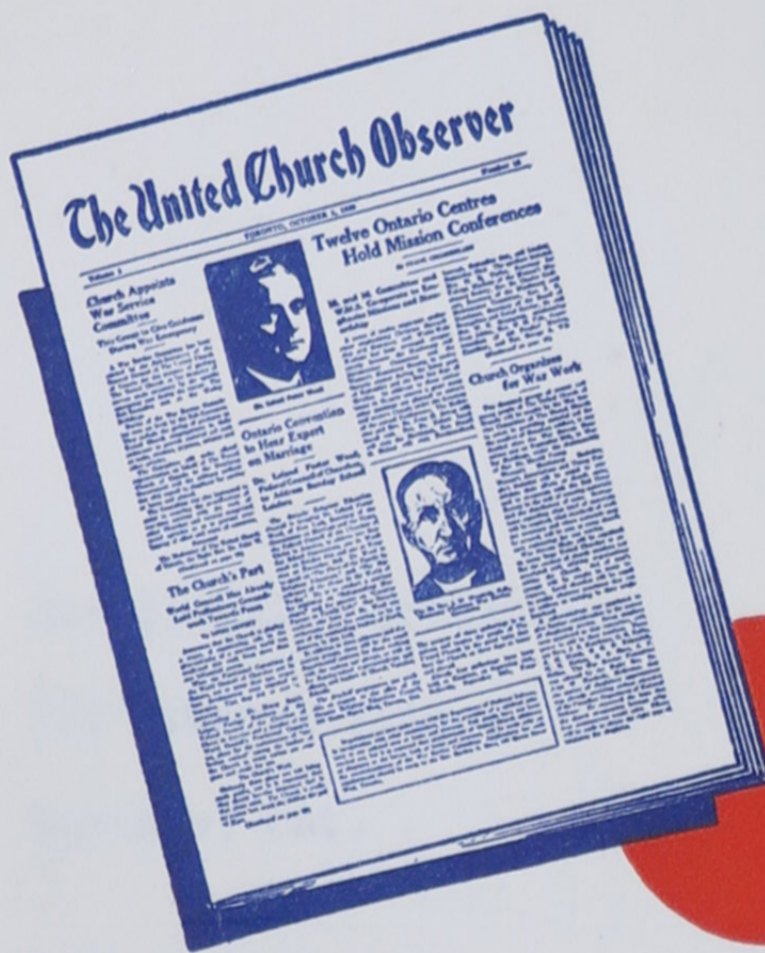


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March 17, 1942.

Rev. Everitt S. Fleming,
3rd Ave.,
Ocean Falls, B. C.

Dear Mr. Fleming,

I have your letter this morning along with the correspondence between Mr. Kabayama and the Presbytery. It is rather a sad letter from our Japanese pastor and I think a very kindly and gracious letter from the Presbytery. I am going to publish these in an early issue. Thanks so much for sending them to us.

With kind wishes

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Wilson.

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Hastings Park Manning
Vancouver, B. C.,
March 30, 1942.

Dear Mr. Fleming,

Thank you very much for all the help you have given us in our very sudden removal from Ocean Falls.

I arrived in Vancouver on Monday afternoon but, since Mr. Bunt was not at the wharf to receive us, two R. C. M. P. officers took us up to Hastings Park.

However, I find that there is work to be done in this camp, and so regard it as God's will that I should stay here.

As I look back to former days in Ocean Falls, I can but realize, and thank you and your church for all the help that you have given us. Please convey my thanks for all the aid and kindnesses we have received to your church members.

I am always praying that God's blessing shall be on your church work, you, your wife and family

yours sincerely,
J. Kabayama

P.S. I am much obliged to you for looking after all the bell and other church properties we had left behind in our hurry. Please use the coloured windows as you see fit.

I also left a mimeograph machine in my study upstairs. If you can use it, by all means do so, but please keep it for me. Thanking you again I remain

yours sincerely,
J. Kabayama

April 4, 1942.

Rev. J. Kabayama,
Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Kabayama :

I received your letter the other day, and felt sad to know that you had all been hustled off to the park. I hope it was not due to my suggestion regarding wiring Mr. Bunt. I am sure he intended to meet you, and I am sorry now that we did not spend a little extra and wire him to that effect.

When I bade you good bye at the boat I went directly over to the church, and found a rather disgraceful situation. Someone had used a key, or broken into the church, and people were prowling around everywhere. I think I managed to save most things that were there, but of course do not know what had been removed before my arrival. The two electric plates were there, and the one heater with the curved back. But just as I arrived some Indians were coming down loaded with goods from your house. They told me they had bought everything. Not knowing the facts, I could not argue with them. But one of the first I met was carrying the little electric heater and remembering what you said about stoves, I spoke to him about it, and he let me have it without argument. I have been wondering since whether I was in the right, or whether they had any claim to all the stuff you were forced to leave behind. During the next few days I removed the doors, windows, organ, bell and what was left of the small chairs. (someone helped himself to some of them and the organ stool !) The store truck brought them to our church and we stored them in the attic.

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whether the Indians took it, or whether someone else removed it. Since the Indians claimed to have bought everything I did not go up stairs to your place till Monday. It was pretty well cleared out by that time, and I saw nothing of your machine. I have enquired of the guard, Mr. Cockrell, but he knows nothing of it. (Incidentally you may be interested to know that while I was looking over the sad state of things up stairs on Monday, someone came into the church and walked off with my hammer and gloves where I had left them in the front room of the church..'

I wish you would write me again as soon as possible, stating what arrangements you made with the Indians, and the approximate value of the mimeograph machine which you would like me to find for you.

I felt very sorry to see the quantities of books you had to leave behind, but I know you had very little time finally in which to take them. Incidentally, I picked up two or three very nice looking ones and gave them to the young man in the hospital. I thought you would be glad to know they were doing someone some good.

It is like you to make the best of things, and say that while you were disappointed at having to go to the park you still find work to do. I am sure there will be plenty of it there.

Our weather keeps remarkably fine..too fine for the good of the water supply. However, we shall probably get rain before long. Here is hoping !

By the way, did you arrange for your mail, and that order of groceries you spoke about. If not let me know.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Abayama, all the family, as well as yourself,

Sincerely yours,

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~~Rev. Wm. Deans,~~
April 14, 1942.

Rev. Wm. Deans,
Sec. B. C. Conference,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Deans :

Please send forms for Application for Change of Pastorate to me, or better still, to save time, directly to the following... (I almost said to the members of our Presbytery !)

Rev. D. W. More, Kispiox.

Rev. J.A. Rowland, Terrace,

Rev. Hillis Wright, Bella Coola.

Rev. T. C. Colwell, Port Simpson.

I received the last mentioned just yesterday. It is a Provisional application, if there is any such thing. He wants high school facilities, also to get his family away from this part of the coast.

The registration forms for Conference came through in due form and I have mailed them to all the charges.

If there is anything further you wish me to do let me know.

Hoping all is going well with you, as with us here. The town is undergoing terrific changes. All Jap town is being burned, and a new program of building is under way. Fifty new duplex houses within a year is the aim just now.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(E.S.F.)

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