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President.

C. Bishop,
English Secretary.

H. Kawasumi,
Japanese Secretary.

J. G. Cleveland and S. Fujii,
Assistant Secretaries.

B. Chappell,
Statistical Secretary.

M. Mitani,
Assistant Statistical Secretary.

J. Soper,
Treasurer.

S. Furusawa,
Assistant Treasurer.
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- Received into Full Connection: 1
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- Present Number: 5
Committees.

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EDUCATION—
C. W. Huett, H. Hirata, and T. Ikeda,

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FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—
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MISSIONS—
The Presiding Elders.

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J. Kambe and K. Miyama.

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The Presiding Elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS—
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EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION—
B. Chappell and H. Yamaka.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH—
K. Nakada and I. Miura.

METHODIST CHURCH IN JAPAN—
C. Bishop and S. Furusawa.

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE—
S. Ogata and D. S. Spencer.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CONFERENCE—
E. Aibara, T. Iikubo and C. W. Huett.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON,—
J. G. Cleveland; Alternate, H. Kihara.
Boards and Societies.

CONFERENCE EXAMINERS,—


HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,—


ANNUITY FUND SOCIETY,—


EDUCATION,—

Y. Honda, Chairman; J. Soper, Vice Chairman; T. Yamada, Secretary, B. Chappell, Treasurer.

PUBLISHING,—


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MANAGEEBS, AOYAMA GAKUIN,—
Ex-officio.

Trustees,—Y. Honda, President, S. Ogata, Kosku; H. Yamaka, K. Matsushima, S. Kurimura, and Taro Ando.

Conference Representatives:

1904

1905
B. Chappell, J. L. Cowen, D. S. Spencer.

1906
J. G. Cleveland, C. Bishop, J. S. Vail, K. Ishizaka.

Executive Committee.

### Conference Program—1903.

**Wednesday, April 1**
- **2.00 p.m.** Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, Bishop Moore in charge.
- **3.00 p.m.** Organization of Conference
- **7.00 p.m.** Missionary Sermon, by K. Ishizaka, read by H. Yamaka, T. Ikeda presiding.

**Thursday, April 2**
- **8.30 a.m.** Devotional Meeting, W. Ishikawa leading.
- **9—12 a.m.** Conference Session.
- **2.00 p.m.** Statistical Session.
- **3.00 p.m.** Anniversary of Home Missionary Society, with full reports by the Secretary and the Treasurer, Chairman, Y. Honda; Speaker, H. Kawasumi.
- **4.00 p.m.** Meeting of Missionaries.
- **7.00 p.m.** Evangelistic Services. Speakers:
  - For 1st Church, M. Yamaka, J. W Wadman.
  - For 2nd Church, S. Furukawa, T. Yamada.

**Friday, April 3**
- **8.30 a.m.** Devotional Meeting, T. Ikubo leading.
- **9—12 a.m.** Conference Session.
- **2.00 p.m.** Conference Social
- **4.00 p.m.** Bishop’s Hour.
- **4.30 p.m.** Cabinet Meeting.
- **7.00 p.m.** Evangelistic Services. Speakers:
  - For 1st Church, T. Yamada, K. Uzaki.
  - For 2nd Church, T. Sakamoto, S. Kurimura.

**Saturday, April 4**
- **8.30 a.m.** Devotional Meeting, T. Takami leading.
- **9—12 a.m.** Conference Session.
- **2.00 p.m.** Anniversary Church Extension Society, with report by Treasurer.
- **2.30 p.m.** Bishop’s Hour
- **3.00 p.m.** Cabinet Meeting.
7.00 p.m. Evangelistic Services. Speakers:
For 1st Church, E. Aibara, J. Soper
For 2nd Church, K. Iida, Y. Honda.

Sunday, April 5

9.00 a.m. Lovefeast, J. Soper leading.
        S. Ogata presiding.
2.00 p.m. Ordination Service, Bishop Moore in charge.
7.00 p.m. Evangelistic Service, Speakers:
For 1st Church, S. Kokita, Y. Honda.

Monday April, 6

8.30 a.m. Devotional Meeting. M. Mitani leading.
9—12 a.m. Conference Session
10.00 a.m. Reception of Fraternal Delegates.
        Reception Com. G. F. Draper, K. Nakada.
2.00 p.m. Anniversary of the Annuity Fund Society with reports of officers.
        General business, and election of officers.
2.00 p.m. Bishop’s Hour.
2.30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting.
4.00 p.m. Anniversary of Educational Society, J. Soper presiding.
        Boys’ and Girls’ Schools by Y. Honda.
        Gospel Society Schools by T. Ukai.
        Treasurer’s Report and election of officers.
7.00 p.m. Temperance rally. Speakers: K. Miyama, T. Ando.

Tuesday, April 7

8.30 a.m. Devotional Meeting, J. Kambe leading.
9—12 a.m. Conference Session.
2.00 p.m. Anniversaries of Epworth League and Sunday Schools, E. Hirano presiding.
        Speakers: On Epworth League, M. Mitani.
        On Sunday Schools, W. Ishikawa.
2.00 p.m. Bishop’s Hour.
2.30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting.
7.00 p.m. Evangelistic Service. Speakers: H. Kihara, H. Yamaka.

All public meetings, unless otherwise indicated, are held at the 1st M. E. Church, 182 Minami Hisaya—cho, Nagoya.
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This certifies that this volume is a complete and correct Record of the Japan Annual Conference for 1903 and that it was adopted by the Conference as its Official Record.

Chief Bishop

Secretary.
The Twentieth Session of the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was opened by Bishop David H. Moore in the First Church, Minami Hisaya-cho, Nagoya, April 1, 1903, at 2 P. M. Hymn 63 of the Japanese Hymnal, "When I survey the wondrous cross," was sung. Bishop Moore, assisted by the Presiding Elders, then administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, a large company participating.

Conference Roll.—Julius Soper, English Secretary of the last Conference, called the Conference Roll, and forty five responded to their names.

Organization.—The following officers were elected by acclamation,—C. Bishop, Secretary; H. Kawasumi, Japanese Secretary; B. Chappell and M. Mitani, Statistical Secretaries; J. Soper, Treasurer; S. Furusuwa, Assistant Treasurer; J. G. Cleveland and S. Fujii, Assistant Secretaries; T. Ukai and M. Mitani, Interpreters.

Transfer.—Under Question One the Bishop announced the transfer of Hokashichi Kihara, an Elder, from the California Conference.

Audit.—G. F. Draper presented the Treasurer's book, and stated that he had examined it and found it correct. J. Soper moved that this be accepted as the Conference audit, and the motion prevailed.
Bar.—J. G. Cleveland moved that the first seven rows of seats be reserved as the bar of the Conference, and it was so ordered.

Standing Committees.—The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to present nominations for the Standing Committees; and were requested to report tomorrow morning after the reading of the Minutes.

Program.—The Order of Exercises prepared by the Program Committee was adopted as the program of the Conference.

Conference Minutes.—On motion of J. G. Cleveland, the Secretaries were appointed a committee on publication of the Minutes.

Fraternal Letter.—A very interesting letter from Dr. M. C. Harris, Superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission, stating the condition of the workers, and the work carried on among the 120,000 Japanese within the bounds of the Mission was read in both Japanese and English; and was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations for suitable answer.

Visiting Brethren.—Rev. W. A. Davis of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and H. Kataoka, a graduate of Drew Seminary, were introduced.

Letters were read explaining the absence of U. Bessho, K. Ishizaka, H. Hirata, and S. Kimura, who are detained by sickness, either of themselves or members of their families.

General Conference Expenses.—A letter from the Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference, was read, which stated that the amount apportioned to this Conference is Twenty-five dollars; and urged that collections be taken during the ensuing conference year.

