

JAPANESE. CLOSE OF 1942.

A year ago Easter Day all was confusion among Japanese at the Norwalk Church. Many had gone to private locations. The people from Terminal Island were housed in language schools, and were attending church at Norwalk. People were packing for concentration camps. Hazel W. Chilson helped several families pack. *Gertrude Coy has written hundreds of letters and helped incessantly sending goods.*

The teachers, Faith Hill, Grace Fleming and others had decorated the church as best they could, making Easter baskets for all. Mabel Roberts and Sarah Terrel brought their pupils from Whittier Sunday School who gave a beautiful Easter program. O Herschel Folger also dropped in and gave a story for the children.

Isamu Ishikawa, the pastor's son, gave a spontaneous speech of appreciation for all that was done for them, saying "Easter will ever live in our hearts." A closing prayer was made by pastor K. Ishikawa, and amid tears we sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

Many American friends volunteered their help and machines to carry Japanese and goods to a central station at Downey, where the people boarded large busses for Santa Anita Protection Camp. A crowd of American friends waved goodbye, then stood in groups with wet handkerchiefs, reciting the merits of these loyal friends, suddenly become supposed enemies--but not in fact.

This is but the preface to a long chapter of experiences in concentration camps, behind barbed wire fences and in horse stalls and in inadequate rooms, fed and protected by armed soldiers. ~~Our Japanese minister and others were sent to detention camps as enemies.~~

The friends on the outside including the American Friends Service Committee, your Japanese committee and thousands of other friends have done what they could, in supplying needed books and articles of comfort, words of cheer, visits and letters. Then all moved to ten relocation camps. *900 students were liberated to colleges. Among them Isamu Ishikawa to Earlham.*

Our report must record the 13000 Christmas gifts sent in at Christmas time, including those from Whittier, and many packages of necessary clothing. Schools and churches, literary and work societies have been formed and bulletines published. *Your Supt. has written Japanese items each month for the Pacific Friend.*

Thousands of letters have been exchanged, and Christian fellowship fostered. ~~The A.F.S.C. has placed 900 students in eastern colleges and many families and groups of people have been liberated from relocation camps to work on farms or projects.~~

A letter is received by O. Herschel Folger from a lady in a New York Friends Meeting saying they are trying to raise money for the tuition of one of our members, and a letter has come from the president of Penn College saying <sup>the college</sup> they will gladly welcome two other students from Norwalk S. S. provided they can work for board and room <sup>and</sup> ~~(which they are willing to do,)~~ <sup>and</sup> tuition of \$100.00 be furnished per pupil. The students are Lois Asawa and her brother and sister of Norwalk. All who can help please send your subscription to Hazel W. Chilson, as soon as possible.

Those who chose to hate Japanese are sowing seeds of their kind. Those who love are sowing seeds of kindness. We shall reap what we sow. "Sure as sure will the harvest be."

Lydia M. Gammack *Supt.*

was a used one that had been traded in to that firm and the offer was contingent upon the stove being moved that day; the only expense to the church to be the transportation and installation in the church kitchen. For these reasons, he had taken the responsibility of inspecting the stove and accepting it; that it was now installed in the kitchen and those in charge were of the opinion that it was a fine addition to the kitchen equipment. The Clerk was instructed to write a note of thanks to the firm of Hilands and Mashburn.

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JAPANESE WORK.

Lydia Cammack stated that Mr. Ishakawa had reported that an Emergency Committee had been appointed by the Japanese Church to help in the National emergency; that they had requested permission to meet with the Japanese Committee of our Monthly Meeting and with the American Friends Service Committee in order to ask questions and offer their assistance.

Hazel Chilson stated that \$17.00 had been donated to help in the Japanese emergency early in December.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting closed with prayer by Ellish Wells

Merritt Burd  
Merritt Burd, Clerk

Ethel A. Votaw  
Ethel A. Votaw, Assistant  
Recording Clerk.

1/14/42

WHITTIER MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS  
Held at Whittier, California,  
Second Month 11th, 1942.

The Clerk opened the meeting by reading from Matt.  
16:13-21. Other passages of scripture were given by members present.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATION FROM VIRGINIA GARRETSON.

A letter was read from Virginia Garretson in which she expressed the happiness she had found while serving this meeting as office secretary, and stating that she had accepted a position on the staff of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, after a great deal of serious consideration. The meeting unanimously approved the suggestion of Sarah Coffin that the Clerks write Virginia a letter expressing the appreciation of members for her efficient service.

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT.

The report of the Vital Statistics Committee was read as follows:

Married: Sarah V. Sharpless to Ervin E. Stanley, first month 26th, 1942.  
Mary Alice Reynolds to A. Franklin Starbuck, second month 3rd, 1942.  
Virginia H. Gilbert to Kenneth P. Gow, Second month 6th, 1942.  
Clarine Coppock to Paul Pugh, Second month 3rd, 1942.

JAPANESE COMMITTEE.

The committee to work with the Japanese request that the following names be added to the Japanese Committee: Henry Yamaga, Frank Ota and Isamu Ishikawa. This request was approved.

The motion was carried that the three year rule be suspended in this case, and that Hazel Chilson be reappointed on the Japanese Committee in order that she may continue as treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS.

Request for membership in this meeting was made as follows: Tolbert B. and Virginia Moorhead request that their children, Marjorie Ann and Linda Carol, be received as associate members of this meeting. This request had received the approval of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and was approved by the Monthly Meeting.

