



CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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"HIDDEN PILLARS"

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Hidden Pillars carry the weight. It is so in a great building. It is true in a church. If our church in Poston assumes to fulfill the mission of a stately temple of worship or a cathedral of Christian beauty and power our structure must be buttressed by these hidden beams. Our church in the desert is in the construction stage and to assure its durability and strength we need men who are willing to carry the weight and load of its mission in unseen places and be concerned only for the approval of the discriminating eyes of the Architect and not of the large populace.

Praying in its most exalted practice is done in retirement. It is private. Studying, whether for personal soul culture or for preparation to teach others is unobserved by the seeing eyes of the world. Being refreshing and kind, unselfish and thoughtful to those nearest to us, to those with whom we live is appreciated only by the few and that act of kindness known only to the recipient will probably be never discovered. However, men who do these things become Hidden Pillars holding up the burden of responsibility in the life of the church.

J. Morikawa

TESTIMONY

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich. (II Cor. 8:9)

Hereby perceive we the Love of God because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

(I John 3:16)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

(I Cor. 15:58)

When we, who only deserved the eternal condemnation and punishment of God, realize His matchless Grace and wondrous Love, how can we afford to be anything but steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, giving our best to the Master.

Y. Tsujimoto

The Poston Christian Church was organized by the representation of some twenty Japanese churches on the evening of June 1, 1942.

The immediate aim of its organization was to unite all Protestant forces that were represented in the city in order to serve the community efficiently and effectively; and the ultimate aim was "to bring about God's reign in all human life."

The Church is interested not only in the spiritual life, but also the physical, intellectual, aesthetic, and moral life of the residents here. In short, it is interested in the welfare of the whole community and seeks the salvation of the whole man.

It is not unmindful of the peculiar needs of the youths and children of the community. They are spending in this community the most important period in their lives. There is nothing more important in this whole project than to give a proper, wholesome, guidance to them. Thus the Poston Christian Church desires to be their understanding friend and wise counselor.

The task is grave and great and the Church appeals for the hearty cooperation of the American officials here, the full understanding of the parents, the willing support of everyone and above all the constant guidance of All-Wise God.

Rev. S. Kowta

DAILY VACATION SCHOOL

Attending the Daily Vacation Bible School, which is conducted under the supervision of the Poston Christian Church there are approximately 700 children. Many of the residents of Poston have been interested in knowing more about this school.

First, just what is it? It is a school where God's truth is taught, it is a Bible school.

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Next, what are its purposes?

1. To guide the people in acquiring such knowledge of and the love for the Bible the great hymn and other materials as will help them to know God.

2. To accept Christ as Saviour.

3. To live as victorious Christians.

4. To love the work of missions.

5. To be intelligent church members.

6. To understand and interpret God's purpose and plan for the world and their own lives.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is aiming to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Give the children worship experience that will bring them close to God.

2. Give the children service experience and teach them to serve.

3. Give the children study experience in constructive and creative play and recreation.

4. Give the children study experience that should lead to fruitful knowledge.

5. Give the children knowledge of personal experience in religion.

6. Give the children experience in the development of Christian character.

The class sessions are three fold:

1. Worship-(study of the Bible, and songs.

2. Study-(stories and handicraft.

3. Activities-(working and playing together.)

Starting on the fifth week of school the study of "The Life of Christ" was just completed and the children are looking forward to

Nothing here but the desert sun

Melting our souls with works undone.

Leaving each soul with thoughts of the past
Hoping for new spirits to come at last.

Disheartening seems our mundane earth

Making our very lips to curse.

Knowing not what is in store

Thinking just of our own deplora.

Lurking near is One unseen

Letting our spirits stay on the beam.

Setting of the desert sun

Renewing our spirits which we'll soon have won.

M.M.I.

Vacation School (continued)

studying "The Parable of Christ, "The Doctrines of the Church," "The Heroes of the Faith," and the "Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul."

The Superintendent of the five schools are:

#15 Mrs. I. Teragawa

#19 Miss D. Fujimoto

#22 Miss May Nagaoka

#43 Mrs. Aiko Nakane

#59 Masumi Toyotome

Highlights of the school session will be an all-school jamboree to be held in the near future.

H. Aoki

BASEBALL

Young and small but energetic and loud are the Vacation School teams. With five junior and five intermediate teams in the league, the competition will be just as fierce as in the major leagues. With Fred Ono in general charge of the games and with the following teachers as coaches, the league has already had its

LAUNCHING DRIVE TO INCLUDE CLASSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

With approximately 1000 youngsters and young people attending, the Church School of the Poston Christian Church has been progressively active.

At present three schools have been organized at Recreation Halls 5, 44, and 19 with the prospect of another opening soon.

How often the term "Sunday School" is thought in connection with just the youngster. How often the study of the Bible and the classroom sessions have come to stop in the late teens and in

the matrimonial stage. Why is it that it is so? Is not spiritual good a necessity for all ages and in particular at the onset of establishing a family and during the period of squarely facing the realities of life? To answer all these perplexing problems together with the most apparent need, the Christian Education Department is sponsoring classes for the college young people as well as for the married couples at the regular Church (Sunday) School hour.

YOUNG PARENTS TAKE --NOT SEND--

THEIR CHILDREN TO CHURCH SCHOOL.

Baseball (Cont.)

first game yesterday. Coaches are: Y. Wada, J. Miyabe, L. Itaya, H. Hosaka, Y. Nii-sato, F. Ono, and K. Yamashita. Games are played every Saturday, Juniors at 8:30 A.M. and the intermediates immediately following. -- Yamashita