Episcopal Fund.—A letter from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, was read, which stated that the amount apportioned to this Conference for the ensuing year is Twenty-eight dollars. He called attention to the fact that the Conference fell short of its apportionment for the last year to the amount of Two dollars; and urged the necessity of raising the entire apportionment to this Fund.
Book Concern Dividend.—A Book Concern Draft for $286,00 was reported by the Bishop. On motion of C. Bishop the President and Secretary were authorized to sign the same and draw the amount for the benefit of Conference Claimants.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned at 3.30 P. M., Rev. W. A. Davis pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, April 2, 1903.

Bishop Moore called the Conference to order at 8.30 A. M., and the roll of those who were not present at the opening of the Conference was called. W. Ishikawa then conducted the half-hour devotional service.

The Minutes of the previous session were read in English and Japanese, and were approved.

Excused.—J. W. Wadman requested that K. Mizoe be excused from attendance at the Conference on account of illness, and the request was granted, and the Committee on Fraternal Relations were instructed to write him a letter of sympathy.

Standing Committees,—G. F. Draper in behalf of the Committee appointed to make nominations for the Standing Committees, presented the following:

Bibles and Tracts,—W. Ishikawa, K Sawai.
Church Extension,—M. Yamaka, T. Ukai, T. Takami.
District Conference Records,—B. Onuki, K. Iida.
Education,—C. W. Huett, H. Hirata, T. Ikeda.
Epworth League,—M. Mitani, J. G. Cleveland,
Fraternal Relations and Resolutions,—J. G. Cleveland, K.
Nakada, T. Yamada.

*Missions*—The Presiding Elders.

*Temperance*—J. Kambe, K. Miyama,

*Board of Stewards*,—The Presiding Elders.

*Sabbath Observance and Sunday Schools*,—J. Soper, T. Kita­zawa, M. Iinuma.

**Wesley Bi-centennial**,—J. Soper reported a communication from W. E. Towson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in regard to the observance of the Wesley Bi-centennial Celebration on June 17, and moved that a committee be appointed to co-operate with any similar committees that might be appointed by the other Methodist bodies in Japan, for the purpose of arranging for such celebration. The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed the following brethren to act as such committee: J. Soper, Y. Honda, B. Chappell, T. Ukai, M. Mitani.

**Fraternal Delegates**,—E. Aibara moved the appointment of fraternal delegates to visit the Methodist Protestant Conference now in session in this city, The motion was carried, and the Chair appointed the following brethren; E. Aibara D. S. Spencer, T. Iikubo.

Bishop Moore suggested that the Committee arrange for a joint session of the two Conferences.

**Newspaper Correspondents**,—E. Aibara moved that Y. Kojima and T. Kokita be appointed Correspondents to the *Gokyo, Kirisuto-kyo Sakai, Fukuin Shimpo*, and the local papers; and the motion prevailed. J. Soper moved, and it was carried that the English Secretary be requested to send a résumé of the proceedings of the Conference to the *Japan Times* and the *Japan Mail*.

Bishop Moore appointed K. Nakada to preside at the Statistical Session.

**The Fourteenth Question** was taken up: "Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?" The Chair read a notification from Bishop John W. Hamilton of the transfer of A. M. Brooks to the Iowa Conference.
Manner of Reporting Work,—J. G. Cleveland moved, and it was carried, that when the pastors report their work, they give the number of baptisms, and amounts of the Missionary Collections.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up: "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?"

The characters of the Presiding Elders were passed.

Nagoya District,—S. Ogata, Presiding Elder, read his report, and the characters of the following preachers were passed: S. Fuji, K. Ichiku, K. Nakada, T. Miura, and T. Ikeda; and they reported their work.

Sapporo District,—C. W. Huett, Presiding Elder, read his report and the characters of the following preachers were passed: T. Sakamoto, S. Kimura, K. Kudo, W. Ishikawa, and S. Kokita, and they reported their work.

Shinano District,—E. Aibara, Presiding Elder, read his report, and the characters of the following preachers were passed: T. Kitazawa, T. Takami, K. Miura, and K. Iida; and they reported their work.

Hakodate District,—J. W. Wadman, Presiding Elder, presented his report, and the characters of the following preachers were passed: T. Hasegawa, H. Kihara, T. Fujita, K. Mizoe, M. Yamaka, T. Ikubo, and M. Hirakawa; and they reported their work.

Fraternal Letter.—A fraternal letter from Dr. R. S. Maclay was read, and the Japanese Secretary was requested to translate it into Japanese, to be read at the next session.

Bishop Moore then gave a stirring account of his recent trip through Russia to the United States, and of his work while in America.

At the close of his address V. W. Helm, one of the Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association, from Tokyo, was introduced and gave an eloquent address on the opportunities and needs of their work in Japan.

J. W. Wadman moved and it was carried that Mr. Helm's address
be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for suitable recognition.

Announcements were made, and after singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by D. S. Spencer.

STATISTICAL SESSION

The Conference met at 2 P. M., K. Nakada presided, and led the devotional exercises. The roll of the charges was called, and most of the pastors handed in their reports.

After singing the doxology, the Conference adjourned at 3:30 P. M. with the benediction by J. Soper.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, April 3rd,

The Conference was called to order at 8:30 by Bishop Moore, and T. Iikubo conducted the half-hour prayer service.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read in English and Japanese, and approved. K. Nakada asked to be excused from serving on the committee on Fraternal Relations and Resolutions, and the request was granted.

Union Service.—G. F. Draper moved that the Fraternal Delegates appointed to visit the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session, be instructed to invite them to join this Conference in a love-feast and preaching service on Sunday morning, and the motion prevailed.

Fraternal Delegates.—K. Usaki, Fraternal Delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced and addressed the Conference in a felicitous speech, hoping the time would soon come
when the union of the Methodism in Japan approved by the General Conference of his Church, might be consummated.

K. Miyama and Bishop Moore responded, assuring the delegate of the hearty co-operation of this Conference to the same end. The brother was invited to a seat on the rostrum.

Rev. R. E. MacAlpine of the Presbyterian Church, South in the United States, was introduced, and spoke a few words of congratulation. He was also invited to a seat on the rostrum.

K. Katsumata of the Bible House, Yokohama, was introduced, and made a few remarks regarding the work of the Society.

Bishop Moore responded, exhorting the Conference to everywhere co-operate with the Bible Society.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up: "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?"

Tokyo District.—D. S. Spencer, Presiding Elder, presented his report, and the characters of the following were passed: K. Sawai, K. Nagasaki, Y. Kojima, M. Kozaki, J. Soper, B. Chappell, T. Yamada, T. Ukai, S. Furusawa, T. Hasegawa, M. Mitani, C. Bishop, U. Bessho, and K. Miyama; and the dastors reported their work.

D. S. Spencer moved and it was carried, that the case of T. Sugo be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Reports.—J. Soper, Dean of the Philander Smith Biblical Institute, and B. Chappell, Dean of the College and Academy of the Aoyama Gakuin, presented their reports which were read in Japanese.

Sendai District.—K. Ishizaka, Presiding Elder, being excused from attendance on account of sickness, the Japanese Secretary read his report in Japanese.

The characters of K. Shiratori, H. Hirano, H. Kawasaki, J. G. Cleveland, B. Ounki, and K. Naruse were passed, and they reported their work.

Yokohama District.—G. F. Draper, Presiding Elder, presented his report, and the characters of the following were passed:
J. Kambe, M. Inuma, H. Yamaka, S. Kurimura, H. Hirata, and W. S. Worden; and the pastors reported their work.

The characters of the following brethren who are in the United States, were also passed: R. P. Alexander, M. S. Vail, H. W. Swartz, Y. Sekizawa, K. Nakagawa, and S. Sugihara.

**Lay Delegates.**—The following Lay Delegates to the Annual Conference were introduced:

1. From Districts,—
   - Nagoya.............................. H. Kuwamoto
   - Shinano........................... S. Makihara.

2. From Self-Supporting Churches,—
   - Ginza ............................. T. Hotta.
   - Yokohama ........................ E. Ito.
   - Fujisaki............................ S. Hasegawa.

