss Griffis of Nagasaki were also there. I drank a cup of tea when refreshments were served, and it made me quite nervous. I am still under its effect. I must abstain from it hereafter. Prepared Scripture Readings at night for tomorrow.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 30° at 9 A.m. SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 1908 Wea. Fair

Just before 10 A.M. went to Church. As this is the first Sunday of the year there was no S. School. In P.M. I read some from Tokyo Conference Report, and also began reading Dr. Gerberding's "Way of Salvation in the Luth. Church." I now hope to read that within the near future. Letter from Nagasaki-Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation came. Also money order from Mrs. Habenicht which was sent at least 2 weeks ago before came. After night services we had a little sodan at the church in reference to methods of S.S. & Church work. It lasted over one hour and was very tiresome to Mr. Miller as he could not understand any of it. The day was very bright, but somewhat cold. The bill of lading on Mr. Miller's books came today. The letter has been delayed over a week. He will get them tomorrow. Mr. M. & I went to the services at Mr. Painter's at 4 P.M. Mrs. P. having sent a note that it would begin from that time today.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 36° at 8am. MONDAY, JAN. 6, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

In A.M. Mr. Takahashi came and taught me about ¾ hour when Mr. Furusawa called and interrupted us, by staying until 11.45. Just before the dinner was to be brought out, Mr. Yamanouchi called. He came to take Mr. Miller & I out for new Year calls, but I told him that we had already finished it. We finished dinner at 2pm P.M. Were quite hungry when we began it. We then went to the Station and gave in the bill of lading for Mr. Miller's books which came over a week ago. They reached or some in evening. Had Postal money order from Mrs. Habenicht of 60.67 yen cashed. Also draft from Hongkong & Shanghai Bank of yen 433.24 cashed. In A.M. told Cook we would raise his salary from 15 to 18 yen. Told Mr. Takahashi I would raise his from 28 to 31. Told Mrs. Yamanouchi I would raise his from 37 to 40. All these were demands made during the last two weeks. Living is greatly increasing. At 4½pm P.M. went to social at Mr. Yamanouchi's. Had good time. At 7pm went to Prison Christian meeting. Returning went to Cook's to pay him salary until 12th o'clock at night & Mrs. Miller some [illegible] account.

Kumamoto

Ther. 40° at 7.30 TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

In A.M. went to P.O. and sent off two money orders, deposited 30 yen and bought a supply of stamps. Returning, wrote to Mrs. Habenicht and to Mrs. Seegers thanking them for the gifts of money at Christmas 5pm from each. Rec'd. letter from mother. The boarders are yet there. Ezra has decided to enter Lenoir College after Xmas. A letter from Mr. Lippard says he is to come in Spring. One from Rev. Brown says that for family reasons which I will know later, he will not be able to start before summer. One from M. L. Stirewalt says that he and Miss Denzer were to have been married on Dec. 24. Mr. Yamanouchi & wife and Mr. Takahashi & wife took dinner with us today. They remained until 3pm P.M. Then Mr. Miller & I went to the bazaar, etc. At night we went to the Baptist Church where the prayer meeting was held. Rec'd. a sour. Postal from Mr. Kingsbury, Madras, India.

Kumamoto

Ther. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

I was very late getting up this a.m. Immediately after prayers Mr. Miller & I went out on our wheels to see the annual Military review there we met Mr. Yamamouchi who guided us somewhat. Also met the Clarks. Returning, I found Mr. Satakashi waiting. Mr. Yamamouchi called in for a few minutes. At 2 p.m. I went to the church to see about having a screen made to set before the door. Mr. Miller unpacked his books. At 4 Mr. Ojima came. We bargained for him to teach Mr. Miller twice each week after this — one hour each time. At 5 p.m. Mr. M. & I called at the Clarks. At 7 went to the prayermeeting at the Congregationalist church. Mrs. Davison said Mrs. D. said that we should stop on our return & play flinch. We did so. Returned home at 10.30.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 27° at 8 a.m. THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent a.m. in study. Just after dinner, I went out on the street and attended to several things. Soon after my return, Mr. Satakashi, the teacher from the Higher technical school, called to see Mr. Miller about teaching English in his school. He bargained to give 4 or 5 hours per week at yen 50. per month. While he was here Mr. Mukaida called bringing Mr. Oyama with him. Mr. Mukaida asked me to give him a letter of testimonials as he expects to soon go to America. At 7 went to prayermeeting at our church. When we started to go home, Mr. Miller found that his shoes were missing. I had been putting my shoes there in the geta box ever since I came to Japan, but never had any stolen. After returning at night I wrote a letter to mother. On our way back we stopped and thanked Mrs. Davison for the nice pumpkin pie she sent us at noon. It was fine, reminding us of the valley of Virginia.

Kumamoto

Ther. 31° at 5ᵐᵒ A.m. FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent A.M. in study. I let Mr. Miller have Mr. Takahashi in my stead this morning. It is the first lesson he has taken under a Japanese teacher. Just after dinner Mr. M. & I took a ride to Suizenji and then went out beyond Sunatori. Mr. Ijima came to teach Mr. Miller at 4ᵘᵒ P.M. At 5ᵘᵒ P.M. Mr. Watanabe came to be taught Eng. As Mr. Miller was in the room, I think he was considerably embarrassed, and could not tell what little he knew. At night Mr. Miller went to Prayermeeting at the Methodist Ch., I remained at home and taught my Eng. Bible class. At night, I balanced up my last year's accounts. I find that I must be about 16.50 yen short. I had just about balanced it exactly, and then remembered that I had already paid out about this much on my teachers for 1908. A beautiful night.

Ther. 44° at 8ᵐᵒ A.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 11, 1908 Wea. Cloudy-Rain.

Spent until 11ᵘᵒ A.M. in study. I then began to get ready to go with Mr. Miller to the higher Technical School, but as it began to rain, I did not go. He went alone in a 'rickshaw. In the meantime, I honed my two razors. After dinner at 2ᵘᵒ o'clock, went to the church where Dr. Hamil and afterwards Mrs. Hamil spoke on S. Schools. Immediately after his speech, Dr. H. left the church. He came back for some one to go out with him who could speak Japanese as he wanted to have a hon with his initials made. I went out & helped him. At night, went to the regular prayermeeting at the Episcopal church. On returning my teeth gave me severe pain. They have been troubling me slightly since I had the work done on them at Christmas time, but have now begun much worse. Sons. Postal from mother. Letter from Rev. Freed. Summons Conference in Columbia S.C. Dec. 5. Bos C Success "Visitor" came.

Kumamoto

Ther. SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 1908 Wea. Cloudy

Last night I neglected to note the excitement we had at the supper table was brought in. The cook & I were carrying it when I pushed against the large Rochester lamp which was setting on the edge of the ~~desk~~ table and knocked it down. It broke the shade & bent the burner. A little oil was spilled and took fire. We were fortunate in controlling it as well as we did. Went to S.S. & church in A.M. At 2 oo P.M. went to Baptist ch. where Dr. & Mrs. Hamil spoke. At 7 oo P.M. went to Methodist Ch. where another union meeting was held. Both spoke here also. 10 young men and 4 young women went up and shook hands with Dr. Hamil thereby signifying their willingness to let him pray for them. The streets were very bad. Feel quite tired tonight. Sour. Post. from Ezra. Yesterday weather turned much warmer.

Kumamoto.

Ther. MONDAY, JAN. 13, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

Spent A.M. in Study. Had Mr. Takahashi do a bit of writing for me. After dinner. Mr. Miller & I went to the bank where I drew out ¥ 375.oo yen. I then gave him 146.50 which I had of his money. He then opened a Post office Acc. at the Shinyashiki P.O. by depositing 335.oo yen. At 7 oo P.M. I went to the Baptist Ch. where Dr. Tsukuda preached. Mr. Yamamouchi could not preach as he was sick. Mr. Miller took his first lesson with Mr. Fujima this P.M. after returning from the street. At that time, I had Cook. san help me finish putting up the pipe to my bed-room Stove. Today was much warmer than for 3 or 4 weeks. At 7.50 Dr. & Mrs. M. H. Hamill left for Nagasaki. Mr. Miller's stye on his left eye opened just before supper time. A large amount of corruption came out.

Kumamoto

Ther. 55° at 8am. TUESDAY, JAN. 14, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

In A.M. studied until 11½ A.M. Then Mr. Miller & I went to Dr. Davisons and called on Mr. Haeber who is here with his school base-ball team playing the Seiseiko. Yesterday they got beat. I have not yet heard the result of today's game. In P.M. did a little studying after which Mr. Miller & I took a walk to Sugenji. Returning ate supper at 5½ and went to the Yokomachi chapel for the 6½ P.M. preaching. About 20, or 25 persons were present. From there Mr. Takahashi and I went to the Baptist church where there was preaching by Mr. Nakatsu and Mr. Matsuoka. Returning home, I bought 2 apples for .20 sen and 10 persimmons for .03 sen. I find I am very fond of the persimmons — the dried ones. Sent letter to Mr. A. D. Wessell, thanking him for Xmas present.

Kumamoto

Ther. 52° at 8am. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

Spent A.M. in study. Had a long letter from Ryohei San. He has recently become somewhat ill again he says. At 3pm P.M. I went with Mr. Miller to the High school J.M.C.A. where he was given a welcome meeting by the members. The streets are extremely bad. It rained a little today. At night, I went to church — our church — where Mr. Koki and Mr. Soyama spoke. Mr. Miller is not going out to the meetings this week, his stye on the left eye is becoming better since it opened yesterday and the day before. I hope to be able to do some letter writing next week. Last week and this is entirely taken up with meetings at night. I feel quite much encouraged at present over my Japanese. I hope to be able to hit it some hard licks from next week.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 39° at 8ᵒᵒ Am. THURSDAY, JAN. 16, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent until 11ᵒᵒ Am. in study. At that time, Mr. Miller went with Mr. Takahashi to the Police office and had his bicycle registered. I wrote an article to the Visitor about Mr. Miller's arrival. In P.M. took a walk, bought a bunch of persimmons and put them in a tin box to send to Mother. At night went to church. Mr. Miller went also. Mr. Yoshida & Prof. Miyano spoke. After preaching spent a few minutes with some of the folks in Mr. Yamanor chi's home. Mr. M. Returned with Mrs. Davison who was left by herself. The nice clear day and the wind dried up much of the mud in the streets. At night, the moon seemed full. It is a most beautiful night. Mr. Ijima came to teach Mr. Miller in P.M. In P.M. I took up the hyacinths I planted in pots on Nov. 2d. and placed them in the window.

Kumamoto.

