



Madison College Spirit Still Survives in Japan

By Ichiro Tabuchi and Kiyoshi Fujita



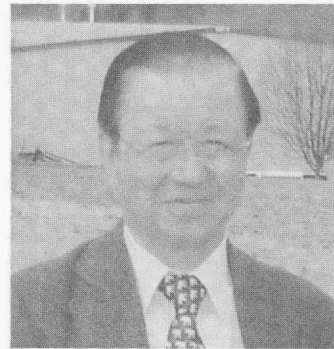
Ichiro Tabuchi

On the wall of the library at Saniku Gakuin College (Formerly Japan Missionary College), Japan there are 13 framed pictures of past college presidents in chronological order. Among them there is a picture of Dr. P. A. Webber, the second president (1936-38)

Dr. Perry Angevine Webber (1890-1973) had a doctor's degree in the study of soy bean protein from Michigan State College. During his 22 years in Japan he made a vacation trip to visit Shanghai and to meet Dr. H. W. Miller to learn about soy milk production. Dr. Miller was working on a project to provide soy milk for the Chinese people. Dr. Miller and Dr. Webber were Seventh day Adventists, and missionaries, and lovers of soy beans.

Dr. Harry W. Miller (1879-1977) was a well known medical doctor specializing in thyroid surgery. He was respected and loved as the "China Doctor" by many Chinese people for his unreserved dedication to his missionary work in China. He and his wife, Maudo, both doctors, first came to China as medical

missionaries of the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1903. When they landed in Kobe, Japan on their way to China, they were exhausted by sea sickness after two weeks of rough water on the Pacific Ocean. Though their appetite was lost because of their sea sickness, they



Kiyoshi Fujita

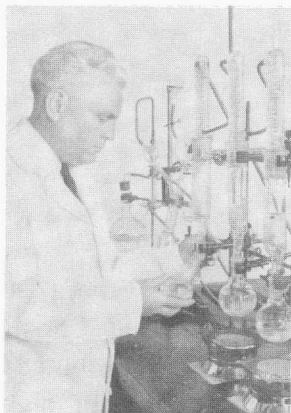
enjoyed eating a Tofu dish at their friend's house in Kobe.

That was their first encounter with Tofu. Somehow, the Tofu dish gave Dr. Miller a strong impression.

Unlike today, missionary work in China in those days was incredibly hard. That doesn't necessarily mean the work in China today is easier. The worst disaster was the unexpected death of his dear wife, Maudo, in 1905, two years after they arrived at China. She died of malnutrition and malicious anemia. Though Maudo was a doctor she had to take care of the local clinic in town for her husband while he was itinerating in the remote areas for long periods of time. Finally she became the soil of the continent of China when she was 25 years of age. Later Dr. Miller was also threatened by the same disease.

Another burden of Dr. Miller was the high ratio of infant mortality in China because of malnutrition. This accelerated his drive for preventive medicine and nutrition. One day Dr. Miller happened to see an old Chinese man making Tofu in his Tofu store near Miller's hospital. As the juice of cooked soy looked quite similar to cow's milk, he thought this soy juice could be a good substitution for cow's milk, which was thought of as a prestigious baby food by the

Chinese. The general public could not afford it in those days. This started Dr. Miller's professional research into soy milk production .



Dr. Perry A. Webber

After Dr. Webber learned how to make soy milk from Dr. Miller in Shanghai, he decided to train Japanese young people in the area of science and nutrition to meet the needs of Japan in those days. So he encouraged young people to go to Madison College in Tennessee to study nutrition as well as theology and work their way through school. Mr.

Yoshio Seino, his brother Victor Seino, Miss Masako Yamagata(Later Mrs. Yoshio Seino) and Mr. Samuel Yoshimura, Mr. Shirou Kunihiro, Mr. Tatsu Kimura, Mr. Ichiro Nakashima and many others responded to his encouragement. Some were in the Japanese camp in America during World War II.