**Dr. Maclay's Letter.**—The Japanese Secretary read Dr. Maclay's letter which had been translated; and G. F. Draper moved that it be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations for suitable answer.

**The Sixteenth Question** was taken up: "Who have been Located at their own Request?"

A letter from W. S. Worden was read requesting that he be given a Local relation, and G. F. Draper moved that this be granted; and that the English Secretary be instructed to reply to Dr. Worden's letter.

**The Fifth Question** was taken up: *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

D. S. Spencer reported the standing of W. Kozaki, and moved that he be ossessed to studies of the second year, and continued on trial; and the motion prevailed. He also moved that T. Namae who is in America, be continued on trial in studies of the second year, and it was so ordered. K. Miura did not receive examination, and was continued on trial in studies of the second year.
(c) Kimura Shigee, being absent on account of sickness, did not receive examination and was continued on trial in studies of the third year.

(d) Mizoe Kasaburo was also absent on account of sickness, and was continued on trial in studies of the fourth year.

**The Seventh Question** was taken up: "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?"

(a) Hasegawa Teisuke was passed to studies of the third year and was admitted into full membership, and was elected to Deacons orders.

**The Tenth Question** was taken up: "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?"

(a) Nagasaki Katsusaburo and Sakamoto Tomiya having completed the course of study were elected to Elders orders.

(b) Mitani Masanosuke who had been ordained as Elder under the Missionary Rule, completed his course of study.

**Request.**—T. Iikubo and K. Iida presented a request that the present Conference Course of Study be revised.

J. G. Cleveland moved that a committee be appointed for that purpose, and the motion was carried.

**Notice of Motion.**—B. Chappell gave notice that at a subsequent session of this Conference a motion would be made to amend Article V of the Constitution of Aoyama Gakuin by the addition of the following:—

"The Board of Managers or its Executive Committee may appoint a Vice Dean and Principal for the College and Preparatory School." The whole Article (V) will then read as follows: The officers of the Institution shall compose a President, a Dean of the School of Theology, a Dean of the College, a Principal of the Preparatory School, a Superintendent of the Industrial Department, and one or more Kanji (Business Managers).

The Dean of the College may, if thought desirable by the Mission, act as Principal of the Preparatory School.

The Board of Managers or its Executive Committee may appoint a Vice Dean and Principal for the College and Preparatory School."
Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Y. Honda.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, April 4th.

Bishop Moore called the Conference to order at 8.30 A. M., and T. Takami led the prayer service, which closed at 9 o'clock.

The minutes of the preceding session were read in English and Japanese, and were approved.

Conference Expenses.—J. Soper moved that a committee of two be appointed on Conference expenses; and the Chair named J. Soper and S. Furusawa as such committee.

Revision Committee.—The Chair also appointed as a committee on Revision of the Conference Course of Study, ordered at the preceding session, J. G. Cleveland, T. Yamada, T. Iikubo, H. Yamaka, and K. Iida.

Visitors.—W. D. Root and J. E. Gustafson, Methodist Student Volunteer teachers in Japan, and R. Shioya, Lay Delegate to the Conference from Nagoya, were introduced.

The Thirtieth Question was taken up: "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" and Tokyo was chosen.

The Fourth Question was taken up: Who have been Received on Trial?" Arthur Lynn Becker, Robert Arthur Sharp, Carl Critchett, and John Zechariah Moore, missionaries in Korea, were received on trial, and were elected to Deacon's and Elder's orders under the "missionary rule."

The Twenty Third Question was taken up: "Who are the Superannuated Preachers" J. W. Wadman moved that Kikuchi Takuhei be continued in that relation, and the motion prevailed.
A letter was read from Honda Itsuki, and he was also continued in that relation.

The Twenty Fourth Question was taken up: "Who are the Tryers of Appeals?" It was moved that the same committee that served last year be re-elected, viz. H. Hirata, S. Ogata, Y. Honda, T. Ukai, D. S. Spencer, J. Soper, and B. Chappell; and it was so ordered.

D. S. Spencer asked to be excused from serving on the Board of Conference Examiners, and his request was granted, and J. G. Cleveland was appointed in his place.

Church Extension.—The Committee on Church Extension made its report, which was adopted. (See Reports of Committees.)

The other Committees were called, but were not ready to report.

D. S. Spencer was permitted to withdraw from the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and C. W. Huett was appointed in his stead.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Conference adjourned at 10 o'clock with the benediction by C. W. Huett.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies that on the fifth day of April, A. D., 1903, at Nagoya, Japan, I ordained as Elders, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, being assisted in the ordination by the other Elders, the following persons, Nagasaki Katsusaburo and Sakomoto Tomiya.

Also on the same day and in the same place, I ordained as Deacon in said Church, Hasegawa Teisuke.

Nagoya, April 6, 1903.

Bishop.
FIFTH DAY.

Monday, April 6th.

The Conference came to order at 8.30 A. M. and M. Mitani took charge of the prayer service. The regular business beginning at 9 o'clock, when the minutes were read in English and Japanese, and approved.

Bishop Moore requested J. Soper to take the chair. On motion C. W. Huett and T. Hasegawa were appointed to visit T. Miura who is sick, and bear the condolence of the Conference.

Publishing Agent.—The report of the Publishing Agent was adopted (See Reports.)

Bishop Moore resumed the chair, and the Committee on Education made its report, which was adopted. The reports of the Tokyo and Yokohama Gospel Societies were also presented and were adopted.

Conference Relations.—The Committee on Conference Relation reported in regard to the case of T. Sugo, which had been referred to it; and recommended the passage of his character, and the motion prevailed.

Reports of Committees.—The Committee on Epworth League was presented, and was adopted.

The present Board of Control was re-elected, viz. H. Hirata, M. Mitani, G. F. Draper, H. Yamada, and B. Chappell.

The Committee on Temperance presented its report. K. Miyama, Temperance Evangelist made a stirring speech in regard to the temperance work. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance and Sunday Schools presented its reports and they were adopted.

H. Yamaka and K. Miyama presented the following resolution, which was adopted.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Whereas, In case Mr. J. L. Cowen, Publishing Agent, returns to the United States during the coming year, we the members of this Conference desire and hereby request him to use all possible means in raising funds for building the Tokyo Central M. E. Church and Publishing House, among the churches in America.

Signed H. Yamaka, K. Miyama.

The Board of Stewards presented their report, which was adopted.

K. Naruse was added to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The Committee on Bible and Tract Cause, made its report and the report was adopted. (See Reports)

Fraternal Letter.—A fraternal letter from the Canada Methodist Church in Japan, was read. It was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations for suitable reply.

Fraternal Delegates.—Rev. E. H. VanDyke and Maruyama Gen, fraternal delegates from the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced, and addressed the Conference. On account of the hour of the close of their Conference drawing near, these delegates were obliged to return at the close of their addresses.

Visitors.—Z. Hirata of the Pacific Mission, California, and T. Qshima, head of the Nagoya Ei-Wa Gakko were introduced.

Standing Committee.—The Standing Committee on Missions asked permission to defer the division of the money for Evangelistic purposes till after the adjournment of the Conference. The request was granted, and they were instructed to publish the report for the use of the members of the Conference.

Missionary Sermon.—Bishop Moore appointed J. G. Cleveland to preach the missionary sermon next year; and H. Kihara as alternate.

Amendments.—Y. Honda moved the amendments of the Constitution of the Board of Managers of the Aoyama Gakuin, notification of which having been previously given as prescribed, so that the following shall be added to Article V: Officers.
The Board or Managers of its Executive Committee may appoint a Vice-Dean and Principal for the College and Academy. And to Article VI: Section 2. Duties. The duty of the Vice-Dean and Principal be to assist the Dean and Principal, and administer in his absence.