Feb. 9, 1942

To the Nominating Committee, Whittier Monthly Meeting of Friends:

Dear friends,

We would like to request that Hazel Chilson be continued as a member of the Japanese Committee, even though her three years are completed. We hesitate to do this because we are in favor of the policy of the Meeting, but we feel that an exception might be justified in this case, if you approve. An "Emergency Committee", made up of American citizens of Japanese parentage, of Norwalk, has been formed, and they have asked to cooperate with our Committee, and to have us cooperate with them. Part of this cooperation consists of our taking care of money which they may raise among their own people, and keeping it available to them when need for relief arises. It seems that Hazel Chilson should be the one to continue as treasurer, since she is known to the Japanese, and since she is willing to be regularly available to them for both depositing and paying out the money.

We would appreciate your consideration of this, and her continuance on the committee, if you think it advisable, "for the duration".

Sincerely,

Japanese Committee

By Faith Hill

## JAPANESE

Our Japanese have remained, mostly as last year, in the nine re-location camps where day schools, Sunday Schools, Church Services and social gatherings are maintained. Many skilled laborers and pupils have found occupation outside, where they are usually treated kindly, and even wanted.

Samuel Ishikawa, the pastor's son, was chosen as helper with the A.F.S.C. in placing 2500 students in Colleges, in every State in the Union except two in the deep South.

K. Ishikawa, wife and daughter Nancy, after two years separated are united in the camp at Crystal City, Texas, where K. Ishikawa, by special request, is to be the only preacher, among people of all faiths.

Your Committee has had heavy correspondence, caring for and shipping of Japanese goods, co-operating with Government officials and with the A.F.S.C. sharing in gifts for and from Japanese, and reporting the work in the Pacific Friend. To our Father we give thanks for strength and guidance.

Lydia M. Cammack, Supt.

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## LITERATURE

The main project of the Literature Committee for the fiscal year 1943-1944 has been the extension of the children's library in the Junior and Primary Departments of our church. The Committee's allotment of \$20.00 has been used almost exclusively for the enlargement of this worthwhile collection. Since workers, who have had the opportunity to see the influence which better books exert toward better living, have expressed appreciation, we - the members of the Literature Committee - believe that, in some small way, our group has contributed to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth.

### Book Purchases:

1. Alcott, Old Fashioned Girl.
2. Bouser, How the Early Hebrews Lived and Learned
3. Buck, Chinese Children Next Door.
4. Buck, Water Buffalo Children,
5. Cabot, Ethics for Children.
6. Chandler, Story Lives of Master Artists
7. Harper, Golden Sparrow.
8. Haugan Yuletide in Many Lands
9. Hollister, River Children.
10. Rugg, Peoples and Countries, Vol. IV
11. Southwold, Book of Animal Tales,
12. Still, Sue in Tibet ,

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Miller, Chairman  
Literature Committee.

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May 16, 1942

Friend's Church  
Whittier, California

Dear Friends:

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your gift of the Church Hymn Books to the Japanese people in Santa Anita Assembly Center.

The Religious Groups were very much in need of such books so are very grateful in receiving them.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

  
H. RUSSELL AMORY,  
Manager

Whittier Calif.,  
May 31, 1942.

To the Whittier Calif. Monthly Meeting of Friends:

The Advisory Council unanimously recommend that Charles  
Lampman, present pastor of Ramona Calif. be called to fill the  
position of assistant to the pastor, for a period of one year,  
beginning September 1 1942, at the salary of \$1800 per year.

Signed-

*Rowland D. White*  
*Edna J. Welborn.*

Chairman

Secretary.

*Approved by the M. & O.*

*June 9 - 1942.*

*J. F. Hunkley Clerk.*  
*Gladys Shure*

REPORT OF JAPANESE COMMITTEE 1941 - 1942.

The regular meetings and S. S. at Norwalk Japanese Church have been held regularly, except when the members agreed to attend Kagawa's meetings and conferences at other places.

The S. S. American teachers had vacation during August, the members carrying on the S. S. Enrollment of S. S. has been around 50 with average of about 40, below high school grades, others work away. Three different leaders have assisted in the Youth Meetings of Sunday evenings.

A group of boys met Tuesday evenings and girls on Thursday evenings for Bible study and crafts.

One of the older pupils, Lois Asawa, spent 2 1/3 years studying under Kagawa and Michi Kawai and our missionaries in Tokyo, returning with greetings from these and the Japan Yearly Meeting. She is very zealous and ready to help. The youth group numbers 30 to 50.

Mrs. K. Ishikawa was supt. most of the year with also charge of kindergarten pupils. Teachers were Faith Hill, Grace Fleming and Japanese young men and women.

Easter was observed on crest of Turnbull, with Americans.

Yearly Meeting they joined in afternoon session at Whittier Church.

A group of youth with Hazel W. Chilson, led one prayer meeting at Whittier. They also welcomed a like group of Americans from Ramona Park Friends Church. Japanese women assisted with music at the Mary White Missionary meeting.

Since the declaration of war, both American and Japanese have joined with The American Friends Service Committee in alleviating suffering, clearing understanding, evacuating dangerous locations and housing evacuees in language school building and Forsythe Hostel, with activities and heart pains to numerous and pathetic to report.

To soothe the pain, O Herschel Folger invited the whole membership of the Japanese to worship with Whittier the Sunday following "Pearl Harbor Incident!" "They wept under the warm atmosphere," pastor Ishikawa said.

In spite of all- Wm. Penn- Alaska Day was observed with Ruth Carter as speaker. The collection was \$6.45.

Evacuation, storing of goods and goodbyes are sad incidents, but show character and faith in God who has our future in His hands.

Lydia M. Cammack,