3 Ther. 30° at 8ᵒᵒ Am. FRIDAY, JAN. 17, 1908 Wea. Fair

Studied until 11ᵒᵒ Am. I then wrote two letters. Just afternoon, Mr. Miller & I took a bicycle ride to the Post office where I mailed a box of dried persimmons to Mother. We then took a ride on the road toward Kikuchi. The roads are not very smooth. Returning we somewhat repaired our wheels. Had my Eng. student at 4ᵒᵒ. At 7ᵒᵒ my Eng. Bible class came. Five were present. After this, I wrote to mother. Did not get to go to church tonight as I had my class. This P.M., I decided to send the Pr. vases which I bought at Karuizawa to Caroline Dentzer who was to have been married to M.L. Stirewalt on Dec. 24. I will wait, however, until I receive an announcement of the marriage before I send them. The day was fine. The moon at night was most beautiful. Mr. Yamaguchi called at night. Mr. Kusano wishes to be baptized on Sunday.

Kumamoto

Ther. 36° at 8 a.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.m. had my regular study. Immediately after dinner, as Mr. Miller & I were going out to buy some cakes for guests, Mrs. Watson called bringing some peanut butter. She says their son-in-law - Mr. Smart and wife are to come from China on Tuesday. At 2 o'clk P.M. Mr. Yamanouchi, Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Kusano came. The latter was examined for baptism tomorrow. He seemed to stand a very good one. Just as they were leaving, Mr. Idrii came. After he left Mr. Miller & I took a 1½ hours walk. We looked at some fine china ware, which would make excellent wedding presents. I may send a nice plate instead of the two vases I had thought of. At night wrote to John. Also to Rev. S. M. Lutz. P.J. sent Sam. Post to Rev. Ballentine thanking him for Xmas. Hdkfs. Did not go to the meeting tonight as I was so tired and also it became late before we finished supper.

Kumamoto

Ther. SUNDAY, JAN. 19, 1908 Wea. Fair.

This is the 101st anniversary of Gen. R. E. Lee's birth. Went to S.S. and Church in A.m. Mr. Miller taught the Eng. Bible class for me. At services there were 17 present. Mr. Kusano was baptized. After the services the Lord's Supper was administered. 13 Partook. I administered the baptism and also the Lord's Supper. At night there were 9 present. After the services Mr. Yamanouchi had a close talk with Mr. Idrii who has been a Kydoshia for over two years. He wants him to receive baptism. I do not know what he will do. After night services, Mr. Miller & took a walk. Also took a walk to Suizenji after dinner. Finished reading "Comparative Religions" - Kellogg. The moon tonight is most beautiful. It is full. Last night it was full in America. One can read by the moonlight quite easily tonight. Mr. Miller put out his box of tins in A.m. & at night.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 54° at 8ᵒᵘ A.m. MONDAY, JAN. 20, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent A.m. in study. Teacher spent 1½ hrs. here but was interrupted quite a bit by Tomatas and his friend calling at 10ᵒᵘ A.m. At 11.5 just as Mr. Miller & I were going out on our wheels, the insurance agt. came. Then Mr. Yamamochi also came to give a little assistance. While they were here Mr. Honda & a friend of his called. Before they left, Mr. Takahashi the school teacher of the higher technical school called to see Mr. Miller about teaching. Mr. Yamamochi informs me that Mr. Idei, the medical student who has been coming to church for the last few years, says he wants to receive baptism. It is probable he will receive it on first Sun. of Feb. It seems that the Lord's blessing is now resting on the pastor's work. For the last two years I have been paying you 3.50 per 1000 on insurance of this property. On account of the great Hakadate fire of last year, it is now 7.50 on the house and 8.30 on the furniture per 1000. Quite a raise. We also raised the value of this house from 1,200 to 1,300

Kumamoto

Ther. 42° at 8ᵒᵘ A.m. TUESDAY, JAN. 21, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Studied in A.m. Got up at 6ᵒᵘ A.m. and had breakfast at 7ᵒᵘ, so that Mr. Miller could go to the school. It was his first time to go. I put in an excellent morning's study. I think I should get up at this time always. Will try it. Just after noon went to P.O. with Mr. Miller where he drew out some money. We then went to bank where I drew out 50. yen. On the way back overtook Mrs. Davison & Mr. Smart who were coming to our home to invite us there for this evening. Smarts arrived yesterday from China. In P.M. insurance man came. Finished business of yesterday. Also, I had my own personal property insured at 1000 yen. Rate 7.80 yen. I estimated it as follows: Books 600. Bicycle 150. Clothes 300, Typewriter, dishes etc. 250. Total 1,300. I could not replace these things for this amount however. Mr. Miller had his insured also for 1000 yen. First I had ever had done for myself. At night had intended to go to Yokomachi chapel and then to Mrs. Davison's, but while at the supper table - 6ᵒᵘ P.M. - Mr. Yamamochi called and stayed until 10ᵒᵘ. I got to neither place. Mrs. Miller went to Mr. Davison's alone. Mr. Yamamochi tells much against Wasa. Wasa refused to accept the Jan. newspapers sent to Omuta.

Kumamoto

Ther. 30° at 8 a.m. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.M. I studied until 11 o'clock. Mr. Teacher did not come until 10:30. I let Mr. Miller use him from 11 until 12. I received the announcement of the marriage of Rev. W. L. Stirewalt & Caroline Dentzer which took place Dec. 24. Wrote him a letter. Bought a 5.30 yen dish — gold trimmed — packed it up to send the bride. Also, I bought a 3.20 yen one and prepared it to send to the bride of W. J. Stirewalt who was married Dec. 18. Rec'd. a nice letter from Dr. Holland. He says Rev. Lippard will return about March and will reside in Kumamoto. Miller san & I will have to go elsewhere. He also said that the Mission Board has made overtures to the General Council for cooperation in the Japan Mission work. I feel sure that if this cooperation should come to pass, it will finally bring about a union of the two bodies on the home field, which would be a most desirable thing. I hope it will be accomplished. The day was fine.

Kumamoto

Ther. 34° at 8 a.m. THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent A.M. in study. Just after dinner I took my wedding presents to the P.O. and mailed them. Postage 1.68. I then finished writing my will, but have one or two changes yet to make. On our return from P.O. Mr. Miller & I went by the castle. Saw soldiers drilling. At 4 p.m. went to Sunday S. School. Mr. Yamauchi had forgotten to take his hymn book, so I came back on my wheel for mine. Made the trip home & back in 20 min. After supper, Mr. Miller & I called at the Davisons on Mr. & Mrs. Swart. Had determined to return at 8:30 and do some work, but was prevailed on to remain until 10. Dr. D. was out. Mr. Yamauchi says he wants to go to Omuta to settle up the matter about the newspaper. He wants to go and not see Wada but the other people — the committee of three. I fear trouble. I hope to persuade him differently.

Kumamoto

Ther. 30° at 8 a.m. FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Studied a little while in A.m. until Mr. Ueda came. He came at about 10 45 on his return from Yatsushiro to Saga. He wanted some money - his Feb. salary. I gave him about 20. yen on that and an amount to cover all current expenses. He took dinner with us. Just before dinner, I went to the bank and drew out 40. yen. After dinner Mr. Ueda left, and Mr. Miller & I took a bicycle ride on the Waisse Road. returning, we hung some pictures. Then two students came to be taught. Then at 5 00 P.M. my regular student came. At 7 00 Bible Class came - only 3 were present. Then put the finishing touch on my will. I will 2000. dollars to Mission Board of United Synod, 500. dollars to Ev. Luth. Theol. Sem. at Chicago. 500. to Ev. Luth. Theol. Sem. of United Synod in South, my share in my father's estate to watch and all personal effects and monies to mother, or to be equally divided between my brothers in case of her previous death. Books [illegible] I gave all books to mission school, if at that time in existence or if not, to Luth. Theol. Sem. of United Synod of South.

Kumamoto

Ther. 47° at 8 00 A.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 25, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent A.M. in studying. Just after dinner, Mr. Miller & I took a bicycle ride down street and enquired for soft hats, but could find nothing satisfactory. Just before noon Mr. Yamaguchi called. Mr. Takahashi did not come today until 12 30. He then came to find if I wished to study. He said Mr. Ueda stayed at Mr. Yamaguchi's home last night and that he called at his home this A.M. and stayed until time to catch the 1 24 train. Mr. Takahashi brought tickets for Mr. Miller & I for the Y.M.C.A. entertainment tonight at 3 00. We went to this entertainment but returned at 5 00, just before the speech began. It was to have lasted for 1½ hrs. or so. Mr. Matsumoto from Fukuoka, certainly sang a solo very sweetly - the best I have ever heard a Japanese sing. Prof. Esebel, Mr. Painter & wife, Smart & wife, Mr. Clark were on [illegible]

Kumamoto

Ther. 43° at 8 a.m. SUNDAY, JAN. 26, 1908 Wea. Fair

In A.M. went to S.S. and Church. Mr. Akari Idii became a Kyudosha. Will be baptized next Sunday. After dinner I wrote a letter to Mother. Mr Mukaeda called again. He has not yet gone to America but says he is to go. Sailing from Yokohama Feb. 26. He always puts the date / month ahead. His calling kept me from going with Mr. Miller to Mr. Davison's at 5 p.m. Mr. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Smart & I went to the services at Mr. Painter's. At night went to church. 9 were present at night and 16 in A.M. At night while there, Mr. Takahashi's daughter came and called her father away saying that his little 7 yr. old boy had fallen down the steps, cutting a gash in his head. Mr. Takahashi returned at once.

Kumamoto

Ther. 36° at 8 a.m. MONDAY, JAN. 27, 1908 Wea Fair.

In A.M. I studied as usual. Mr. Takahashi came 30 min. late because of certain attention necessary to his boy, who fell last night from the second story. The doctor had to put in 7 stitches to sew the place up. It was near the top of the head. Mr. Kusano came to teach Mr. Miller — the first time. American mail came. A letter from mother. Ezra had not yet entered College. Will not until next Fall. She reports a nice Christmas with her boarders from Washington. I had made an engagement to go out with Mr. Smart bicycle riding at 2 p.m. But just then Mr. Yamanouchi called. I went with him from 4 p.m. We had a long ride out in the country past Suwatari. At 9 p.m. Mr. Yamanouchi called again. Miss Fukushima has just been ordered to go to Corea to spend 3 yrs. in a hospital there. She was to have been baptized here Sunday after next. This coming Sunday may be baptized tomorrow. Wrote to Rev. Lippard at Phila. Pa. "Lutheran Church Work" came. It is the first Edited

Kumamoto

Ther. 37° at 8ᵒᵒ 4m. TUESDAY, JAN. 28, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Rec'd a remittance from Danish Board. Studied in A.M. with Mr. Takahashi until 10⁴⁵. Then a note came from Mr. Yamanouchi saying that Miss Fukushima wished to be baptized this A.M. so she could start for Corea tomorrow. So Mr. Takahashi & I went over to the church where Mr. & Mrs. Yamanouchi and Miss Fukushima were. Mr. Yamanouchi read the service and I baptized her, & then in like-manner we gave her the Lord's Supper. To me the service was very impressive. She was to have been baptized on Feb. 9, but her being suddenly ordered to enter the Red Cross Society hospital at Seoul, she goes tomorrow. Since the baptism today. It was not a regular Sunday service, but I know the Lord was present to bless. After dinner, I went to the dentist to have a nerve killed. Had suffered much. At 3ᵉᵉ Mr. Smart & I took a bicycle ride. At seven went to Tokomachi Chapel. At night wrote to Ada Miller

Kumamoto.