Audit.—D. S. Spencer, Treasurer of the Educational Society presented his report. J. G. Cleveland and S. Kurimura were appointed a committee to audit the report.

D. S. Spencer resigned the treasurer-ship, and B. Chappell was elected to succeed him.

Change of Program.—K. Nakada requested that the Temperance meeting it had been proposed to hold later, be substituted for the meeting in the program for this evening; and the request was granted.

Election.—C. W. Huett announced the re-election by the Mission of J. G. Cleveland, C. Bishop, and Jennie S. Vail on the Board of Managers of the Aoyama Gakuin, the terms for which they had been elected having expired.

Mombusho.—Y. Honda was requested to state to the Conference a recent action by the Mombusho (Department of Education) in regard to Middle Schools.

Audit.—J. G. Cleveland announced that the committee appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of the Educational Society, found it correct.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by T. Ukai.

SIXTH DAY.

Tuesday, April 7.

Conference opened at 8.30 A. M., and H. Kihara led the prayer service. Bishop Moore took the chair at 9 o’clock, and the minutes were read in English and Japanese, and were approved.
**Admission.**—Hasegawa Teisuke was examined in the questions of the Discipline relative to admission to the Conference, and his answers being acceptable, he was duly admitted to full membership in this Conference.

**Vacate Chair.**—Bishop Moore called H. Yamaka to occupy the chair.

**Statistical Report.**—B. Chappell presented the Statistical Report, and it was adopted. He explained that while there was an apparent decrease in membership over last year, owing to an error in the report a year ago, there was in reality a small increase, and the finances showed a healthy growth.

**Gokyo.**—Y. Honda presented the report of the Gokyo (Christian Advocate) Committee, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation.**—He also presented the following Resolution from the Tokyo District Conference which was adopted:

The undersigned respectfully present a recommendation as follows concerning the solemnization of matrimony, on behalf of the Tokyo District Conference held at Yokoichiba, October, 1902.

Resolved that preachers under the jurisdiction of the Japan Conference, should carefully investigate whether the parties applying for marriage are properly prepared to register their matrimonial union according to the requirements of the law, before performing the marriage ceremony.

Signed Y. Honda, S. Furusawa and T. Ukai.

**Amendment.**—Y. Honda moved the following amendment to the Constitution of the Annuity Fund Society, which was adopted:

Article V, Section 3. Let special collections be taken on the second Sunday in October in each church.

**Famine Sufferers.**—Y. Honda read an article in the Kiristokyō Sekai concerning the famine sufferers in the northern part of this island; and urged the members of the Conference to assist as much as possible for their relief.
District Conference Records.—The Committee on District Conference Records presented their report which was adopted. (See Reports).

Courtesy to the Emperor.—H. Hirata moved that inasmuch as the Emperor was to arrive at this city at 6 o'clock today, the Conference go in a body to the station, and the motion was carried.

Home Missions.—T. Ukai presented the report on Home Missions, which was adopted. (See Reports)

Annuity Fund.—Y. Honda reported the election of the following officers for the Annuity Fund Society: President, T. Ukai; Secretary, H. Yamaka; Treasurers, J. Soper and T.-Hasegawa; Council, H. Hirata, and G. F. Draper.

Educational Society.—The following officers of the Educational Society were approved, Y. Honda, Chairman; J. Soper, Vice Chairman; T. Yamada, Secretary; B. Chappell, Treasurer.

Excused.—B. Chappell was excused from further attendance on account of the opening of the Aoyama Gakuin tomorrow.

Wesley Bi-Centennial.—J. Soper presented a resolution in regard to the bi-centennial anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, and it was adopted. (See Resolutions)

K. Miyama.—J. Soper also presented a resolution in regard to K. Miyama's visit to the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Japanese work of the Pacific Coast which was approved. (See Resolutions)

Letters.—T. Ukai read answers to letters sent by the order of the Conference a year ago, from T. Namae, and Y. Sekizawa.

The Committee appointed to visit T. Miura announced that they had done so.

Number of Minutes.—Upon motion of J. Soper it was ordered that one hundred and seventy-five copies of the English minutes be printed, and one hundred and twenty, of the Japanese.

Conference Entertainment.—J. Soper moved that the Pre-
siding Elders of the Tokyo Districts and the pastors of the Aoyama First and Second Churches, be appointed a Committee on Conference Program and Entertainment for the next Conference, which was approved.

He also moved that the following fraternal delegates be appointed, and the motion prevailed.

**Evangelical Association.**—B. Chappell and H. Yamaka.

**Methodist Episcopal Church, South.**—K. Nakada and I. Miura.

**Methodist Church in Japan.**—C. Bishop and S. Furusawa.

**South Japan Mission Conference.**—S. Ogata and D. S. Spencer.

**Publishing Committee.**—J. Soper reported the following as having been elected to serve on the Publishing Committee: J. L. Cowen, Agent; Y. Honda, K. Ishizaka, H. Yamaka, T. Ukai, J. Soper, B. Chappell, and G. F. Draper.

**Revision of the Ritual.**—K. Kawasumi moved that a committee be appointed to report at the next conference on a revision of our Japanese Church Ritual.

**Ginza Hall.**—He also moved that the action taken a year ago in regard to the building of the *Ginza Hall and Publishing House* be re-affirmed; and that T. Ukai be granted a leave of absence for the purpose of visiting the United States to raise money for the project, and the motion prevailed.

T. Ukai then addressed the Conference in regard to what had been done during the past year toward the accomplishment of the work.

Then the Hon. T. Ando, President of the Japan Temperence League was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The hour for closing having arrived the time was extended.

**Visitors.**—Prof. Clement Lacey Sites of Nanyang College, Shanghai, and P. A. Smith of Hiroshima Higher Normal School, and J. Nakada, Evangelist, were introduced.

**Property.**—D. S. Spencer presented a verbal report for the com-
mittee appointed at the last conference on Holding Church Property.
Y. Honda moved that the report be adopted and the committee
continued, and the motion prevailed.

It was moved and carried that D. S. Spencer who is about to
visit the United States, be instructed to do what he can to raise money
for the new Ginza Hall.

Temperance Evangelist.—J. Soper moved that the Bishop be
requested to appoint K. Miyama, Temperance Evangelist, and the
motion was carried.

Complimentary Resolutions.—The Committee on Fraternal
Relations and Resolutions presented the following which were adopted
by a rising vote.

In has been an unfeigned pleasure for us to welcome back our beloved Bishop
from his visit to America. His presence is always an inspiration, and his smile
infectious.

We are not only grateful for his brotherly kindness and unvarying courtesy in
presiding at our Conference, but also for his willingness to make trips to the interior,
and to endure cheerfully any inconvenience.

We extend to him our hearty thanks, and bid him Godspeed on his journeying
in Korea and China. May he have the Divine protection always, and return in
health and strength next year to assist us by his counsels and cheer us by his presence.

We take this opportunity to express our thanks and great indebtedness to all
who have contributed to the success of the session and our comfort during our stay
here: The Secretaries, Interpreters, Presiding Elder of the district, pastors and
members of the churches, ladies of the W. F. M. S., organist and all others.

Signed T. Yamada, K. Naruse, and J. G. Cleveland.

Conference Educational Society.—T. Yamada presented a
recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Conference
Educational Society, which was approved. (See Recommendations.)

Gokyo Committee.—C. Bishop and Y. Honda were appointed
Committee on the Gokyo.

Publication of Records.—E. Albana moved that the records
of the three Conference Societies be published in the Conference
Minutes, and the motion prevailed.
Official Minutes.—C. W. Huett moved that the printed English Minutes be made the Official Minutes of the Conference, and it was so ordered.

Adjournment.—It was moved and carried that we adjourn sine die at the close of the announcement of the appointments and the reading of the minutes.

The hymn, 'Blest be the tie that binds' was sung, and H. Kihara led in prayer.

Then Bishop Moore made a touching and appropriate address.

