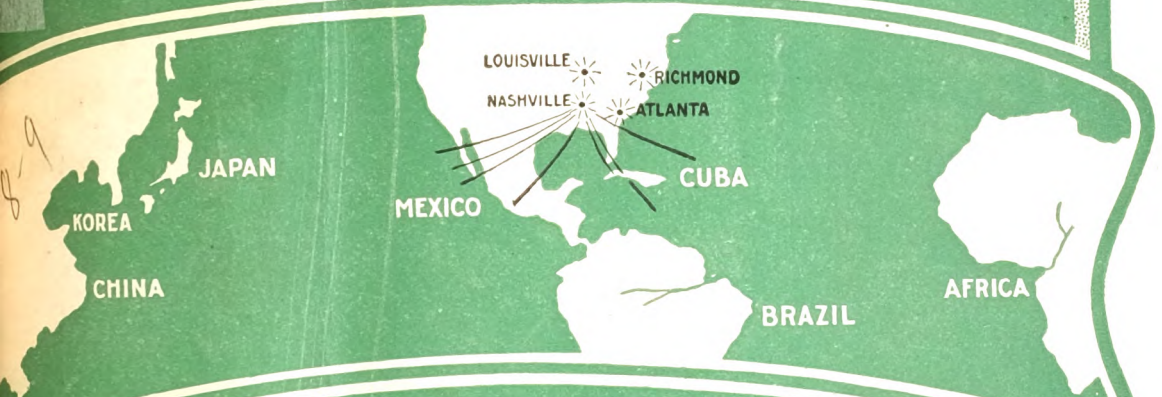


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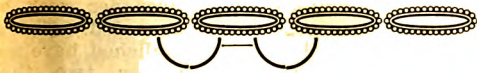
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THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.

LOIS JOHNSON ERICKSON.

Thou art the Way, O Lord, my Lord,
The shining Way that leads me on
Past the dark dangers of the night
To find at last in thee the dawn.

Thou art the Truth, O Lord, my Lord,
Unchanging Truth which makes men free;
They search the earth, the seas, the stars,
And find in all thy truth and thee.

Thou art the Life, O Lord, my Lord,
Eternal Life which lifts the clod
Up from decay and death on earth
To spend the ages serving God.

O Way, O Truth, O Light of Life,
O Saviour to the sad world given,
There is no joy where thou art not,
And where thou art is always heaven.



There are forty million of these country people without Christ. Rural Japan calls for Christian workers.

REPORT FROM KAGAWA KEN.

REV. S. M. ERICKSON.

DURING the past year sixty-seven were added to the kingdom, many of whom are witnessing to the grace of God. Akiyama San, a newspaper man, travels on the trains a great deal and tries to get into the cars filled with students going to and from the school, and preaches to them between stations.

Tsukeda San, a policeman, memorized the Shorter Catechism while making his rounds and recited it without a mistake. He had his wife, who is not a Christian, ask the questions as he learned them. The catechism makes reformers of the men who are filled with it. Tsukada San cleaned out his town. Bad women and short measures are scarce in his village.

Mother Uchida was baptized last December just before Christmas. I asked her whether there had been any change in her

life since knowing Christ. She said, "Sensei, my life has been a very sad one, but now I have a new joy."

Over at Oshima the most wicked man among the lepers, Okumitsu San, died saying, "I am a Christian and want a Christian funeral." He had tried some years ago to kill the head of the hospital. Before he died he confessed all his sins and was to have been baptized on the day that he died. Can we not have the faith to believe that he has been baptized in glory?

We are planning and preparing for a Kanamori campaign. One thing we have learned is that often the devil uses good persons to oppose a good work. Another thing we have learned is that there are the "seven thousand faithful" in the land. One man (another policeman) subscribed a month's salary for the campaign, and

the day after the preparatory meeting had pledged twelve people to attend the evangelistic meetings. An elder came out clearly for Christ when the people were weighing the question of co-operation with an evangelist who does not believe in the divine sonship of Christ. The question was, Christ or co-operation? Many faltered and hesitated, but this elder, whom we did not think very well grounded in the faith, said, "We can have nothing to do with those who do not believe the Christ of the Bible." Would that all Japanese Christians had that same clear faith in Christ!

One school teacher pledged thirty-five as-

sociates to attend the Kanamori meetings.

We have done some newspaper work, but no definite results are recorded. The articles which have been published have been read by thousands. Over two thousand copies of the "Shinko no Susume" have been sent out to leading men in the province.

A non-Christian built a church and rents it to us at Kwanonji. The Building Association made it possible for us to build a church and manse at Marugame. We have now five church buildings in the province.

We need more spirit-filled evangelists for our country fields.

REMARKABLE THINGS IN SANUKI PROVINCE.

MRS. LOIS RUSSELL MONROE.

OVER in Sanuki Province some remarkable meetings have just closed. Those who live there, the Ericksons and Hassells, may write about them later, but I pass on the good news as it has come to us.



One of the many bows.

Kanamori San preached for them for two or three weeks and over 800 people signed cards expressing determination to follow Christ.

In Kotohira, at the foot of a famous temple, they held a meeting. The missionaries had given tracts there—as the worshippers journeyed up and down the province by the thousands for years.

In this town the priest attempted to break up the Christian meeting. He held an opposition meeting which about 250 attended, but the never-failing assurance, "Greater is he that is in you than he

that is in the world," proved true again—for when the hour for Kanamori's three-hour long sermon came, about 1,400 people crowded into the big theatre—and when the house was so full that the government would not allow any more, about 200 or 300 had to be turned off.

There were some 120 who said they wanted to become Christians. The priest openly lied and said he had met Kanamori San in debate and worsted him; that he had acknowledged he could not answer him, and that, upon being asked why he did not then renounce Christ and accept Buddhism, he had replied, "Because my salary holds me."

Now here the priest clean overlaid himself, for Kanamori San is a remarkable man, giving his strength day after day with no remuneration. His example should stir many in America. Many years ago he thought he understood Christianity, but being a scholar, he got hold of higher criticism and went astray. His wife never left the faith. He was employed by the Japanese government to travel from city to city addressing great crowds on ethics—more strictly on some practical plan of investing money.

He says his wife kept praying for him. He could hear her, with the children about her, praying for him behind the sliding paper doors:

Then came her death—and then a most remarkable answer to her prayers. He returned to the faith, and, resigning from the position as lecturer for the government, he took up Christian work, giving his time gladly to saving souls.

He lives simply, dresses plainly—almost shabbily—and night after night he pours his heart out to people. Often there are a thousand at a time. He lives on what