Ther. 36° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Started to study in A.M. but at 9³⁰ a messenger came from Mr. Yamanouchi saying that Miss Fukushima Isaoko who was to have left for Corea on the 4⁴² P.M. train, is to leave on the 10ᵒᵒ A.M. train, as her boat leaves Moji at 7ᵒᵒ this evening. Mr. Miller & I went to the station to see her off. Mr. Yamanouchi was there. Not her father there. Walked back with Mr. Y. while Mr. Miller rode his wheel back. Returning found Mr. Takahashi waiting for me. Did some studying. At 2ᵒᵒ P.M. went with Mr. M. to barber shop. Then went to dentist again. Returning, I had my hair trimmed also. At 4ᵒᵒ P.M. Mr. M. & I went to Mrs. Davison's where Mr. & Mrs. Smart celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Painter and Miss Smith of Kagoshima were also present. At night, wrote a letter to "Tidings". Also sent it a photo of the children who were faithful in coming to S.School during last year.

Kumamoto

Ther. 38° at 8 a.m. THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 1908 Wea. Cloudy

In A.M. did some studying. Had my teacher until 10:30 A.M. I then wrote to Rev. Obuchi. At 2 P.M. went to dentist, Mr. Miller went along. Returning we stopped at the P.O. to draw out some money but could not as it is a holiday. The holiday is in celebration of the present Emperor's father's death. Flags were hung out. In evening wrote to Mr. Kuhns. At 6 P.M. Mr. Miller & I went to the Methodist Church where there was a union social of all the Christians of the city. I took my graphophone as requested. I think I will never take part in another such affair. It was entirely unbecoming for a church building. I do not wonder that Mrs. Davison worries about it. Began raining at about 9:30 P.M. Started to make marmalade. Sometime next day yet necessary.

Kumamoto

Ther. 61° at 8 a.m. FRIDAY, JAN. 31, 1908 Wea. Cloudy

Spent until 11 a.m. in study, after which I wrote to Rev. Brown, enclosing a letter which came from England for Mrs. Brown. Sent Mrs. Liffard a Souv. Postal. Wrote to Mr. W. Takamura a Prof. in 7th High School, Kagoshima. After dinner took a little walk out with Miller, calling at Mr. Winters a moment. Returning at 2:30 Mr. Yamauchi and S. Ishii were here. The latter was examined for baptism. Will be baptized on next Sunday. He is a result of English teaching. He will graduate from the Medical School next year. At 4 P.M. and again at 5 P.M. I had English classes. At 7 P.M. had my regular Bible class of teachers. Only 4 were present tonight. After supper had the Cook to go a step further in making the marmalade we started yesterday. Then set it away. Will be able to finish it tomorrow evening. Wrote my will off with the typewriter at night.

Kumamoto

Ther. 38½° at 8ᵒᵒ a.m. SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent until 11ᴸˢ studying. At 9ᴸ³⁰ Mr. Fukushima called. He wants me to teach him Eng. Conversation. I invited him to the Bible Class at the church. Says he will come, but returned in P.M. saying that he could not come tomorrow. At 2ᵒᵒ P.M. went to dentist. met Mr. & Mrs. Clark and Josephine there. Josephine is having a tooth treated. At 5ᵒᵒ P.M. we began to make the last step in the marmalade proposition. Had to borrow Mrs. Davison's Cook pot to boil it in. Had to make two boilings of two pots each time. We were much surprised when we found that it took 19 pounds (25 lbs.) ~~sugar~~ sugar. One of the pots of the last boiling was boiled too much. I think we will have an interesting time getting it out of the jar. Filled a can to send to Mrs. Davison — a can which she sent full of fruit on Christmas day. It is now 11ᴸᵉ P.M. Had to boil each pot 1 hr 10 min. We had an amusing time. Got about 23 pints of marmalade.

Kumamoto

4 Ther. 44° at 8ᵒᵒ a.m. SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 1908 Wea. Rainy.

It was a rather rainy day, but cleared off in evening, and we have a beautiful sky now. Went to S. School & Church. As it was bad weather, there were not so many children out. There were 16 at church in a.m. and 9 at night. At the morning services Mr. A. Idrii was baptized. Mr. Matsumoto and Miss Niina became Kyuseishu. In P.M. I wrote to Mother. At 5ᵒᵒ P.M. Mrs. Miller & I went to services at Mr. Painter's. We tried the marmalade at supper. It is too sweet, but will be a good spread anyhow. A postal came from Miss Fukushima saying that she landed at Seoul at 9ᵒᵒ P.M. Jan. 30. At night, after returning from ch., Mr. Miller read aloud, Seiss on the Gospel for today — 4ᵗʰ Sun. after Epiphany. The streets are very bad indeed today.

Kumamoto - Omuta - Kurume - Hakata

Ther. 36° at 8 am. MONDAY, FEB. 3, 1908 Wea. Cloudy

After prayers, I went to the dentist, then to the bank where I had a check cashed, then to the Higo bank, where I drew out $100 yen, and then returned home and prepared to leave on the 11.24 A.M. train. met Miss Smith and Mr. Mealer at the depot. Rode with them as far as Omuta where I got off, and attended to my business taking the next train to Kurume, where I did likewise, taking the next train to Hakata where I arrived at 7.30. went to Mr. Yamamuchi's home at 8 pm and spent two hours. He says Hata san came here from Kumamoto about a week ago, and that he is considering giving up his present work to become a dealer in rice machines at Yatsushiro in place of his elder brother who is sick. If he does this, it will help us out of a difficulty. I wish he would. Before leaving in a.m. sent a can of Marmalade to Mrs. Davison bearing the following table "Bachelor's Marmalade — Extra Sweet Shimyashiki Brand — Manufactured by Miller & Stirewalt" It was a quart can - the one she sent full of figs on Christmas day. Cold weather.

Hakata - Saga - Nagasaki.

Ther. TUESDAY, FEB. 4, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

Left Hakata on the 7.28 a.m. train, reaching Saga at about 9.30. After spending a few minutes at the hotel, I went to Hata's but found that he is in Yatsushiro. I suppose he is negotiating in reference to the matter Ryohei San spoke of last night. I settled the account with his wife. After this went to the Kindergarten where I held the usual account with Kawase San. She informed me that at the end of this month she expects to go to Funchow China to teach. It is quite a disappointment to me to have her leave on this short notice, and especially at this time. She does not regard her promise to Mrs. Lippard to Remain until they return. After dinner, went to the Peeles. Took supper there. Mrs. P. and children are in Nagasaki. By previous arrangement, I boarded the 7.2 p.m. train on which I found Mr. Miller and came on to Nagasaki, reaching the Japan hotel at 11.45. Quite tired

Bought at Saga "Life & Letters of Bassano" - Gift from Author

~~Kumamoto~~ Nagasaki

Ther. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5, 1908 Wea.
Rain + Bay Stormy

27 Years old today.

Got up and ate breakfast by 8.30 A.M. Then went out and made numerous purchases. Bought a bill of groceries, a hat etc. After dinner went out again + did numerous things. Mrs Miller had 100 name cards made. After supper, we called on the Walwoords and the Pieters. The latter have just been bereaved of their 9 month old son — the only son among a family of 6 children. Had intended to call on Mrs. Beebe at the Dutch Ref. School but learned that she was ill with rheumatism so could not see her. The day was as bad as we ever have! — rain, snow, cold, wind — all together, make it very unpleasant with the fearfull streets. Sunshine + cloudy weather — all kinds in one day. At night the stars shone for a while. Had Mr. Miller registered at the U. S. Consul and received some valuable hints in reference to the making of our wills, the ones we had made out would not do.

Nagasaki — Kumamoto

Ther. THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 1908 Wea.
Snow — Rain.

After breakfast took a bicycle lamp over to Rev. Fuller's for Miss Simpson. It was sent by Mr. Beebe. Then called at the Methodist Girl's School and had a talk with Miss Young. Paid her the allowance for Nonaka San. Then went to Entrance's again + up Yamanomachi etc. Returned to the hotel, ate dinner, and left on the 1.30 train reaching Kumamoto at 9.24 P.M. The streets were very bad. The snow of yesterday and today was very beautiful. I think, however, it was about the worst weather we have had this Winter. Returning home at night, I thought that the birth in the cook's family has taken place. Will find out tomorrow. Did a little reading on the train while returning. Found a book awaiting me — Report of Education — Gov. W.S.A. Jacob had it sent, as I had asked him.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 37° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 1908 Wea. Fair.

At Tosu last night, I weighed 162⅔ lbs. — this is a gain over what I weighed in the Fall. This morning I found that a son had been born to our Cook's family on Wednesday from 9ᵒᵒ A.M. to 1ᵒᵒ o'clock. This is his second son. It happened that it came just on my birthday. In A.M. I did various little things - wrote several letters. In P.M. went to dentist and then taught my two Eng. classes. At 7ᵒᵒ had my bible class, but only 3 were present. After this I went to Mr. Davison's and played Orchono, in accordance to an invitation from Mr. Smart just after 9ᵒᵒ P.M. Mr. Mannis said to have arrived with his bride yesterday on the 6.15 train — just able train ahead of Mr. Miller & I. Mrs. Miller went out to church at 11ᵒᵒ

Kumamoto

Ther. 40° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

Spent until 11ᵒᵒ in study, after which I wrote to the Hiroshima Kindergarten training school, to see if we could get a teacher to take Kawase's place after this month. Kawase wrote me yesterday suggesting that if we would give Nagaki san 35ᵒᵒ yen per month that she would give up her present position and teach for us. But I guess not. In P.M. went to bank and had check of 566.64 cashed, deposited 400. in Higo bank and used the rest to pay salaries etc. Put 25. in P.O. Miss Hiyashi was examined at my home from 4ᵒᵒ P.M. as a candidate for baptism tomorrow. After this Mr. Miller & I called on the bride & groom in their home for a few moments. She seems real nice. Mr. Idrii called at 3ᵒᵒ P.M. Mr. Jimbo called at 6.15 asking Mr. Miller to speak at Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday eve.

Kumamoto

Ther. 42° at 8ᵃᵐ p.m. SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 1908 Wea. Fair.

An excellent day. In p.m. went to S. School & church. There were 24 at church in p.m. and 11 in evening. Just after dinner, Mr. Miller & I took a walk to Lake Ezo. Returning, I wrote to Mother. At 5ᵖᵐ P.M. we went to services at Mr. Painter's. He was absent but Mr. Mann conducted it. At our morning services, we baptized ~~Miss~~ Higashi Sato San. She is a student in the girl's school of which Dr. Fukuda is the principle. This makes four baptisms since Christmas for the Kumamoto church. At night after services, Mr. Yamauchi talked for 45 min. to 4 students who have been coming to these evening services for three times or so successively. Pr. shoes came today from Hozakki which I ordered made last Wed. Also books from Tokyo came. Weather is fine. Clear cut half moon tonight.