The appointments were announced, the minutes were read and approved in both English and Japanese, and the Conference stood adjourned.

David N. Moore
President.

English Secretary.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conference?
   Hokashichi Kihara, from the California Conference.
2. Who have been Readmitted? None.
3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Conference? None.
4. Who have been Received on Trial?
   (a) In Studies of the First Year.—Robert Arthur Sharp, Arthur Lynn Becker, Carl Chitchett, John Zechariah Moore.
5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
   (b) In Studies of the Second Year.—Kozaki Masashizu, Namae Takayuki, Miura Kenkichi.
   (c) In Studies of the Third Year.—Kimura Shigee, Hasegawa Teisuke.
   (d) In Studies of the Fourth Year.—Mizoe Kasaburo.
6. Who have been Discontinued? None.
7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
   (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.—Hasegawa Teisuke.
8. What Member are in Studies of Third Year?
   (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.—Hasegawa Teisuke.
9. What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year. None.
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
    (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.—Nagasaki Katsusaburo, Sakamoto Tomiya.
    (b) Elected and Ordains Elders previously.—Mitani Masanosuke.
11. Who have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(Note.—These four men who were elected Deacons and Elders under the Missionary Rule, belong to the Korea Mission, and are to be ordained when Bishop Moore visits that Mission.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? It was.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? A. M. Brooks, to the Iowa Conference.

15. Who have Died? None.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? Whiting S. Worden.

17. Who have been Located? None.

18. Who have Withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

20. Who have been Expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? There are none.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Kikuchi Takuhei, Honda Itsuki.


26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference?—1115.19=$557.9.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? Y.598.=$299.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? The full amount, and applied under the direction
29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? *See Appointments.*

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? *Aoyama, Tokyo.*
APPOINTMENTS OF THE JAPAN CONFERENCE

HAKODATE DISTRICT.

John W. Wadman, P. E.—P. O. Hakodate, Japan. (5)

Akita ........................................... Tomokichi Hasegawa. (5)
Aomori ........................................... Hohashichi Kihara. (2)
Fujisaki ........................................... To be Supplied by Tadashi Fujita.
Fukuyama ........................................... To be Supplied by Toshio Yoshizaki.
Goshogawara ........................................... To be Supplied by Toshio Yoshizaki.

Hachinohe ........................................... Saehachi Kurimura. (1)
Hakodate ........................................... Motojiro Yamaka. (7)
Hirosaki & Kuroishi .............................. Yoshinosuke Sekizawa. (1)
Odate & Noshiro ...................................... Taketaro Sugo. (1)
Yakumo ........................................... To be supplied.
Hirosaki Gospel Society &

Evangelistic Work R. P. Alexander.
W. F. M. S. Work.

Iai Jo Gakko ........................................... Miss Augusta Dickerson, Principal.
" ........................................... Miss Mary S. Hampton.
" ........................................... Miss Florence E. Singer.

City Evangelistic Work ............................ Miss M. S. Hampton.
District Evangelistic Work ........................ Miss M. Bell Griffiths, Superintendent of Bible Women.

Hirosaki Girls' School ............................. Mrs. R. P. Alexander.
" Normal Kindergarten ............................. Miss Ada Southard.

NAGOYA DISTRICT.

Sennosuke Ogata, P. E.—P. O. Nagoya, Japan. (5)
Komaki ........................................... Kichijiro Ukai. (3)
Nagoya, 1st Church.......................... Kyukichi Nakada. (4)
   2nd Church............................. Tokumatsu Ikeda. (4)
   3rd Church............................. C. S. Davison, (Student of the Language.)
Nishiwo & Koshiozu ......................... To be supplied by Ujimasa Amenomori.
Sinshiro & Ebi............................ Shigeo Fujii. (1)
Toyohashi & Tahara......................... Keitaro Ichiku. (6)
Seiryu Jo Gakko........................... Taichiro Miura.

W. F. M. S. Work.

Seiryu Jo Gakko........................... Miss A. P. Atkinson, Principal.
                                       Miss Rebecca J. Watson.
Evangelistic Work........................ Miss Ella Holbrook, Superintendent of Bible Women.

SAPPORO DISTRICT.

Charles W. Huett, P. E.—P. O. Sapporo, Japan. (4)
Iwanai..................................... Tsunezo Takami. (1)
Iwamizawa.................................. Kwantuke Kudo. (6)
Kamikawa................................... Shigee Kimura. (2)
Mashike.................................... To be Supplied.
Otaru & Yoichi............................ Shigejiro Furusawa. (1)
Sapporo.................................... Sanshiro Kokita.

W. F. M. S. Work.

Evangelistic Work........................ Miss Bessie Alexander, Superintendent of Bible Women.
                                       Mrs. C. W. Huett.

SENDAI DISTRICT.

J. G. Cleveland, P. E.—P. O. Sendai, Japan. (1)
Fukushima .........................................Kashizo Shiratori. (2)
Morioka ...............................................Eitaro Hirano. (2)
Nishinasuno & Sakuyama . . . . . . . . . . To be Supplied by Man Sengoku.
Sendai, 1st Church ................................Harutoshi Kawasaki. (3)
" 2nd Church ..........................................To be Supplied.
Shirakawa .........................................To be Supplied by Kijuro Katsumata.
Tendo ..............................................To be Supplied.
Utsunomiya ........................................Bunshichi Onuki. (6)
Yamagata ...........................................Kaizo Naruse. (2)
Yonezawa ...........................................To be Supplied by Masa-
nori Utsumi.

W. F. M. S. Work.
City Evangelistic Work & Industrial School . . . . . . . . Miss F. E. Phelps.
District Evangelistic Work . . Miss Carrie A. Heaton, Su-
Evangelistic Work . . . . Mrs. J. G. Cleveland.

SHINANO DISTRICT.
Eiken Aibara, P. E.—P. O. Matsumoto, Japan. (7)
Azumi ................................................To be Supplied.
Iida ................................................Tomiy Sakamoto. (1)
Ina & Takato .......................................Motoi Hirakawa. (1)
Matsumoto ..........................................Eiken Aibara & Tetsuji Kitazawa. (1)
Matsushiro . .......................................Kenzo Iida. (2)

TOKYO—YOKOHAMA DISTRICT.
Gideon F. Draper, P. E.—P. O. Yokohama, Japan. (5)
Ajiki .................................................Katsusaburo Nagasaki. (3)
JAPAN CONFERENCE OF THE

Kokubo & Oiso ........................................ Kasaburo Mizoe. (1)
Mizukaido & Kawamata ............................. Konosuke Sawai. (3)
Odawara & Kamakura ................................ Masanosuke Mitani. (1)
Sawara .................................................... To be Supplied
by Otokichi Usui.
Sosa ........................................................ To be Supplied
by Seki Kusama.
Takeoka .................................................. Yubi Kojima. (2)
Tobe & Kanagawa ..................................... To be Supplied
by Harugoro Kataoka.
Tokyo, Asakusa .................................... Julius Soper & Katsuya
Ishii (Supply). (1)
,, Central Church ..................................... Takeshi Ukai. (8)
,, Mita .................................................... Teiji Ikubo. (1)
Yokohama ................................................ Heizo Hirata. (4)
Tokyo Gospel Society ............................... C. Bishop.
,, (Central Church Q.C.) (2)
Yokohama Gospel Society ......................... To be Supplied.
Publishing Agent ..................................... J. L. Cowen.
Temperance Evangelist ............................ Kanichi Miyama.
,, (Odawara Q. C.) (8)

W. F. M. S. Work.

Bible Training School .............................. Mrs. Carrie W. Van Petten.
Day Schools ............................................. Miss Anna B. Slate.
Evangelistic Work ................................... Mrs. G. F. Draper.
Literary Work ......................................... Miss Georgiana Baucus,
-Editor of Tokiwa.
,, ...................................................... Miss Emma E. Dickinson.

TOKYO-SOUTH DISTRICT.

