

Seminary in Fukuoka

Before my connection with the Seminary began the mission had bought a fine property on Daimyo Machi just across the moat from Fukuoka Castle. ^{le} The land was an acre or more and on this had been built a good residence for the Japanese president of the school and a cedar building supposed to be large enough to meet all the needs of the school for some years to come. It had classrooms and living rooms for as many students as we were likely to have for some time.

The students were mostly young Japanese men in their early twenties, but there were a few who had families already and these were usually older than I was, and served to put the entire faculty on their metal somewhat. But sometimes these older ones proved to be very successful workers when they had finished school.

The end of 1908 found us without any senior missionary at the Seminary, since it was time for the second furlough of Dr. Walne.

My responsibility was getting heavier and at the same time it was discovered that my wife and I should expect a baby in March 1909.

The mission had bought two residences in Shimonoseki on the main Island opposite Moji and since there was an English speaking physician in Shimonoseki it was decided that Mrs. Bouldin should live with a nurse in one of these houses from February until later in the spring. That meant that I would teach at Fukuoka five days a week and spend two days a week at Shimonoseki.