Kumamoto

Ther. 32° at 8ᵃᵐ a.m. MONDAY, FEB. 10, 1908 Wea. Fair.

A most delightful day with good bracing air. Just after dinner, Mr. Miller & I went down street and bought a Pr. nice vases at yen 7ᵒᵒ and sent them as a bridle present to Mrs. Mann. They were Kyoto ware. I then went to the dentist and had a little more work done, but must get on the day after tomorrow to have the job finished. Sent off several money orders, after drawing 25 yen out of the P.O. Mr. Yamauchi called at 4²⁰ and remained until after 7ᵒᵒ. It was so tiresome to me. He wants me to buy some land in Fukuoka which is for sale now for our school. It would cost 15 000 or 20 000 yen. He talks about several great plans that are too wild for me to take hold of. At night, I wrote to Dr. Holland sending my Jan. financial report. Rec'd a letter from Rev. L. Johnson, St. Louis. A funny Souv. Post. from Rev. Lifford. Must write mimeograph letter tomorrow. Had a great fall from bicycle near Shingashiki P.O. while visiting

Kumamoto

Ther. 37° at 8 a.m. TUESDAY, FEB. 11, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Kigensetsu. As today is a holiday, I told my teacher that I would not study today. I had wished to use the forenoon in writing my mimeograph letter. However, at 10 a.m. Tomajiro San called and stayed just one hour. In the meantime, American mail came. All this broke up the morning. I note that Dr. Holland has again quoted from my letters for the "Visitor". Letters from Mr. J.E. Cooper, Montgomery Ward & Co, M. Prager & Co. were awaiting me in P.M. At one o'clock, eleven of us started to see the plum blossoms beyond Hanabatake. We first climbed the mountain and then descended on the other side. While there Miss Takashima and 6 other pupils joined us. As Mr. Miller was to speak at the Y.M.C.A. tonight at 6 o'clock, he & I had returned ahead of the others. I went to the Johnouchi chapel at 7 p.m.

Kumamoto

Ther. 42° at 8 a.m. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent until 11½ A.M. in study. Wrote a letter to Ryoki, Washi and to a man in the Kumamoto Penitentiary. I felt so much run up that I could not get to writing on my mimeograph letter, as I had wanted to do. I must get it off this week. I left at 1 o'clock starting to the dentist a little before 2 p.m. Mr. Yamamuchi came and remained until 3 p.m. I then went to the dentist, but must go back on Monday. Mr. Yamamuchi brought Mr. Nishimiya, a young man 22 years old who has been studying under Rev. Ebisu, at Kokura, and who wishes to enter our mission as a worker, if we will educate him. We questioned him mainly this evening. I will write to Rev. Hanabata at Takeda, where the boy lives and find out his real condition. It is a fine day. The moon tonight is exquisitely fine.

Kumamoto

Ther. 38° at 8ᵃᵐ 4ᵖᵐ. THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Mr. Tokahashi came in 4ᵖᵐ. After having him read my mail, I dismissed him, using my time for writing the mimeograph ~~letter~~. Worked until 5ᵃᵐ P.M. when Mr. Miller & I went out on our wheels. Dr. Davison called just before 4ᵃᵐ P.M. Mr. Monk called just before 5ᵃᵐ P.M. By invitation, Mr. Miller & I went to the Davison's at night to play games. I loathed to use the evening in that way but thought it best to do so as the Smarts expect to return to China next week. Mr. Yonemura writes me that he is to come tomorrow P.M. to see Mr. Miller. He has just received a letter from Mr. Winther. A fine day and a glorious night. I feel that I must be in a solid week next week at work. Ebina, Kozaki and others from Tokyo are now holding meetings in Kumamoto.

Kumamoto

Ther. 43° at 8ᵃᵐ 4ᵖᵐ. FRIDAY, FEB. 14, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Studied in A.M. Mr. Yonemura came in P.M. He wants Mr. Miller to come to Kurume to live, so that he can teach Eng. to Kurume's men and to others who may be drawn to the church by it. We could not consent to this. It was not for us to decide. However, we decided that if he wished, he could come to Kumamoto once per week at the mission's expense for the study of Eng. theology. In P.M. and at night, I wrote the mimeograph letter, off on stencil paper by the typewriter. Also Mr. Miller did the printing for me. Were at it until almost 12ᵃᵐ at night. Mr. Miller had some callers in P.M. I dismissed my Eng. class in P.M. as I was very busy. Had my teacher's Bible class at night. All except Iida want to begin study in the N.T. instead of the O.T. He is so prejudiced against Christianity.

Kumamoto - Saga.

Ther. 42° at 8 a.m. SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.M. I did various things. Drew 20 yen from the bank. Prepared to get off on the 9.42 train. Finished sending off the mimeograph letter. Assorted, put in envelopes, also enclosed a Jap. Ch. Paper in each. Sent off about 1.45. Arrived at Saga at 7.30. Went to Koshuan Hotel. After supper called at Mr. Ueda's to find that he had been absent ever since Feb. 4 when I called, thus missing two Sundays. This may turn out to be a serious thing for him. I also find that Kawase is to leave tomorrow. I had not expected it until about the 20th. I feel very much broken up over the two matters coming just as the Saga work had to be started from the bottom again. Why should Kawase also leave on Sunday!

Saga.

Ther. SUNDAY, FEB. 16, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Delightful weather. After breakfast as I was about to start from the hotel to call on Kawase san, Mrs. Ueda called. After she left, I started, but met her and Itozaki on their way to the Station. I also went to the station a little later. The crowd buying tickets for the 9.42 train was large. The train pulled out before all bought. Kawase had to wait until the 11.25 train. Itozaki rode down the road a way with her, to return in Evening. Returning to the hotel, I could not but feel the very great disappointment, not only over Kawase leaving so suddenly, but over Ueda being absent without having given any notice. I feel more than ever determined to make myself prepared so that I can be of some use to the work. In P.M. called at the Reches. Mrs. R. is still in Nagasaki. I spent the ~~rest~~ evening and will spend the night here.

Saga - Kumamoto.

Ther. MONDAY, FEB. 17, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Sakah at 6ᵒᵒ and ate ~~supper~~ breakfast at 7ᵒᵒ A.M. After a talk with Mr. Peeke in which he informs me that they will be willing to rent their house, after June 2, to the Liffards for yen. 40 per month. Then went to the church & looked at the old Kindergarten house. Went to kindergarten and had a talk with Mura San. I think we will move the Jochien to its former place, and I will live in the house in which it now is. This will necessitate Sakai San to move out of the house by the church, also Hayashi and her family to move from the Jochien house. Rushed back and ate dinner at Mr. Peeke's and left on the 12ᵒᵒ train reaching Kumamoto at 5ᵒᵒ P.M. One of the Y.M.C.A. men came to me and asked me to speak to them tomorrow evening at 6ᵒᵒ P.M. I consented. Mr. Miller paid his Zogak by mail valued at ¥20ᵒᵒ without any duty.

Kumamoto

Ther. TUESDAY, FEB. 18, 1908 Wea. 33° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. Fair.

In A.M. Mr. Takahashi came and did some letter writing for me. We consumed 1½ hrs. at this. I mentioned to him about my going to Saga and asked him if he were willing to go also. He says he is. At 2ᵒᵒ P.M. went to dentist. Returned a few minutes after 5ᵒᵒ. Found Naomaru here. Talked to him until 5.20 when I dismissed myself to go to the Y.M.C.A. to speak. He has been informed by Mr. Takahashi about the change we contemplate at Saga. Naomaru seemingly does not sanction our plans. However, I think there will be very serious hitch on the matter. From the Y.M.C.A. I went to the Yokomachi chapel, where Ando Takahashi San and then Naomaru San spoke an hour. There were 30 or 40 listeners all the time. Returned and ate supper after 9ᵒᵒ P.M., Mr. Miller having eaten at the regular time.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 35° at 8am. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19. 1908 Wea. Fair.

These nights are most beautiful. In A.M. went to see the Smarts off on the 10am train. Dr. Davison also was there. They sail from Nagasaki on German mail tomorrow. Spent until 1130 studying. At 1 went to dentist. He put in another gold filling, and also took out one which had become bad. Will take out the nerve and fill it again. Cleaned up my bicycle. Mr. Ueda has not yet come neither have we heard from him at all. No American mail. At night Magic lantern lecture at Mr. Takahashi's place. About 50 were present including children. I think I will order some new graphophone records tomorrow. One is "Give my love to Dixie". I am very much pleased to be able to understand so much of Mr. Takahashi's speech tonight and last night. It is gradually coming.

Kumamoto - Saga.

Ther. 32° at 8am. THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 1908 Wea. Fair.

At 10am went to dentist. Rec'd a letter from Ueda offering his resignation. He pretends to have not yet received the letter I sent him asking him to come to Kumamoto. He wrote from Saga. So I took the 4 44 P.M. train and went to Saga. I had scarcely arrived at the Ryokwan before a telegram came saying that Ueda would arrive at Saga at 10am tomorrow. He had just arrived at Kumamoto after dinner. I called at Mr. Painter's and enquired after the young man Mr. Nimmiya from Taketa, who offers to become one of our workers. It seems that he is accused of being the father of a child in Kobiya where he was attending School under Mr. Pilcher. The woman is the wife of the man with whom he boarded. The charge is, however, not fully substantiated, but he was dismissed from the English for this reason. Just before going to station I called at Mr. Munn's. Letter from Dr. Inter states that he will arrive from Manila at Nagasaki on March 20. Letter from Dr. Inter

Saga - Omuta - Kumamoto.

Ther. FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Mr. Ueda called at my hotel at 5.45 having just arrived from the station. He arrived at Kasuya station Kumamoto yesterday on the same train by which I left Kami Kumamoto. He came over this ~~forn~~. He and I made our final arrangements for his severance of his connection with the Mission. Itazaki san thinks it is impossible for her to get out of the Mission home by next Wed. After thinking it all over, I will probably remain in Kumamoto until the Kindergarten's graduation takes place next month, so that the K.G. can be moved during the holidays that follow. Sokai san thinks he can not get out by next week also. I was most depressed by the whole dealing of the matter today. Our lack of a teacher is a question. We can only look to the Lord for help. Stopped at Omuta on my return and settled a few questions there which I had feared before. Reached home at 10 ½ P. M. Began to rain then.

Kumamoto

Ther. SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 1908 Wea. Fair.

48° at 8 A.M.

Went to dentist's in A.M. as the streets were bad, I took a kuruma. Returning, I had Mr. Takahashi read and write letters. We also talked about his going to Saga. He will possibly go over on Monday to see, and then take his family over a few days later — Friday. Just after dinner he called again. He made two requests — almost demands // that he be regularly taken into the mission at once. // that he be promised to remain with the Saga work for a long time. We considered one year entirely too short. I positively refused the second, and told him we would consider the first. I think we will have him wait until Mr. Lippard returns — two months from now. I was very sorry to see him display such a spirit. I assured him that I had no doubt that he would be taken into the mission, but that I did not like to bear the whole responsibility. In evening Nomura called. These two have been in consultation. But my cyclometer on my bicycle rode about 11 miles.