Kamei Iskizaka, P. E.—P. O. Methodist
Publishing House, Tokyo, Japan. (1)
Kawagoe & Toyooka ............................... Jinshiro Kambe. (3)
Kumagae & Honjo . . . . . . Masani Iinuma. (2)
Ogawa & Moro . . . . . . To be Supplied.
Shimamura . . . . . . To be Supplied by
Hamanosuke Shigeta.

Tokyo, Aoyama 1st Church . . Masashizu Kozaki &
Toranosuke Yamada.

" College Church. . Yoitsu Honda.
" Josei . . . . . . . Teisuke Hasegawa. (1)
" Kudan . . . . . . Hatanoshin Yamaka. (1)

Aoyama Gakuin . . . . . . Yoitsu Honda, President. (1)
Philander Smith Biblical Institute . J. Soper, Dean; Toranosuke
Yamada, Instructor.

College & Academy . . . . B. Chappell, Dean; (College
Church Q.C.)

Umenosuke Bessho, (Coll. Ch. Q.C.); Kyujiro Obata, (Josei Q.C.)
Miss Jennie, S. Vail, and One to be Supplied, Instructors.

On Furlough . . . . . . D. S. Spencer.

At Work in the Pacific Japanese Mission M. S. Vail, H. W. Swartz,
Mission S. Sugihara, and Kinkichi
Miura.

Left Without Appointment to attend Wasuke Ishikawa, Takayuki
school in the United States Name and Kunisaburo
Nakagawa.

W. F. M. S. Work.

Aoyama Jo Gakuin . . . . Miss E. R. Bender, President
(Absent on leave).

" " Miss M. A. Spencer, Vice
President.

" " Miss Harriet S. Alling.

" " Miss Georgia Weaver.

" " Miss Ethel Maud Soper
(Under appointment).

" " Miss Anna V. Bing, (Ex-
pected).
Harrison Memorial Industrial School. Miss Ella Blackstock, Principal.

Day Schools, Evangelistic Work and Supt. of Bible Women, Miss M. A. Spencer.

Mothers' Meetings .................................... Mrs. B. Chappell.

Home on Leave .................................... Miss E. R. Bender

" A. G. Lewis

" N. M. Daniel

" L. Imhof.

The figures in the above indicate "Years of appointment."
### OUR HONORED DEAD.

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### DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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- Lay,—J. O. Spencer, Reserve,—Y. Honda.

**1892—Omaha, Neb.**
- Clerical,—J. Soper, Reserve,—S. Ogata.
- Lay,—Y. Ninomiya, Reserve,—T. Tamura.

**1896—Cleveland, O.**
- Clerical,—Y. Honda, Reserve,—J. Soper.
- Lay,—Taro Ando, Reserve,—E. Asada.

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- Clerical,—J. Soper, Reserve,—J. G. Cleveland.
- Lay,—M. Takagi, Reserve,—Sho Nemoto.
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Reports

Presiding Elders
Hakodate District.

John W. Wadman, Presiding Elder.

As time quickly passes and our Annual Conferences occur, each year seems to go faster than the preceding one. Owing to the depletion in the ranks of our workers and the ever growing increase of opportunities for splendid service in the Master's vineyard, the days and weeks and months fly too quickly away, while the results of our toil are not what they should nor what they would be if the labourers were not so few and the means so scant. How often during the past year have the Master's words brought us to our knees in earnest petition;—"Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Our greatest anxiety and sorrow during the year has been the serious illness of Brother Mizoe who was obliged through a severe cold contracted on one of his evangelistic tours to give up his work early in November and seek a warmer climate and special treatment in Oiso. Since his return home in January Bro. Mizoe has improved somewhat in health but his condition is still so precarious that a year's rest is necessary on a station of light work farther South. The Lord has wonderfully sustained our brother and his family in this severe trial of disappointment and suffering. The other workers and their families have all been preserved in excellent health and greatly blessed in their work.

The object of all our toil and prayer during the year has been the salvation of precious souls and in this the Lord has graciously honored us in being permitted to report 163 baptisms with an addition to our membership, including Probationers, of 110. The monies raised for all purposes have exceeded those of last year by 30 per cent. while all the Churches have already pledged an advance of 25 per cent. in actual salary support for the coming year. "Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy name."

Early is the year Bro. T. Nakada with his band of 8 or 10 earnest workers including Evangelist Cowman, carrying his banner and leading his brass-band, made a tour over a part of the District and held bright refreshing soul-saving services.
in Hakodate, Aomori, Hirosaki, Odate and Hachinohe. The results were most encouraging. Later, Bro. T. Kawabe, an evangelist "full of the Holy Ghost" visited most of the stations and his work was richly crowned with God's blessing in the edification of believers and the salvation of sinners. Bro. Kawabe was present with us in our District Conference in Aomori, September 30 to October 3, a Conference long to be remembered as a real Pentecostal season of wondrous power.

"The most spiritual Conference I have ever attended in Japan" was Miss Griffiths' verdict and all who attended shared in the same feeling. It was a spiritual uplift which has greatly stimulated all our hearts in the struggle and toil of the year. Bro. Kawabe's visit will never be forgotten.

After an absence of 15 years from his native country during which he has laboured with signal success in California, Honolulu and New York city, Bro. H. Kihara returned home in June and early in August was at his post in Aomori to which Bishop Moore had assigned him at our last Conference. Great blessing has rested upon Bro. Kihara's work during the year. Not only has he wrought faithfully in Aomori but at Hirosaki, Odate, Hakodate and especially in Sambögi his earnest efforts to save souls have been crowned with success, a fuller report of which I shall give further on.

Owing to the absence of a Missionary of our Board in Hirosaki, I removed there with my family for two months during the Autumn and was able to assist the pastor a little as well as visit all the stations on the Main Island. Hirosaki is very much more of a central place for the Presiding Elder's residence as the District is now constituted. We enjoyed our visit exceedingly. Mrs. Wadman was able to visit the homes of all the Christians and attend the Women's meetings. For real spiritual and soul-saving power, our Church here continues to be the banner Church of the Conference.

Regarding the work at the various Stations and, taking them alphabetically:

AKITA CHURCH has not made the progress we should like to report owing to the fact so often referred to, namely the size and importance of such a city and the inadequacy of our force. Now since the R. Road has been completed and its access so easy we should greatly re-inforce here our work if at all possible. The pastor, Bro. T. Hasegawa reports 5 baptisms, 30 enquirers, well attended Woman's meetings and a flourishing Sunday School.

AOMORI CHURCH has had the best year in its history for a long period. The members have been greatly revived, backsliders reclaimed and 26 men and women received by baptism into the Church. There has been no extensive revival but these glorious results have been achieved by the patient plodding work and Holy Ghost preaching of the pastor Brother H. Kihara. Three class meetings, organized and energized on old-fashioned lines, held in the homes of the leaders in different sections of the city and called West, East and Middle Classes have proved exceedingly helpful to the spiritual life and power of the Church. The Sunday School numbers 205. The Bible woman's work is a valuable adjunct. As soon as the snow disappears the
W. A. Gamble Memorial Church will be erected on a well located lot of 170 tsubo which we had great difficulty in securing. To this Church building enterprise the members have already contributed upwards of 400 yen while the ladies of the Church under the leadership of the pastor have raised through the sale of book-marks sufficient to liquidate an old debt on the present Church building and to purchase a new organ. In a wonderful manner indeed has God graciously blessed our work in Aomori. Two promising young men have heard the Divine call to preach the Gospel, one of whom is now ready for a Local Preacher’s appointment, while the other will enter our Theological School. For Bible Woman’s Work three young sisters have consecrated their lives and will at once begin preparation for the same. All this is exceedingly encouraging and is clear evidence of the Holy Spirit’s operating presence among the people.

