Birthplace of the haiku magazine "Hototogisu"

On this spot emerged the haiku magazine Hototogisu in 1897, founded by Kyokudo Yanagihara. This haiku magazine grew to such significance that Shiki Masaoka declared "Hototogisu is my life", and each issue drew attention nationwide. However, it only ran for twenty issues. Thereafter at the request of Shiki, Kyoshi Takahama changed its name to Hototogisu using a different alphabet, and the magazine continues to this day.

Shiki's intense enthusiasm for Hototogisu is portrayed in Ryotaro Shiba's novel Saka no Ue no Kumo(published by Bungei Shunju).