Ther. 47° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Went to S.S. and church in A.M. 19 were at Ch. in A.M. and 10 at night. Read the Visitor and read over next sunday's scripture lessons in Japanese in P.M. At 4½ P.M. Mr. Miller & I went to Mr. Morris and took tea, as per previous invitation. From there we went to Mr. Painter's. Mr. Moule and Mr. Goebel were there. At our night services the same three middle school students who have been coming for a long time, were present again. I have a strong desire this evening to begin to preach. I must make a start before long. Will possibly do it in Saga. At services this A.M. Mr. Takahashi & I were given a farewell service. I will not go to Saga yet to live, but will go over every week. Mr. S. will go Friday. We ist to have a farewell meeting in our home on Wed. eve. Nice Even'g. No callers today.

Kumamoto.

Ther. 45° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. MONDAY, FEB. 24, 1908 Wea. Cloudy

In A.M. a few flakes of snow fell. Recd. a letter from Mother. "Luth. Ch. Work" came. "Harper's Monthly" for Feb. also came. I suppose some friend has ordered it to be sent to me, but I do not know who it could be. Mr. Takahashi called in A.M. but as he was somewhat disappointed that we do not take him in the mission as a regular worker at this time, also that his salary is not raised. Told him that we would determine both as soon as Mr. Lippard came, as Mr. Miller and I did not care to assume so much responsibility as is implied in accepting him as a worker. In A.M. I went to dentist. Went to coal store and ordered 50ᶜ. Gin. This evening, I notice that my bicycle cyclometer registers 18+ miles. It was 7.8 before. Mr. Yamamouchi called in P.M. Also Tomajiro and two friends called. Took Mr. Miller to Dr. Takata's but he was absent. He has piles.

Kumamoto.

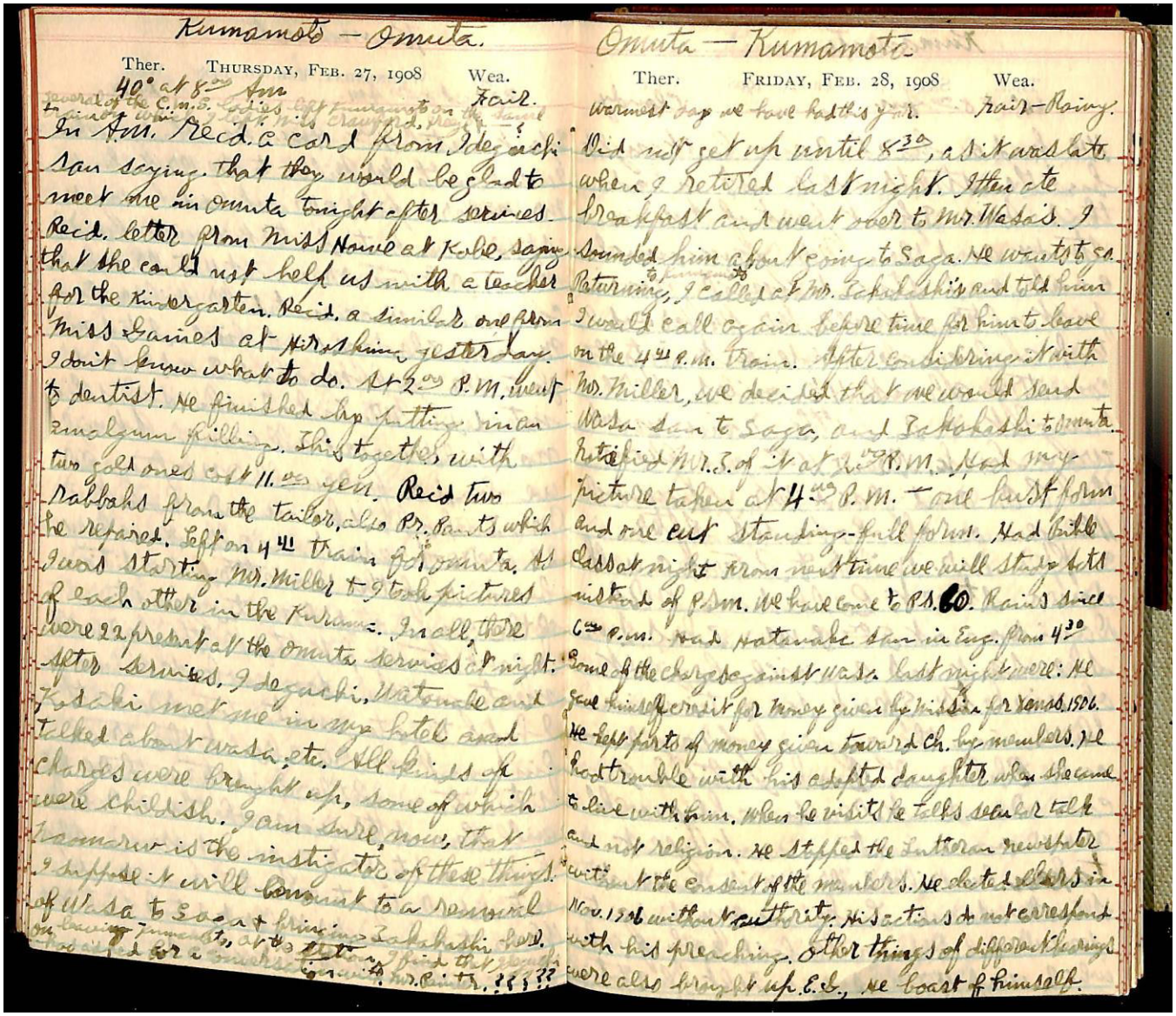
Ther. 34° at 8ᵃᵐ 4m. TUESDAY, FEB. 25, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Got up earlier than usual as Mr. Miller was to go to school. I began on a good morning's study, but Mr. Yamamuchi called, having rec'd a letter from the Omuta members: Idegauchi, Watanabe and Kosaki, saying that unless the mission moved Wasa they would call in the Nihon Kirisuto Kwai and leave our mission. They demand a prompt decision. They have heard that Takahashi was to go to Saga, and thinking that they would have no other chance to make a change, they press this point. I wrote to Idegauchi asking to speak with them on Thursday night. I will go up at that time. I feel sure that it is Naomaru who has made them antagonistic to Wasa. Wasa had done an excellent work until now. I think possibly we will have to put Takahashi at Omuta and Wasa at Saga. Went to Yokomachi chapel at night. That 30 persons listened. Festival on the street today.

Kumamoto

Ther. 37° at 8ᵃᵐ AM. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent until 11ᵃᵐ AM. in study, when I went with Mr. Miller to see Dr. Fukuda. Mr. Miller's piles are not bad he says. At 1/2ᵖᵐ went to dentist. He will finish my work tomorrow. At 4.45 Dr. Fukuda came and vaccinated Mr. Miller and myself. The day was fine. I did not go to the Yokomachi S.S. as I had intended. Mr. Takahashi says that no children at all came. At night we had a farewell meeting for Mr. Takahashi in our home. 23 were present in all. Somehow, because of the unsettled condition of the Saga and Omuta question I felt tonight that the farewell meeting was somewhat clumsy. I hope to go to Omuta tomorrow to find out more about the true situation of the condition there & will then determine whether Mr. Takahashi is to go to Saga as previously intended & to go to Omuta and send Wasa to Saga. Mr. Miller & I took pictures of each other with bicycles.



Kumamoto — Omuta.

Ther. THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1908 Wea.

40° at 8am — Fair.

In A.M. Recd. a card from Ideguchi San saying that they would be glad to meet me in Omuta tonight after service. Recd. letter from Miss Howe at Kobe, saying that she could not help us with a teacher for the kindergarten. Recd. a similar one from Miss Gaines at Hiroshima yesterday. I don't know what to do. At 2 P.M. went to dentist. He finished by putting in an amalgum filling. This together with two old ones cost 11.00 yen. Recd two Sabbaths from the tailor, also Pr. Pants which he repaired. Left on 4 o'clock train for Omuta. As I was starting Mr. Miller & I took pictures of each other in the entrance. In all there were 22 present at the Omuta service last night. After service, Ideguchi, Watanabe and Takeshi met me in my hotel and talked about Wada, etc. All kinds of charges were brought up, some of which were childish. I am sure, now, that Iwamura is the instigater of these things. I suppose it will amount to a removal of Wada to Saga & putting Takahashi here. On leaving Omuta, at 8:45 P.M. I sent the Mr. Pitts ??? for a

Omuta — Kumamoto.

Ther. FRIDAY, FEB. 28, 1908 Wea.

warmest day we have had this year. Rain-Rainy.

Did not get up until 8:30, as it was late when I retired last night. After breakfast and went over to Mr. Wada's. I sounded him about going to Saga. He wants to go. Returning, I called at Mr. Takahashi's and told him I would call again before time for him to leave on the 4 o'clock p.m. train. After considering it with Mr. Miller, we decided that we would send Wada San to Saga, and Takahashi to Omuta. Notified M.E.S. of it at 10 A.M. Had my picture taken at 4 P.M. — one half form and one entire standing-full form. Had Bible Class at night from next time we will study Acts instead of 4 P.M. We have come to P.S. 60. Rain since 6 p.m. Had a rainbow seen in Eng. from 4:30 p.m. Some of the charges against Wada last night were: He gave himself credit for money given by Miss Ing for Xmas 1906. He kept parts of money given toward Ch. by members. He had trouble with his adopted daughter when she came to live with him. When he visits he talks secular talk and not religion. He stopped the Lutheran newspaper without the consent of the members. He dated Bibles in Nov. 1906 without authority. His actions do not correspond with his preaching. Other things of different bearings were also brought up. E.S., He boast of himself.

Kumamoto

Ther. 14° at 8ᵒᵒ a.m. SATURDAY, FEB. 29, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

We had a hard rain last night but the streets were not to bad this A.M. Spent part of the A.M. in study and then Mr. Yamanouchi came and stayed until noon. Just after dinner, Mr. Miller and I took a bicycle ride out into the country about 4½ miles. Were caught in a little rain on our way back. Drew 11ᵉᵈ yen from the P.O. and paid Mr. Yamanouchi 11ᵉᵈ yen on ch. expenses. After supper Mr. Miller & I took a walk down street. Called on Mrs. Davison at 5ᵒᵒ P.M. This A.M. she sent us a nice bouquet of violets. Spent some time in learning the general Prayer in our Church Book. I think I can read it reasonably well now. Vaccination not yet taken. Mr. Miller's, Dr.'s & Mrs. Davison's seem the same. Looked in my diary to see what I did on the last 6, 7th & 8th Feb. which was 4 years ago. Felt blue today.