Mr. Ichiro Tabuchi was a young man in Japan. He was brought up in a SDA family during the war time. When he graduated high school from Japan Missionary College he also wanted to go to America for further study. Political relations, between America and Japan were very tense so the dream of study abroad seemed quite impossible. He needed an official letter of admission in order to get a visa from the American Embassy. With the abnormal political situation, Ichiro Tabuchi sent an emergency telegraph to Dr. Webber in Madison College :“I NEED YOUR HELP. I WANT TO STUDY AT MADISON COLLEGE. SO PLEASE SEND ME COLLEGE ENTRANCE PERMISSION”. Ichiro Tabuchi(1940) The answer came from Dr. Webber by telegraph “THIS IS COLLEGE ENTRANCE PERMISSION. ICHIRO, COME RIGHT AWAY. I WILL BE YOUR GUARANTEE. P.A.Webber”.

Ichiro Tabuchi obtained a visa April 9, 1941 and left Japan April 10, the next day on the last boat from Japan to America. He says it was a miracle passport. According to Mr. Ichiro Tabuchi, Dr. Webber's emergency telegraph was just one of the instances which showed how Dr. Webber helped Japanese young people even in difficult times. “He was

instrumental in the education of hundreds of young people in Japan and the United States”. (Seventh day Adventist Encyclopedia) p.1577

As Dr. and Mrs. Webber liked Japanese food such as Sushi and Tempura very much, they invited Japanese students two or three times a year to their home for entertainment. As there were some Japanese young ladies studying in Madison College, there was no problem preparing Japanese cuisine for these occasions. Dr. and Mrs. Webber took special care of those lady students. The Japanese students enjoyed this occasion together despite the politically tense days. Mr. Ichiro Tabuchi has fond memories of these Christian fellowships during the World War II in the, so to speak, enemy country in those days.

During World War II the SDA church in Japan was devastated by bombing, persecution, pastors' imprisonment, and starvation. After the war was over one of the first and most urgent projects for the church leadership was the reopening of Japan Missionary College, which had been occupied by Japanese troops during war time. The urgent needs were professors and food. At this time the Madison graduates became very instrumental in helping with this crisis. Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Seino, S '39-'45. Mr. and Mrs. Shirou Kunihiro, BS '44, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yoshimura along with a few others from Emmanuel Missionary College, such as Mr. Sakae Fuchita, and from Pacific Union College Mr. and Mrs. Shige Arakaki, and Mr. and Mrs. Shinsei Hokama joined the faculty. Elder Benjamin Hoffman, Mr. Donald Lee, Mr. Harry Ludden and some other American missionaries also joined the staff. Their Christian influence was influential in moving the young people to accept Christ in their hearts and to be dedicated to the ministry, education, medicine, and nursing..

One of the distinguished contributions made by Madison graduates was the food factory run by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yoshimura. From a simple bakery factory it has become Saniku Foods Company whose market today has expanded all over Japan with 32 full time workers and 38 part time workers. They produce over one hundred different kinds of vegetarian health foods.

To the young students of Saniku Gakuin College in the days just after the war “Starvation” was the

most serious daily problem due to the lack of nutritious foods. Inadequate supplies of rice, flour, vegetables and protein products caused many problems in the campus community. The students were hungry all the time. During this crucial period, a full freight car load of assistance came from Madison College in corporation with Worthington Food Company. Beside this, more help came from Walla Walla College, Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelist, Japanese SDA churches in California and elsewhere. Powdered eggs, gluten burger and other protein products arrived. These foods were entirely new foods to the Japanese. Also used clothing was sent for the students. Though most of the American clothing was quite big for the skinny malnourished Japanese, they eagerly received them and altered them to their size. Some just wore them as they were. Anyway they were exceedingly happy to be fed and clothed by big brothers and big sisters in America.