Fujisaki Church. Our blind preacher Bro. T. Fujita in pastoral charge of this interesting Self-Supporting Church, reports a year of success and blessing. The most encouraging feature of our prosperous work in this village is the united effort of all the members to erect, without any outside help, a new Church building to cost at least 2,500 yen, towards which Mr. Hasegawa has subscribed 1,000.00 yen, his son-in-law 100.00, Mr. K. Sato 500.00 while the remaining 500.00 yen is covered by subscriptions of the other members. We do pray that the glory of the Lord may fill this new Temple and make it the birth place of a multitude of souls. At the recent Quarterly Conference the salary of the pastor was increased to 60 yen a year.

Goshogawara Church. Owing to Bro. Mizoe’s illness, already referred to, the work here has been somewhat hindered and yet the members have rallied in a noble manner to the “help of the Lord.” Two of our members in this church are blind—one an old woman now paralyzed and lying in a hospital, the other is a well-known massage-doctor. They were led to Christ some years ago by the blind preacher Bro. Fujita and their faith and Christian lives have had a wonderful influence among the people. During the pastor’s absence in Oiso the latter virtually took his place and proved a good shepherd to the little flock while the former, though confined to her bed, is constantly testifying for Christ to all who come within reach of her voice. What a joy it is to see these two sightless faces illuminated with a “radiance caught from the skies.” Bro. Ikubo of Hirosaki kindly made two or three visits to Goshogawara and Bro. Kihara accompanied him once. The services were well attended and productive of much good. Baptisms five.

Hachinohe Church. This station is connected with our Aomori Church and has been supplied by one of our superannuated preachers, Bro. T. Kikuchi, during the year who reports 31 baptisms with 34 members and considerable advance in collections. At Shiriuchi and Minato, which the pastor has visited twice a month or oftener, we have several interesting enquirers. At the former place 10 or 12 are awaiting baptism. These are mostly railway employees. Sannohe has also been included in this circuit where we have 2 or 3 members and several earnest seekers. But the most interesting feature of our work in these parts is the organization of s
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Methodist Episcopal Church at Sambögi, a country town about 10 miles from the rail­road in which is located an Agricultural school with a small Model Farm well known to the public. Last Autumn when Bros. Kihara and Kikuchi visited this way side village they found 2 or 3 Christians living in a quiet earnest manner the Christ-life, one of whom, a Christian mother, had organized a S. School in her own home and was enthusiastically engaged in teaching her own children and 30 or 40 of her neighbors' the "Way of Life." Our evangelists held several services which were well attended and upon which the Holy Ghost descended in wonderful power, the results being, after several visits the organization of a church of 6 members and 14 probationers with a strong Class Meeting and prayer services.

HAKODATE CHURCH. Bro. M. Yamaka has completed his sixth year of faithful work as pastor of this Church which is so steadily growing that in the near future something must be done for increased accomodations.

The Sunday morning congregations usually fill the building to overflowing while the evening audiences have grown in number and interest. A course of special sermons on the "life and work of Christ" during the winter attracted Sunday evening gatherings of 200 and upwards, mostly of the Government student class. The prayer-services and enquirers' meetings have been well attended while the S. Schools throughout the city with the 3 adult Bible classes have added greatly to the interest of our work in Hakodate. One of these classes was faithfully conducted by Miss E. G. Hewett who returned in January to U. S. A. for a well deserved furlough. Fortunately we were privileged to welcome back among us Miss A. Dickerson accompanied by her friend Miss Carnahan of Pittsburg who during her 3 months stay in Hakodate has kindly taken Miss Hewett's Young Men's Bible Class, while Miss Dickerson has organized a Mother's Bible Class which is largely attended. In January Mr. Ludden of California University arrived to fill the place of English teacher in connection with Mr. Ogita's school. Mr. Ludden is an earnest Christian and at once organized a Bible Class for students of the Government-schools as well as a Young Men's Society in connection with our Church. This is proving of great assistance to our work. Under the faithful labors of Misses Hampton, Dickerson and Singer the Girl's schools continue to prosper. The present accomodations are too small for all who wish to enter so that the grant recently made by the W. F. M. Society for larger buildings comes at a time of urgent need. The Ladies have taken over the Blind School organized by the late Mrs. Draper and have sent an earnest Christian young man to the Tokyo Blind School to be prepared to take charge of this important work. The first week in March we arranged for a visit to Hakodate of Bros. Kihara and Iikubo to help the pastor in special services. Owing to unpropitious weather as well as Government School examinations, the crowds did not attend as we expected and yet in the meetings for promotion of holiness held in the Church and Girl's School much good was accomplished in the sanctification of many believers. Baptisms 17.

HIROSAKI CHURCH. The pastor Bro T Iikubo reports a year of growth and
blessing. Our church here suffers through a constant fluctuation of membership. Scarcely a year passes but what a large number of students are converted but these soon leave for other parts and so the ranks are depleted. Miss Griffiths, besides her District duties, has assisted nobly in the work, teaching a large Young Men's Bible Class, conducting Women's Meetings and Children's Temperance Societies. The 9 or 10 Sunday schools throughout the city attended by 800 children continue to grow and prosper. The Girl's School under the Management of Miss Southard, assisted by the hard working Mr. Kudo, is in a magnificent condition—full to overflowing and a source of spiritual life and power.

Bro. Iikubo has continued his regular trips to Namikuwa and Kuroishi though our work in these villages is not as prosperous as we should like to see.

Odate Church. Here the year ended much better than it began. Last Summer or early Autumn the pastor Bro. M. Hirakawa and members were plunged into great difficulty and sorrow by being almost literally thrown into the streets without a home or a preaching place. The old Buddhist woman from whom we had rented a house for some time fell sick and attributed her illness to the "Yasukyo" and so on short notice demanded that we should leave. Whereupon such was the organized opposition to our work, no other house could be rented in which Christian services were to be held. It was a dark day for us. The pastor and his little flock were in deep waters. But the Lord came to our deliverance in a wonderful manner. One of the members most generously presented us with a well located corner lot, money was raised by loan and subscription, an old house was cheaply bought, removed and improved in its erection, so that we have now a fine home for the pastor, all provided for, which will serve as a preaching place and for S. School services until a church is built on this same lot quite large enough for the parsonage and chapel. Another California young man is filling a Govt. School position in Odate and has greatly assisted our work by organizing 3 Bible Classes and other Young Men's Societies. We are sorry that owing to ill-health, Bro. Clayton is obliged to return home this coming summer. We shall not soon forget his noble life and self sacrificing Christian service. In February Bro. Kihara assisted the pastor in a few Special Services which resulted in ten Conversions among Govt. School students. We have a splendid Sunday school of 60 children conducted by the pastor's wife while Bro. Hirakawa has disposed of 40 yen's worth of the Holy Scriptures among the unbelieving classes. No. of Baptisms, 15.

Noshino Church. The Odate pastor has visited this place several times during the year but nothing much can be well done without a worker and a preaching place in this large sea-port town. We have a few members here, including a policeman and his family who always shows us much kindness in the Lord. But we need for Akita Ken, now so easy of access with its R. Road facilities, a much larger force of workers with a resident Missionary in the Capital, if ever work is to be sustained at all.
YAKUMO CHURCH.—Through the kindness of Bro. J. Nakada, one of his faithful students,—a Mr. Itchu, supplied this station through the summer months while Bro. Yamaka has made frequent visits throughout the year. Our little band of faithful members has continued to grow in grace while two excellent young men have been baptized. During the coming year the Hakodate Otaru Rail Road will be completed as far as Yakumo and since this village is now growing rapidly and must continue to expand, we should have a good man in charge of our work here if at all possible.

In conclusion I wish to record my thanks to all the workers for their loving co-operation especially to Bro. M. Yamaka for his assistance in touring from time to time and valuable advice at all times. To the loving Father, above all our heartfelt praise is due since through His Divine help alone have results been achieved and souls saved. We are thankful to report that while famine has raged in some parts of Aomori Province, our people have not suffered in any direct manner.

NAGOYA DISTRICT.