Kumamoto

Ther. 56° at 8ᵒᵒ A.M. SUNDAY, MAR. 1, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.M. went to S.S. and Church. In all there were 14 at ch. in A.M. and 9 at night. After dinner Mr. Miller & I took a short walk. Met Mr. Fujimura on the street. I then read a bit from "Way of Salvation in the Luth. Ch.". At 5ᵒᵒ P.M. we went to services at Mr. Painter's. After services at night, we spent a little time in singing. A very calm and nice day, for March 1. At night after returning from services Mr. Miller read a sermon from Seiss on the day. He found some one which he bought yesterday. In P.M. Mr. Jobo who has recently come from Sasa where he had been a soldier for 2 yrs, called. I was surprised to learn from him that when one is a soldier, he is not allowed to have a read any books, newspapers, etc. Can do no studying at all. He says they even took his Bible from him when he entered two yrs. ago. At Mr. Painter's met Miss Cochran, of Kagoshima. Spirits somewhat revived today.

Kumamoto – Omuta.

Ther. 52.° at 5.30 a.m. MONDAY, MAR. 2, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In Am. I studied some on the Sabbath and Epistle lessons for next Sunday. Made out my Feb. financial report for Mission. Have it sent to copy for sending to Mr. Holland. After noon, I called at Mr. Takahashi's. We returned from Omuta on the 12.42 train. We wished to receive 36.00 yen as salary in advance to Omuta. 3.00 yen of this he counts as allowance for his daughter to attend school in Kumamoto. We think that it is more costly to live in Omuta. Drew 400. yen from bank. Deposited 95. yen in P.O. for Mrs. Miller. Left on 4.41 train for Omuta where I now am. Sent a note to Ideguchi San asking him to come to the hotel at 7.30 or 8.00 P.M. Then called on Hasa San. It is now 9.00 & just returned from Hasa's and Ideguchi has not yet come. There is a meeting in the Methodist Ch. He is there. He may come later. Hasa now seems not to be in favor of going to Saga so much. He says he will feel the pulse of the people this week about it. I fear we will experience trouble.

Omuta – Kurume – Hakata – Saga

Ther. TUESDAY, MAR. 3, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

It is considerably colder today than it has been for some time, it having begun to get cooler last evening. Did not get up this A.M. until 8.30 as I did not care for breakfast. Just before I left the hotel, Mr. Hasa called. He went with me to the station. He seemed to be in line with my plans exactly this A.M. He & his wife went to go to Saga on Friday & see the place, and then move over next week. Left Omuta at 9.02 arriving at Kurume, I went to Mr. Tomemitsu's and after waiting a little for his return from the court house, I transacted the usual business with him. Left there at 12.13 and arriving at Hakata went to Mr. Yamamuchi's where I had the necessary business with him. While there he took me to an organ store, and went to see me for the Nakatachi Mr. Mr. Kabi's father who is a crazy man, but who has greatly improved since coming under Mr. Yamamuchi's influence. Left Hakata at 6.30 P.M. after taking supper at Mr. Yamamuchi's. Am now in the Kashiwaya in Saga.

Saga — Kumamoto.

Ther. WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4, 1908 Wea. Cloudy

The day was quite cold. In A.M. I called at Mr. Ueda's to find that they moved to Yatsushiro yesterday. I then called at the Peeples to find that Mrs. P. was sick in bed with rheumatism. Mr. Peeke & Flanigan went to Kagoshima yesterday. I then went to the Shinmichi Chapel to find that the carpenter work which was to have been finished by last Wednesday, is not yet done. Then went to the Kindergarten to find that Miss Sawa is sick, and that the Kindergarten has not been open this week. Left Saga on the 1.40 P.M. train quite cool and arrived at Kumamoto at 5.02. It might well be prayer meeting at the pastor's house. On the train I did some good studying. This being Ash Wednesday I hope to begin a life of closer living to my Savior. I certainly feel the need of it. I must have more strength.

Kumamoto.

6 Ther. 48° at 8 A.M. THURSDAY, MAR. 5, 1908 Wea.

In A.M. Mr. Miller & I began using Dr. C. Armand Miller's "Way of the Cross," in our morning devotions. Yesterday being Ash Wednesday, we hope to continue in the whole course. Went to the bank where I drew out 50. yen. Mr. Takahashi came and did some letter writing for me. He is to move to Omuta next week and receives 36. yen per month from the first of this month. He settled that this A.M. In P.M. went out and bought 77 picture postals for Rev. Vandeloch, he returning to America soon to stay. Took a ride on wheels in P.M. Mr. Miller & I each bought a Japanese umbrella to send home. I sent mine to Mother. Bought a little flower at Suwa Tori. Wrote to Dr. Holland also to Mr. John R. Cline. Read a letter from Dr. Holland. The day was somewhat cool though not as cold as yesterday. Notice in "Visitor" that the students of Senior College presented Mr. Gifford with money with which to buy a bicycle.

Kumamoto

Ther. 44° at 8 am. FRIDAY, MAR. 6, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

Spent A.M. in study. Had Mr. Sakahashi write a letter or two for me first. Sent Souv. Post. to mother. Sent off the Japanese umbrella to mother by parcel post. Had my Eng. class in P.M. also my Bible class at night. Only two present at night Mr. Miller had 6 students present in his class at night. At 9 30 Mr. Yamanaka called. He wants us to employ Miss Nakahara of Kikuchi as a Bible woman. She recently retd from school at Tokyo. He had not yet mentioned it to her. Possibly we can take her for our kindergarten at Saga. He wants to go to Hakata next week. He wants to go as a delegate to the Tokyo S. School Convention April 10, 11, 12, being absent here on Palm Sunday. He wants me to employ one of the men whom the Methodists have thrown off, as my teacher in view of employing him as an evangelist. Wrote to Mr. Kuhns.

Kumamoto – Chōfu

Ther. 44° at 8 am. SATURDAY, MAR. 7, 1908 Wea. Rainy.

In A.M. had Mr. Sakahashi for hour. He came late. I then had him do some writing for me. Just after dinner, rec'd a telegram from Mr. Kuhns, as answer to my letter, saying "Kyo kitare mata asu mo kitare" Ironed a pr. pair pants, went down street with Mr. Miller and then took 4th P.M. train for Chōfu. Met an Austrian on the boat crossing from Moji to Shimmonseki. When I got off at Chōfu it was 11th and raining very hard. There were but two Kurumas and I failed to get either. Had to wait until they got to town so that they could send one out for me. Was able to start from the station at 12½ A.M. When I reached Mr. Kuhns home, he was just retiring. We remained up and talked until about 1½. On the boat at Moji I saw the boldest geisha trying to seduce victims that I have ever seen in Japan.

Chōfu

Ther. SUNDAY, MAR. 8, 1908 Wea. Rainy & snowy.

It began to get quite cold yesterday. Today it was snowing and raining alternately and all at the same time. In P. M. there was a little gathering at Mr. Kuhns home to which I spoke from Rom. 6:23. About a dozen were present. Mr. Nohara interpreted for me. In the A. M. I went with Mr. Kuhns to the Baptist church where Mr. Kuhns preached. Mr. Nohara interpreted for him. There were about 21 present, but Mr. Wakamatsu said that that was about twice as many as usual. At night Mr. Kuhns & I went to the Presbyterian ch. About a dozen were present. Mr. K. thought that we were treated rather cool by the pastor afterwards. Did not retire until a little after midnight. Mr. K. has about persuaded me to remain over until Sunday morning so as to speak to the students tomorrow evening.

Chōfu — Shimmonoseki — Chōfu.

Ther. MONDAY, MAR. 9, 1908 Wea. Cloudy.

At about 9½ A. M. Mr. Kuhns & I went over to Shimonoseki (Bakan). We took dinner at a restaurant, then called on Rev. Hill. Then on Miss Pederson. Mr. Hill went with us as far as Otsuka to help Mr. Kuhns about getting a ticket for China. He will sail on the Kaga Maru on the 15th. Returned to Chōfu at 7.15. Ate a hasty supper, and then had our meeting. 11 persons were present. I spoke on St. John 3:16. Mr. Nohara did a little interpreting. Retired at 12.45 P. M. While at Bakan we saw a bank which has been in the process of building for about 2 yrs. A rich man is doing it and is using all kinds of the most interesting & curious of old materials in its construction and in the making of the garden. Mr. Kuhns says he is to go back to America after July 1, when his time expires in China. Possibly he will be accompanied by his brother via Europe. If he returns in the Fall, he says he will accept a position as teacher in one of the Kumamoto schools, if it can be had.

Chofu – Kumamoto.

Ther. TUESDAY, MAR. 10, 1908 Wea. Cloudy & Rain

Left Chofu by Kuruma at 6.25 and arrived at Shimonoseki at 7 a.m. Got in just in time to get the boat but had not one minute to lose, yet was not rushed. Train left Moji at 7.30 and arrived at Kumamoto at 12.22. Read about half of "Young Japan" by Scherer. Would have read all of it, but my eyes began to pain me. On Saturday when I went up I read the entire of "Way of Salvation in the 5th. Ch." Awakening, with the exception of the first fifty pages I had read before. In P.M. today had my check of Yen 566.56 cashed and deposited. Did a number of small things. Went to chapel at night. It was Raining and the Streets extremely bad and we had only about 10 hearers or sometimes 15. Mr. Miller went up to Mrs. Davison's at night. Rec'd. a letter from Hasa which caused much anxiety. We will possibly be able to straighten matters out.

Kumamoto

Ther. WEDNESDAY, MAR. 11, 1908 Wea. Fair.

46° at 8 a.m.

In A.M. Mr. Takahashi came and helped me for a while. This is the last time that he will help me, as he is to go to Omuta to live on Saturday. After dinner went to P.O. and did some business, then to the Central P.O. where Mr. Miller sent $10.00 to America. The pictures at the photographers are not yet done. He says they will be done tomorrow. Wrote to Wada San sending him 25 yen. A letter came from Mura San. Took this and one or two others to Mr. Takahashi in P.M. to have him read them for me. Sent Mura San a postal. At night read the latter half of "Young Japan" by Scherer. Read the first half on the Train Coming from Chofu yesterday. Could not finish it then as my eyes pained me somewhat. Will mail the book to Mr. Kuhns tomorrow morning. Planted the violets in the garden. Rec'd. them from Mr. Kuhns. Retired at 11 o'c P.M.

Kumamoto

Ther. 35° at 8ᵐ 4ᵐ. THURSDAY, MAR. 12, 1908 Wea. fair

Spent 4ᵐ. doing a number of things. Recd a postal from Wada San saying that he would go to Saga tomorrow to live. I am glad he is going this week. He had before said that he would go next Monday. The day was bright, but somewhat cool. The mountains are yet covered with snow. Wrote a letter to "Tidings" and also bought two idols for .60 sen each and prepared to send to mother. One of them is for a lady boarder there who asked for it. After supper Mr. Miller and I took a walk. The half-moon is very bright and illuminating tonight. Wrote a testimonial for Dr. Goshiaka's paper, testifying to the benefit I received from his treatment last June. A letter from Yeta at Yatsushiro. Coal which we ordered yesterday came. Had well cleaned. It had become quite bad.

Kumamoto

Ther. .95° at 8ᵐ 4ᵐ. FRIDAY, MAR. 13, 1908 Wea. fair.