Finally Mr. Ichiro Tabuchi returned to Japan as one of the faculty of Japan Missionary College. As a souvenir, he brought 50 gallons of cooking oil which was donated by Japanese SDA churches in California. As most of the houses were using stinky whale oil, the good cooking oil was very rare and almost inaccessible in Japan in those days. The welcome banquet for Mr. Ichiro Tabuchi featured, Tempura, as the main dish. This delicacy of deep fried vegetables was very rare in that time of little food. You can imagine how jubilant a banquet it was. Even after over 50 years we still talk in alumni meetings about that great occasion of tempura.

Now Japanese are no longer hungry people. Their living standard has been upgraded and become sophisticated. Affluent Japanese travelers can be found almost anywhere on earth. After the war, most Christian churches in general had no problem packing people in for worship service. People were seeking something to fill their inner vacuums as well as to fill their stomachs. The Christian church seemed to have the answers for both hearts and stomachs. For a time being, the Christian church responded to their needs and churches thrived.

However since the Japanese GNP (Gross National Product) exceeded over \$10,000 per year per person in 1980, the religious passion has faded away. The more Japanese became rich and affluent

the more they became irreligious. In the commercial setting, quality of service became very important in many areas including education, medical services, welfare services, food services, banking services and so on. Poor quality of service means losing business. Christian churches and Christian institutions are not an exception in this trend.

Saniku Gakuin College was originally started through the work of Dr. W. C. Grainger, first missionary to Japan in 1898, and was nurtured by many overseas missionaries, mainly from America until World War II broke out. Dr. Webber from Madison was one of the distinguished Christian leaders in the field of education. He contributed by laying the foundation of SDA Christian higher education in Japan before the war. He prepared many human resources for the future work of Japan through the educational system of Madison College. This was the first stage.

The second stage is after World War II. During the reconstruction period of the SDA churches in Japan, Madison graduates planted Christian educational philosophy in the soil of Japan. Nearly one hundred local churches were built in many places of Japan. Saniku Gakuin College and SDA hospitals were reestablished. Dr. Shirou Kunihira became the Union President of the Japan Union Conference and Mr. Ichiro Tabuchi also became vice president of Hiroshima Saniku High School and a researcher for Saniku Foods Company. He succeeded in planting the Madison-Webber spirit in the soil of the pagan country of Japan. Now his former high school students are functioning in many aspects of Japanese society.

The third stage is the upgrading of the nursing department of Saniku Gakuin College to the four-year college status in order to issue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing so many nursing graduates will be able to serve effectively domestically and internationally. This is an ongoing historical project now and supposed to be completed in 2008. May we solicit your prayers and support for this project also as big brothers and big sisters. Many of the graduates from nursing, theology, education, and English departments are already serving in American communities, mainly in California. Though their generation becomes younger as time goes on the

basic Christian philosophy stays unchanged. The Madison spirit is still surviving in Japan and America as well.

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He served on the faculty of Japan Missionary College and as vice president of Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin High School as well as a Researcher for Saniku Foods Company.

Mr. Kiyoshi Fujita (Mr. Tabuchi's former student) graduated in 1970 from the SDA Theological Seminary with M.Div. at Andrews University.

He served as Pastor of the Fresno Asian Church 1972-74, graduated from the Loma Linda School of Health with Masters Degree in 1975 and was head chaplain of Tokyo Sanitarium Hospital 1975-1978

He was pastor of the Saniku Gakuin College Church 1978-1985, former director of ADRA in Japan from 1985 to 1995 and has been vice president for Development, at Saniku Gakuin College since 1995



LAYMAN FOUNDATION HAS MADISON HISTORIC MATERIALS

By Albert Dittes

COLLEGEDALE, Tenn. — A rich supply of Madison College history is on file and being organized at the Layman Foundation office here, shared jointly with the E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA)

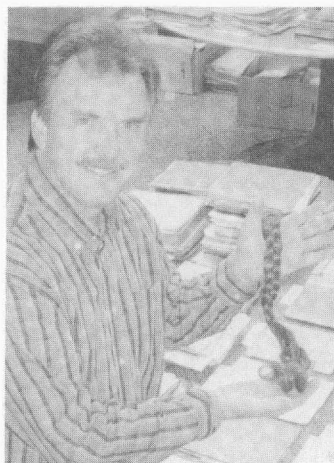
Taken out of boxes and being organized are materials from the business side of Madison College and its affiliated institutions, all a rich source of history. Brian Traxler, director of EASEA, says their goal is to organize these materials systematically so that they will be available for serious research.

