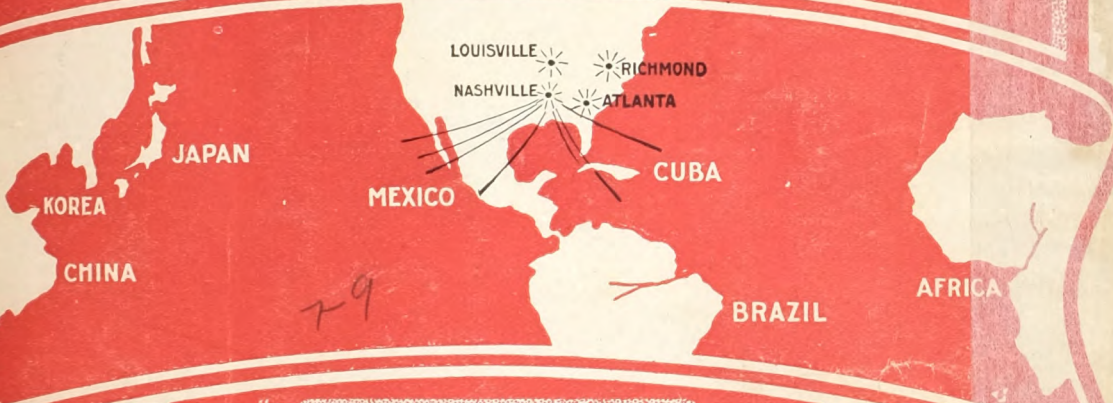


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Katooka Kertkiche San, First Speaker of Parliament, a Kochi Christian.

through long and severe mental struggles before they find the Saviour. Takatani San was taken sick while in the Higher Commercial School and became concerned about his spiritual condition. He spent two long years seeking for salvation in Buddhism, but failed to find it. Then a Bible fell into

his hands. This caused a new struggle. He returned to school, but found no peace. The next vacation he spent twenty days on a mountain alone with his Bible and a copy of Augustine's Confessions, but his real experience of salvation came when he was down in the valley again. Then he came under an awful conviction of sin. Sometimes he felt that he was going to immediate destruction. To him hell is reality. The Spirit led him through all his doubts and fears and gave him a deep sense of the Father's love. He has finished his work in the Higher Commercial School and expects to enter the Seminary and to give his life in service.

Tanaka San is sixty-five years old, but is yet a child in grace. "It's a blessing that I failed in business," he said in a recent conversation. "How so?" I inquired. "I had to leave Sanuki, and while away my children became Christians," was his reply. "It was mostly selfishness on my part that I allowed them to be baptized." "Selfishness, did you say?" "Yes; I did not want them to go bad and give me trouble," he explained. Then I asked, "But why did you believe?" "I was finally convinced that if Christianity was a good thing for the children, it was good for me, and so here I am a Christian, and I am glad of it, too."

Moto Hashi San, our first Christian at Tsuda, was a drunkard. True, he did work for the government, but he drank up all his earnings. Now he and his wife are rejoicing Christians, and the little daughter is in our school at Nagoya.

I wish that I could go on with this pleasant task of telling you about the firs and the myrtles, but space forbids. We want you to pray God's grace may be given free course in Sanuki Province.

A SOCIAL SURVEY OF A LITTLE ISLAND NEAR TAKAMATSU.

S. M. ERICKSON.

THERE were 647 houses in the community; of these 147 were occupied by very poor people. The others were not especially well off in this world's goods either. Twenty-five of the 147 couples had had no kind of a marriage ceremony. There were 80 illegitimate children. The average income per month for a household was about

\$5.02. Forty-five men and five women confessed that they partook of *sake*, while 75 men and 25 women were users of the "weed." Most of these 147 couples did not have so much as two small rooms for their abode. Do you wonder that blindness, superstition and immorality are common? Christianity can change these conditions.

A WORD ABOUT OUR WORK AT TAKAMATSU.

Mrs. S. M. ERICKSON.

THREE famous places of interest draw the Japanese sightseer to Sanuki Province: the park at Takamatsu, so lovely that an exact copy of it has been

made in one of the Imperial Gardens; Mt. Yashima, where was fought a "battle above the clouds," at which time, so legend says, the sun delayed to go down and the moon