Spent 4ᵐ. in getting ready to write a Japanese sermon. Made a slight beginning on Rom. 6:23. Sent off several letters. After dinner Mr. Miller & I rode out on our wheels. went to photographers. Recd. the Kodak pictures left there two weeks ago. Also recd. 3 that I had taken there – but 1st form. The full statue ones will be ready by Monday. Recd. a postal from Murta San urging me to come to Saga as soon as possible. Had my Eng. classes in P.M. and at night. 5 were present at night. After 8ᵐ o'clock Mr. Miller & I went by previous invitation to Dr. Davison's. Mrs. D. leaves on Monday for China. will not return to Kumamoto until Fall. A most beautiful night the moon is not full but most bright. Repaired my overcoat in evening and at night after returning.

Kumamoto - Saga

Ther. SATURDAY, MAR. 14, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Left Kumamoto at 7.50 A.M. after a quickly eaten breakfast. Arrived at Saga at 11.30. Went to the Kaikwan, took dinner, called on Mr. Wada who came to Saga yesterday. They were cleaning up the very dirty house which Mr. Ueda left. It was horrible. Mr. Wada then went with me to call on Miss Mura first stopping at Mr. Reeh's to find out where she lived. Called there but found that Mura San was at the Kindergarten. So we went there. Had a talk with her. Then we called at Mr. Nishimuta's Then on Mrs. Niwa, then at Mr. Mizoguchi's. When at Mr. Reeh's. Mrs. P. insisted that I come up from the hotel and stay with them. Mr. P. & Hoops are at Kayashima. Mr. Hoekje returned from Nagasaki on the 6 P.M. train. I moved from the hotel to their home in evening. Read from Harper's Monthly on the train coming over.

Saga

Ther. SUNDAY, MAR. 15, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Went to S.S. Road church. This is the first service we have had in Saga for over a month. Considering this it was very encouraging. Mura San was enthusiastic enough to go to ch. an hour before time and go around and inform the S.S. children that there should be S.S. She brought in 12. There were 11 adults out at church. Mr. Nishimuta was out. I am so glad. He has not been out for several years. His son's death last Fall will probably start him on the right way again. In evening, I called at Mr. Wada's. We had a few minutes of singing and prayer. We had no preaching at the Shinmachi chapel, as Mr. Wada had a bad cold. The day was fine. I hope that from this Saga will be more prosperous I think it will. The Lord will surely bless our efforts.

Soga-Omuta—Kumamoto.

Ther. MONDAY, MAR. 16, 1908 Wea.

Weighed 165⅓ lbs at 3 o'cv. Cloudy
went from Mr. Reiche's at 8.45 and called at Mr. Wada's. Then went with him to the city official trying to get him made the President of the Gochien. We find it necessary to have Mr. Lippard run before we can do it. Wrote to Mr. Ueda to have him send it to me at once. He informed me that he had it last week. I can not understand why Lippard left it with him. It could cause Lippard much trouble. At 12.45 M. went to Gochien where I did some business with Mr. Hasegawa. Returning to Mr. Wada's, I took my suit case and went to the Station, leaving on the 1.40 train. Stopped at Omuta until the next train arriving at Kumamoto at 7.45. Mr. Takahashi seemed somewhat lonesome at Omuta. Rained little in evening.

Kumamoto

Ther. TUESDAY, MAR. 17, 1908 Wea.

Quite a warm day. Rainy-Cloudy
In A.M. went to bank, drew out 60 yen sent yen 23.52 to Wada by bank draft. Came home and found a note from Mr. Yamamoucha asking me to call on him, as he was somewhat ill and could not come here. I went. He wanted to talk about Nakahara San, our member at Kikuchi, whom we have been thinking of employing in the Kinder garten. Also, he wants me, (through Kyoko's request) to employ Miyamoto San, who is now at Hakata, as my teacher. I have refused to have relationship with Miyamoto San five or six times when he wanted to come into our mission. The Eng. church dismissed him at Kurume 4 yrs. ago. Had Kusano San read & write a letter for me in P.M. to the one whom Miss Young mentioned as a prospective kindergarten teacher. Translated and wrote off Mr. Yamamoucha's letter to the Winchester, Va. S.S. school. In A.M. rec'd. 2 of my standing picture photos from the photographer. Sent one of each kind to mother. Took a walk after supper.

Kumamoto

Ther. WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18, 1908 Wea.
57° at 8am 4pm. Fair.

In A.M. wrote to mother. Also wrote several other letters today. Rec'd a letter from Mr. C. X. Hanson enclosing a check of 164.22 yen. In P.M. I had quite a severe headache as I had yesterday. I can not account for it. Mr. Miller & I were just going out at 4 o'clock to have a ride and also to call at the carpenters about making a box when Mr. Hoda called. He came to talk to me about Christianity. I talked to him in Japanese. It is the first long thy talk I have ever had without on the instructive style in Japanese. I believe the Lord helped me in a special way. He seems to be a soul seeking light. May the Lord add his blessing. Talked to him 1½ hours. Took a short ride just before supper. American mail came in evening. A letter from Miss Bertie Lockmon New Market, Va. And'd. it at night.

Kumamoto.

Ther. THURSDAY, MAR. 19, 1908 Wea.
50° at 6am A.M. Cloudy-Rain

In A.M. Mr. Yamamuchi called. He did not leave until 11:30. I then went into the garden and weeded the strawberries until the dinner bell rang. After dinner Mr. Miller & I went to the carpenter shop and ordered a letter pill made for me, and inquired about a tea lined box for him. A Chinese student, Mr. Harada, called and asked to be taught English. I told him to come tomorrow at 4:30 P.M. when I have a class. Had Mr. Miller's teacher, Mr. Ijima, write two letters for me in P.M. Took the chain case off my wheel in P.M. At 6pm P.M. Mr. M. & I went to Mr. Clark's and took supper, by previous invitation. We had a real old Southern supper. It reminded me of many things of the Southland. These Georgians do not differ so much from Virginians wherever meet in a foreign land. They are liberally kind hearted and entertaining. We rode over on our wheels but the rain caught us. Mr. M. rode back in a 'rickshaw. I tried to come on my wheel, but after starting found the tire down. I brought it home through the rain.

Kumamoto.

Ther. FRIDAY, MAR. 20, 1908 Wea.
53° at 8 a.m. Fair.

In A.M. I cleaned my bicycle and did a number of odds + ends. In P.M. did several things demanding attention. Had gravel put at the front gate. At 5½ Mr. Miller + I called at the Davison house to see Miss Smith + Miss Long. We also found Miss Bitnür, the German teacher in the High School at Kagoshima. The Davisons are absent, so these ladies have taken possession. The first mentioned two will be here a week. At night had but 3 persons in Bible class. Mr. Miller had 2. Did not go out on street at all today. Had my Eng. class at 4 p.m. 3 persons came. The day was fine. Did a little hoeing in the garden first after dinner. Must write a few letters next week after I return from Saga. Must send in statistics to Dr. Holland. After this it must be done quarterly, he says.

Kumamoto — Saga.

7 Ther. SATURDAY, MAR. 21, 1908 Wea.
43° at 8 a.m. Fair.

At 10 a.m. Mr. Yamamoto brought Isutsumi Madeko San to our home to examine her for baptism. Miss Higashi came along, as they are school mates. Mr. Miller will administer the water tomorrow in the baptism as I am absent. Just after dinner, Mr. Miller + I went out to the bicycle shop, to have my hind tire repaired. Went to bank to have draft cashed but as today is an ancestral holiday, the banks were closed. Left Kumamoto on the 4 p.m. train for Saga. Mr. Clark left on the same train for Fukuoka. He says they are to have four new men to come out as missionaries each year for the next five years. Mr. Levering, of Baltimore, the coffee man, is to be in Nagasaki tomorrow. Mr. C. goes to see him. On my arrival at Saga, I went to the Peeke home. When here last, I made arrangements to lodge here each time I came over. Rec'd a letter from Mrs. Finch of Atlanta, thanking me for my mimeograph letter.

Saga

Ther. SUNDAY, MAR. 22, 1908 Wea. Fair.

The morning was a little frosty and the day fine. At 5.00 A.M. went to church. Attd 3 for my Eng. Bible Class which Mr. Wada had advertised. There were about 20 children at Sunday School. 13 adults were at preaching. Just after preaching, 10 more children came for Sunday school — though they were late, yet Mura san thought them a little. So in all we had 30 children, Mr. Wada says that he had 34 children at S. School at his home on Wednesday evening. At the Shimmichi chapel tonight, there were 17 children for S. School and 11 adults besides some of the children for preaching. In P.M. Mrs. Hackie, Mrs S. Reese and I took turns in reading from the Life of James Gilmour. I can not help admiring Mura san for her earnest effort in the kindergarten & Sunday school work. I wish we could keep her permanently

Saga - Kumamoto

Ther. MONDAY, MAR. 23, 1908 Wea. Fair.

After prayers, Mrs. Reese and I attended to the foodstuffs that I was buying for them. The whole bill amounted to 26.71 yen. I then went down street and hunted the fire insurance office. Tamejiro went with me. We at last found it, but the agent was out. He came to Mr. Reese's for me just as we were eating dinner. I had a new policy for each Tomeyamachi property and Nakanoshikoji Machi property made out. As both of these have straw roofs, it costs 16.00 yen per 1000 yen. Tile roofs are but 8.00 yen. Will receive the policies in about two days or so. After very hasty running about, I left on the 3.37 P.M. train, arriving at Kumamoto at 7.37. Found Mr. Miller out. He was calling on the ladies as he is so much inclined to do. — Miss Long & Miss Smith. A telegram was awaiting me from Mr. Luty from Philippines. He will be here tomorrow at 5.15 P.M. Brought a trunk of provisions from the Reese's in Saga.

Kumamoto.

Ther. TUESDAY, MAR. 24, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.M. went to Ishachi bank and had check cashed, then made the deposit in the Higo bank. In P.M. as I was beginning to plant some sweet peas in the garden, Mr. Takahashi called. He had scarcely left and gave me time to shave before I had to hurry off to the station to meet Rev. S. M. Liety, Chapl. of 8th U.S. Infantry, in Philippines now on this way to U.S. As I was going, just at the foot of the station hill, my bicycle tire punctured. Left it there & took a rickshaw to the station. Was rather surprised to find that Rev. L. had his wife with him. However, I brought them home and surprised Mrs. Miller in the same way. Mr. Miller had to vacate his room for them and come to my room. This is the first woman who has been in this house for two years — to spend a night here. Mrs. L. is much heavier than when I saw her in Chicago.

Kumamoto, Japan

Ther. WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25, 1908 Wea. Fair - Cool.