They are of interest to not only professional Adventist scholars but people with a personal interest in Madison and affiliated institutions.

Already organized on the tables are corre-

spondence from Madison College, and business relating to Fletcher Academy, Fountain Head (Highland) Chestnut Hill and other institutions. Traxler says that a professional archivist has drawn up a model for them to preserve and index these documents so that researchers can readily look them up.

These materials were originally in the home of Lida Funk Scott, who organized the Layman Foundation out of her fortune in 1924. Traxler also shows some of her personal possessions, including a braid of hair from her daughter who died in the summer of 1914 at the age of 17. Mrs. Scott made her first visit to Madison in the fall of that year.



Brian Traxler holds a braid of hair belonging to Helen Scott, daughter of Lida Funk Scott, who died in the summer of 1914 at age 17. Mrs. Scott then visited her friends at Chestnut Hill extension school of Madison College in Tennessee to help her recover from this loss

Also on hand are many pictures of Madison, including the complete set of photos used for the *Golden Anniversary Album, Fifty Years of Progress at Madison*. A box of slides has a listing of the buildings on the

old campus as well as the institutions.

The Foundation people are entering into serious negotiations with representatives of the Adventist Heritage room at the Loma Linda University Library about the possibility of placing at least copies of these materials there for scholars tracing the history of Madison and its impact.

A list of 26 institutions that the Layman Foundation had correspondence with may be obtained by request to the Madison College Alumni office.



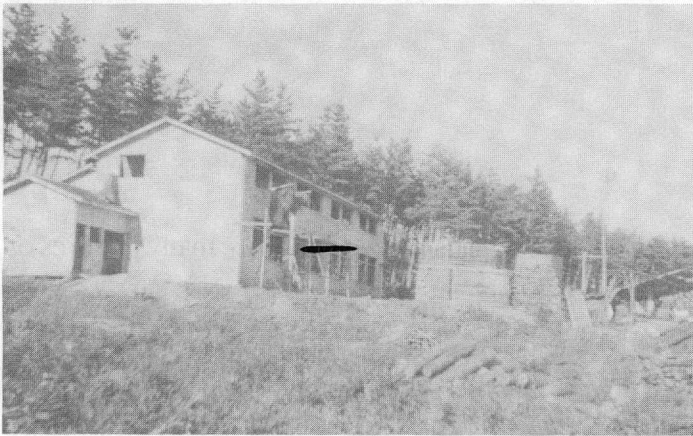
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L-R – Mrs. Webber, Dr. Perry Webber, President A. J. Jasperson with Jeep given to them as they returned to service in Japan after WW II.



Farmerettes earning an education, the harvest is great.

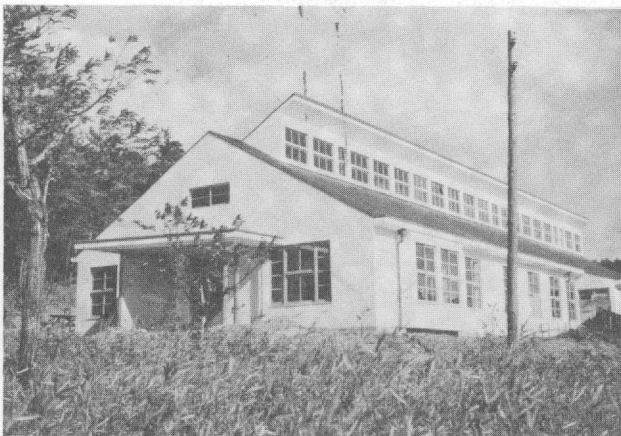


A school building under construction



Another student earning an education

Pictures on this page relate to the feature article in this issue.



Japan Missionary College Sanitarium & Hospital

Remember to come to homecoming

June 23-25, 2006

FROM HERE AND THERE



California: Fred Black, BS '39, sent dues and a note, "Dear Bob, Enclosed is \$— for my alumni dues. It seems like the older I get, the more close friends I lose. Right now in Loma Linda we have Dr. Jim & Audrie Whitlock, Lillian Reed, Lyle Marie Wallace Stockdale and Dr. J. Wayne McFarland, also Bill and Beverly Blair Wilson.

I sure miss my good wife, Dorothy.

Florida: Harry Bennett, S '33-'34, sent a message that we here in the office don't like to get, "I attended Madison College the school year 1933-1934. One year only.

I am now 90 years of age, and read very little. As much as I hate to say it, take my name off the mailing list for the alumni news letter. It does not mean all that much to me and you might as well save the postage and printing costs.

May God continue to bless the work there at Madison. Our prayers are with you."

Florida: Elenia Portalatin, N '61 and John, S '61, '63 Lancaster, sent dues and help with this note, "Here's a check for dues and office expenses.

I truly hope the "Alumni News" continues, even though Madison College closed and now the hospital was sold! We were very sad to hear the news of the sale. After the college closing, the only link we still had was the hospital and now it's gone also!

We will not be able to attend the next homecoming. We really wish we could, but at this time, I am on dialysis and waiting for a kidney transplant. (If one is found). Pray this happens soon. I am trying to stay as active as possible, but have many limitations.

John is doing fine, but busy taking me to treatments, etc, etc.

Keep the faith.

Idaho: Myrna Moore Ferguson, MA '58, MR '59, sent dues and extra along with this note, "Thank you

so much for continuing the Alumni Association and for sending the *Survey*. My family has such fond memories of Madison and my parents were always glad they went there. They felt Madison had a large part in all four of their children being active SDA church members. Our daddy, Ralph Moore, the watchmaker on Randy Road, passed away January 29, 2003. Our mom, Leah, lives with my husband and me most of the time; however is able to spend some time with her boys also and she enjoys that.

My sister Charolette and Charles Clegg, live in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Brother Bob and Joy live close to us here in Eagle, Idaho; and Don and Peggy (Hoover) live in Middleton, Idaho, about 15 minutes away from us.

I had the privilege of attending the Madison Academy Homecoming last year and it was such a sweet and nostalgic experience. I wish I could attend every Madison homecoming!

We are so thankful for the "Blessed Hope" of the Lord's return to gather His faithful and take them home where our family and friends will be reunited."

Missouri: Gertrude Scheible, N '43, sent this message, "Dear Madison Family and friends, In regard to your requests for notes I am responding with mine.

Since I had left an orphanage, with a desire to become a Nurse, my Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ralph C. Abele recommended that I attend Madison College and Hospital where I could work my way through. I came in 1940 and worked in the factory making soy milk (I now drink Silk Soy Milk) Since I could type and take shorthand and Mrs. Lida Scott's secretary, Florence Felldemende needed a secretary, I was greatly privileged to be chosen. It was a joy to work with them until my second year in Nursing school.

The training was excellent with Dr. Joe Sutherland and Dr. David Johnson and the hospital chaplain was helpful. Our class, joyfully were

initiated by the seniors at the Cumberland River nearby however I was too late for the fun. At graduation my Pastor was asked to give the benediction for the ceremony.

The following Monday I began my nursing career at Shriners Hospital for crippled children in St. Louis,

MO. After about ten years there, I went into preventive work for the St. Louis Public Health Dept. with several clinics around the city.

My last ten years of work, I spent as a substitute Kindergarten teacher to quench my desire for teaching.

Having relatives only in Germany and Switzerland my church friends became my family so I didn't change churches.

Now at, 96, yes I'm still helping in our church office twice a week- using the copier machine too.