Mr. Miller has his teacher, Takeda, [illegible] to entertain the guests. Spent the whole day in doing so. After dinner, Mrs. L. & I took a walk down street. Bought [illegible] at the station, but bought only two Japanese umbrellas, which were sent home. When we returned we found that the man asked 30 Sen more than what we had bargained for. He will return tomorrow. Was very tired when we returned home. Rec'd a letter from Miss Young, one from Miss, an invitation to graduating exercises at Dr. Imada's school. Had meant to call on Mr. Yamamuchi, but time did not suffice. Will call tomorrow. Spent evening at home talking, but Mr. Miller & Mrs. Liety went out for a little walk. Mr. Liety is very interesting in what he says about life in the P.I. and especially about Army life. However, I am well content to continue in my mission of peace — God's peace to all men and eternal life which he gives through

Kumamoto.

Ther. THURSDAY, MAR. 26, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Spent the in sociality. Rev. Lutz & Wife did not get up until 9.30 a.m. She seem to oversleep themselves. We then ate breakfast and had prayers by 10.30. A terrible deprivation Mrs. Miller & I ok hour time this week. We are getting nothing done. At 11.30 a.m. Mr. Yamamuchi called. At 2.30 P.M. Mr. L & wife & I called there, saw the church and were taken by Mrs Y. to see the Castle, called at several stores. Tomorrow Mr. Y. will take us down street to buy several things. At night Mr. Miller & I went to the Baptist Church to hear Mr. Levering speak. Mr. Levering is a large coffee dealer in Baltimore, now traveling in the interest of the Laymans Movement, Co. Member of Foreign Committee & Y.M.C.A. and a former Candidate for U.S. President. The address was fine. Possibly Mr. & Mrs. L. will go with me to Saga Saturday.

Kumamoto – Saga.

Ther. FRIDAY, MAR. 27, 1908 Wea. 45° at 8.00 a.m.

A letter from Miss Howe states that she can serve us in Saga. We went on with Mr. & Mrs. Lutz to buy things. Mr. Yamamuchi met with us. We did not return until 2.30 P.M. We had to change by that I went with Mr. L. to Mr. Y.'s home and armour & sword for 20 yen. Also bought about 20 yen worth of porcelain ware - chiefly vases. Left Kumamoto at 3.40 p.m. train for Saga. Got to Saga to get off, as I was detained while Mr. L. was buying tickets. Arrived at Saga & went to the Peake home. Mr. & Mrs. Lutz are to come over tomorrow evening. Mrs. Peake said I must bring them to her home. Had made arrangements to take them to the hotel. I find that Mr. Yasa was able to become acquainted with Mr. Libby's boy. Everything seems encouraging just now. Hope it will continue so.

Saga

Ther. SATURDAY, MAR. 28, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Went to Kindergarten at 9 a.m. Took Floyd & Harriet with me. Mrs. Reese also went over. The graduation was fine. 18 children graduated. Mr. Koga Shimabuku, whose little girl graduated today, sent the K.G. a present of 20 cts yen. Things seem encouraging just now. Especially, if we get our new teacher from Kobe, we will have a good showing. The Lord is sure good and answers prayer in His own wisdom. Oh! that we could only trust Him more. In P.m. I did several things — skinned a rabbit for Mrs. Reese, had my hair trimmed. Then at 5:30 met Mr. & Mrs. Lutz at the station and took them to Mr. & Mrs. Reese's. I had told Mrs. R. that they would come on the 7:32 train, but while at the barber shop, I figured out that it was the 5:32 train. Immediately sent Mrs. R. a note. Haelje San left at 7:32 for Sasebo where Mr. Reese is.

Saga - 2/28

Ther. SUNDAY, MAR. 29, 1908 Wea. Fair.

I was much pleased with the services at the church. There were 18 adults at service and over 30 children at S.S. Had 2 in my Eng. Bible Class. Sr. Eng. Hymn was sung by Mrs. Hayakawa & Miss Mura for Mrs. Lutz. Mr. Ebina spoke a few words which I interpreted to the people. As usual I led the service after which Mr. Koga preached. Mrs. Lutz went with Mrs. Reese to Church. In P.M. We all took a walk to see the Eta monument. In evening Mr. Lutz again went with me to the Shinmachi Chapel. There were about 32 children for S. School & about 11 adults and many children for preaching. I was much encouraged to see two of my Eng. Bible Class members at this meeting. After returning to Mrs. Reese's, we found that she had retired, but Mr. & Mrs. K. & I sat up until 10:30. The day was fine but I think it will rain tomorrow.

Saga – Kumamoto.

Ther. MONDAY, MAR. 30, 1908 Wea. Rain-Fair.

It was a little rainy in A.M. At 8:00 A.M. Mrs. Lutz & I went down street to the P.O. We looked at various porcelaine ware while I spent an hour with Mr. Wada, holding an account with him. I then joined him and he bought some ware. We sent a Cablegram to Manila 2 words (his name can free), for 3.12 yen. On our Return to Mr. Peeke's at 11:30 we found that Mr. Peeke & Hachie had returned from Sasebo. Mrs. Lutz & I had on the 1:40 train, he going to Moji and then to Corea and I returning to Kumamoto. Hisuke remains at Saga with Mrs. Peeke while he is gone. We will return from Corea on Thursday possibly, and then go to Shanghai. Arrived at 5:02. Found letters from Mother, Treas. Cline, Rev. Freed, and a postal from Gilbert Wright. Rev. Freed sent to simply that because of sickness Rev. & Mrs. Smith not start for March 24. He tells it for certain that [illegible]

Kumamoto – Omuta – Kumamoto.

Ther. TUESDAY, MAR. 31, 1908 Wea. Fair.

Start A.M. in writing business letters and Recording accounts. In P.M. went to bicycle Shop and had puncture repaired. At 4th Mr. Miller & I went to Omuta to attend the marriage of Mr. Kosaki and Miss Mori. This was the first Christian Marriage that ever took place in Omuta. It was held in the Methodist Church, as our Chapel was too small. Yamamoto Hoonan performed the Ceremony after which Mr. Ohmoto preached a sermon from Eph. 5:31. The ring was used. It was much desired to see that it was carried through in such a dignified manner and especially that there had a Christian Marriage at all. She is not a Christian yet but intends to become baptised. They both seem to be very nice people. She left the Ch. in a Carriage & Box Seat was given to each invited guest. Miller San & I returned by 9:32 train walked from station home.

Kumamoto

Ther. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1908 Wea. Rainy.

The entire day was rainy. Spent A.M. in writing a letter to "S. th Ch. Visitor," and indoing some other little odds & ends. In P.M. Mr. Miller & I took a walk, through the rain. He wears his high rubber boots and his rain coat. I have a rain coat but have only rubber shoes. However, we keep dry. In our absence, Mr. Takahashi called, having come from Omuta on the noon train. In P.M. I worked on my March financial account. It ballanced up nicely. I will copy it to morrow. At 7.30 Mr. Miller & I went to prayer meeting at the pastor's home. He & his wife were the only ones there, besides ourselves. Oh, I wish we could get hold of people! Why is it that our work here is not furthered more? Is it in the pastor or is it in me? Lord help us.

Kumamoto.

Ther. THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1908 Wea. 66° at 8.30 A.M. Fair.

A most beautiful day. Spent A.M. in making out my financial report for March. Mr. Takahashi called at 9.30 A.M. He takes his family to Omuta this P.M. He thinks the house there can be continued, but he is not entirely sure. However, he is willing to try it. I hope he may be able to do so. Settled a little account with him and advanced him 15.00 yen towards his moving. Rec'd. check from Honshong & Shanghai Bank — one a native draft and one on New York in favor of Presby. Ministers Fund for $87.80. This is being sent by Mr. Miller. Went down street in P.M. and did some banking. I now have on deposit in this bank yen 1520 — mission money and my own. Mr. & Mrs. Mann called a few minutes in P.M. Wrote the beginning of my sermon for Sunday. Will finish it tomorrow, and have Mr. Ojima to correct it tomorrow night. Took a little walk after supper with Mr. Miller to American mail to tell us about the Lizzard's. Have they started or not? They should have left Sanfrancisco March 24.

Kumamoto.

Ther. FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908 Wea.
60° at 8 am. Fair-Rainy

In a.m. Nakahara san called to see about continuing English. Told him he could continue, but that today, I could not have him. Spent about all day working on my first Japanese sermon. Held my Bible class at night but had only 2 in attendance. At 9 P.M. Mrs. Ijima came and corrected my sermon for me. I am set to write some more, but will do that tomorrow and get Wada san to correct it tomorrow night. Rec'd. letters from Mother, Rev. Brown and a postal from Jack. A third son was born to Mr. Brown on Feb. 24 and died on Feb. 27. Father says Luther is now in Texas. It seems that Rev. Freed must have made a mistake in his letter last week. From all accounts the Liphards are coming on the Manchuria. Freed had said that Eichers had resigned it.

Kumamoto — Kurume — Saga.

Ther. SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1908 Wea.
64° at 8 am. ~~Fair~~-Rainy.

Spent until 11 am. writing on my sermon. At 11 am I went to the bank and drew out 200 yen. Left Kumamoto on the 12 train. Stopped at Kurume until 1.26 when I left for Saga. On arriving at Saga, I called at Mr. Ibasi's and had him correct the part of my sermon that I wrote this a.m. and while on the train. Then went to the Reeke home. Found Mrs. Lintz still here — making some most excellent candy. She says she will make some for us next week (Miller & 9). Misses Ruth and Dorothy Pieters are here at Mrs. Reekes. Miss Lintz left here this a.m. Mrs. P. & Reeke are absent. Rained all day. At night I read the story "Old Eve" from Feb. no. of Harpers Monthly. The Reeke's here. Stayed up until after 12 am copying my sermon but could not finish.

Saga

Ther. SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1908 Wea. Rainy.

This day marks an event in my life. This A.M. in the church here, I preached my first sermon in Japanese. Even though the audience was composed of but ten persons, I did not feel at all discouraged in it. The day was very rainy. Imura San is in the hospital, having had the same operations that I had a year ago. Only about 12 children were out at S. School. Had six adults in my Bible class. At night there were 7 children out at Shimmichi chapel, besides a few adults. This A.M. I read my sermon. Had not intended to do so, but time & lack of more time forbad me to make sufficient preparation. I do not intend to do this always — possibly never again. This was the first sermon I ever read in my life, just about [illegible]

Saga-Hakata-Omuta-Kumamoto.

8 Ther. MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1908 Wea. Fair.

In A.M. called on Wada San and paid him his salary, etc. Before I left the Peeke home in A.M. Mr. Matsue Takashi and his friend — who wants to study the Eng. Bible called. They went with me to Mr. Wada's. Left Saga on the 11.25 train arriving at Hakata shortly after noon. Found Ogoe in bed. The services of yesterday seemed to have given him a back set. However, he was able to get out of bed on his knees and talk until about 5.00 o'clock when I went to the station. He makes a very strong plea for a rise in salary on the ground that Kawashi's was raised and on the ground that Takahashi is getting more tho he asks that his wife be allowed to stop as a Bible woman and that he be given the amount of salary that she receives — viz. his own 35. and her 10. yen. He makes a very strong plea. He says that she will continue to work the same. Stopped at Omuta on my return until the next train. Settled the financial account there. Arrive home about 11.20 P.M. Letter from John, also one from Mrs. W. J. Stirewalt.