Madison surely gave me an excellent start in my young life. Now at 96 years my work at the 172 year old Holy Ghost United Church of Christ is keeping me out of a nursing home. Thanks also to Rev. I. David Thompson who challenged me to remain active.

Hearty thanks to you all for your continued efforts to keep alive Madison College.

Enclosed dues and extra."

North Carolina: Marjorie Kendall, N '40, sent this brief note with her dues and extra: "Hi, This last Survey was the best yet. I really enjoyed reading it.

Sorry I can't get to the get togethers."

North Carolina: Wally Welch, MCA '48, sent money and this note, "We love it here in the mountains of Western North Carolina. We built a log cabin here in 2000 and have been looking forward to being here full time.

We look forward to the next homecoming. Best wishes to all our Madison friends."



Remember Homecoming

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SLEEPING UNTIL THE RESURRECTION

Gray, Lyle E, S '37-'39, '50-'51, '56-'57, died at the age of 90 years on December 24, 2004. He served in the Army during WW II. His vocation had

been that of a church school teacher.

Medlin, Evelyn Leah, BS '45, died at the age of 87, January 26, 2006. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jeffe Robert and Marguerite Medlin and brother James B. Medlin. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Medlin Kellogg, College Place, WA.

Rabucha, William "Bill", N'39, BS '46, expired at the age of 91 in Calhoun, GA. October 24, 2005. His wife., Nina DeFluiter Rabucha, preceded him in death in 1994.

Bill was the youngest, and last surviving child, born to a Russian immigrant family in Saskatchewan, Canada.

His late brother and sister in-law, Mike and Gladys, taught at Madison college from 1946-1949. Gladys obtained her B.Sc. from Madison in 1949. A niece, Madeline Rabuka McCrary, and a nephew Mickey Rabuka both graduated from Madison academy in 1950 and Mickey graduated from Lab, X-ray and college in 1959

After graduating from nursing at Madison, Bill served during WW II, first as a nurse, then after the Army learned that he spoke Russian, was sent to OCS and assigned to the counter intelligence unit. He was discharged with rank of Captain.

In civilian life he obtained a B.S. degree in occupational therapy at Ohio State University. He worked as a therapist and an administrator in Rehabilitation services serving in Ohio, Georgia and Florida during his career.

Surviving are his daughter, Paula, son-in-law Lynn Elkins of Calhoun, a granddaughter, Stephanie Elkins of Berrien Springs, Michigan and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Throckmorton, Connie Kontra, BS '42, died during the early morning hours of Nov. 18, 2005, in San Jose, Calif., following a valiant struggle after a major stroke suffered Oct. 31, 2003.

She was born Aug. 18, 1917, in Perth Amboy, N.J., to Czechoslovakian immigrant parents. She attended high school at Plainfield Academy in New Jersey and graduated from Madison College in 1942 with a four-year degree in biology.

She then went to work for the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C. and married a young Coast Guard serviceman named Jay Throckmorton in 1944. They moved to his hometown of Rupert, Idaho in 1946 and made their home there the next 56 years, operating Jay's TV Corner (aka The Music Shop). She lived the final three and a half years of her life near her family in San Jose, Calif. Her husband Jay died in 2003. Survivors are her sister, Helen Baschant, of Edison, N.J.; daughter Judy (Fred) Knopper of Simi Valley, Calif.; sons Dan (Teresa) and David of San Jose, Calif.; James and Tim of Portland, Ore., and Roger of Tidewater, Ore., and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Heyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church in Heyburn, Idaho and burial in Mar Cemetery, Rupert, Idaho.

Friends wishing to honor her are encouraged to donate to the Connie Throckmorton Bible Fund at It Is Written Television, Box O, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 91359.



May I gently remind you that your alumni association, run entirely by volunteers, operates on the funds from dues and extra gifts. If you have not yet sent your dues for 2006 won't you please do so?

Of the 600+ Surveys with envelopes that were sent out in January fewer than 200 have responded. We can't meet expenses if this keeps up. Do you want us to expire?

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