S. Ogata, Presiding Elder.

As I look back into the district work of the year just ended I see the innumerable blessings of God which fill my heart with praise and thanksgiving to Him.

There has been no death nor case of serious illness among my colaborers and their families. All the preachers on the district have worked very faithfully during the year and proved worthy of their high calling.

As the Twentieth Century Forward Movement ended with the first year of the new century on this district, I can present no report of any special work this year as I did the last year. Still there has been a steady growth both spiritual and material in nearly every place on the district.

It is becoming plain to me more and more that the people of Japan are spiritually starving without knowing where to find food. The time honored Confucianism is now generally looked upon as a thing of the past and is impossible to regain the power and influence which it had once exercised among the people of Japan. The Buddhism with its thousands of temples and priests is utterly unfit to lead the rising generation of this Empire. The system of so called "National Education" built entirely upon an intellectual basis is considered sufficient to build up a strong moral character among the young people of new Japan. But this is now showing its inadequacy by the arrest and trial of about two hundred officials of high position in the educational service for notorious bribery. Now certainly "the bread of life" is what they all need in order to live true lives. The greatest question with us is how to offer it so that they may readily accept, eat and live. That the Lord may so lead us to offer His truth that the people will gladly receive and be saved is my earnest prayer.
GIFU. Bro. S. Fujii was transferred from the South Japan Mission Conference to this church last year. He has worked very faithfully and energetically during the year, yet the result has been very meagre. Besides the soil being “stony” he has been at a disadvantage of being alone whereas the other two denominations working here have their missionaries and several native workers. So unless we can place a sufficient force of workers so as to be on equal footing with the other churches we had better withdraw from here altogether and leave the work to them; for there seems no use in simply clinging to this place in the way we have been doing for the last decade.

KOMAKI. Bro. K. Ukai, pastor, has served his second year here. The members of the church are more closely united in Christian love than ever before. The plan of purchasing a lot and erecting a new chapel is expected to be carried out during the coming year. The old blind prejudice of the town people against Christianity is now fast dying out. Many of them now willingly listen to the preaching of the Gospel and send their children to Sunday school.

KOSHIOZU. This is an isolated country church situated near the extremity of a long peninsula in the province of Mikawa. Since the death of its pastor, brother S. Takahashi a little over a year ago this and four other places on this peninsula have been looked after by Brother U. Amenomori, pastor of Nishio Church by making one round every month.

NAGOYA. First Church. Bro. K. Nakada has finished his third successful year. During the first year of his pastorate the church became self supporting and has been raising his salary every succeeding year. The church now pays him forty-five yen a month. Soon after the last Conference a way for the preaching was opened into a large silk-spinning factory in the vicinity of the city. A number of young men and women connected with this factory have since been converted and many of them have had a real heart felt experience of Christ’s religion. Miss Kinugasa, the Biblewoman of this church has diligently discharged her duty and led several women to Christ during the year.

NAGOYA Second Church. Bro. T. Ikeda has just closed his third year here. His work during the last year was particularly successful. The attendants on both the church service and Sunday school have increased in number. Bro. Ikeda has also carried on an English class composed of the young men of the Banking Association and through this means he has led some to Christ during the year. Miss Aibara, the Biblewoman of this church has done a good work for both this church and Komaki.

Nagoya Third Church. Bro. T. Miura, the head teacher of Seiryu Jo Gakko has kindly looked after the interest of this church and ministered unto its small flock during the year. Hereafter brother Miura's full time and service will be needed in his school and he will no longer be able to serve this church. His vacancy here has to be filled some way. Miss Kusama the Bible woman has rendered a good service to this church.
Nisshio. Bro. U. Amenomori, a local preacher, has very ably served this church two years and has led several persons to Christ. He has also traveled once a month on the Koshiozu Circuit as I have already referred to. Miss Okada, a blind Biblewoman has done a commendable work here.

Shinshiro and Yehi. Our church members in these two places, about twenty in number, have been desiring to get a pastor appointed to them ever since I came to this district but owing to the lack of workers we have been unable to meet their desire. Brother K. Ichiku has been visiting these two places regularly every month from Toyohashi.

Toyohashi. Bro. K. Ichiku, pastor. He has finished his fifth year with an untiring devotion to his pastoral work. His people are becoming more attached to him year after year. Mrs. Yajima, the Biblewoman has worked most harmoniously with the pastor and the result of her work is very gratifying.

Here one of the most remarkable cases of conversion took place in the person of brother Sajihei Tanaka, a prominent business man of the town. This brother had heard the Gospel for over ten years through his pious wife, her pastor and others but had not accepted Christ as his Saviour until last fall when an incurable disease overtook his active and useful career. When at the University Hospital in Tokyo he was to have a surgical operation performed on his throat, his body being too weak to be subjected to an aesthetic treatment, he was obliged to submit to the painful operation with consciousness. At this critical moment all the knowledge of Christ and His Gospel which he had stored away in his head for the past years came to life and led him to think of Christ who died to save him. He was emboldened and without shrinking he endured the keen operation which proved successful, the disease was checked and his life was prolonged. Returning to his home in Toyohashi he was baptized on the 28th of last September. Between that time and his death which took place in last January his constant joy was in hearing the word of Christ. His peaceful death and last word to his family to bury him with Christian ceremony were the strong testimony of his unfailling faith in Jesus Christ. His funeral which occurred on the 11th of last January was very largely attended and the Gospel of eternal life was preached to a very large congregation including four Buddhist priests who would never come to church on any other occasion.

All the churches on the district have come up to the required mark in the schedule of self-support up to the present year but owing to the dull time some of the churches are not able to make any advance on their giving toward pastors' salary for the coming year.

Seikyu Jo-gakko. Is the best managed and most largely attended Mission school for girls in this section of the Empire. It has fifteen boarders and ninety-six day-scholars. It goes without saying, that the success is due to the efficient management of Miss Atkinson cooperated by Miss Watson, Miss Holbrook, Prof. Miura, and
all other faithful teachers.

Our District Conference was held at Komaki from the 4th to the 6th of last November. Bro. Y. Honda was with us a part of the time and helped us considerably. All the exercises were profitable to us and the evangelistic services held every night during the Conference proved a great means of proclaiming the Gospel truth to the public at large.

Our needs which we have been asking for the last four years are growing imperative with the time elapsed. They are as follows:

1. A missionary family to live in Nagoya.
2. A small appropriation to aid in starting Gospel Society work among the unsaved young people.
3. Three more preachers to supply the places we have been obliged to neglect.

These are but a moderate asking when we see that each of the three other denominations working in the same territory has three missionary families, two or three lady-missionaries and from eight to fourteen native workers, whereas we have only three missionary ladies in the school and no family and twelve native workers in all.

In conclusion I repeat the following words of our Master with a prayerful spirit:

"The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

SAPPORO DISTRICT.

C. W. Huett, Presiding Elder

The work on the Sapporo District has made fair progress during the year. In common with all the other districts Sapporo has felt keenly the shortage of workers and money with which to pay them. Unless this condition can be remedied it looks as though a retreat would have to be sounded. It will not be possible to carry the present work much longer with the small amount of mission aid now being received. The individual churches have done their best to provide for the salaries of their pastors and meet the various local expenses incident to carrying on church work but as the old proverb has it "You can not get blood out of a turnip or water out of a rock." In order to be able to give one must first have received. I never expect to meet a more willing spirit toward supporting the work of the church than I have seen on the Sapporo District this year. The only reason why a better report is not forthcoming is that we could not do better than we have done with the resources at our command.

IWAMIZAWA. Here Bro. Kudo has wrought faithfully and well. At our last Annual Conference the services of a Bible Woman was secured and through the generous help of friends a small organ was purchased. The Bible woman Miss L. Noma,
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has been a great help in the Sunday School and in women's and children's meetings and the organ is a great help in the singing. The congregations are constantly increasing and the largest number of baptisms recorded in any one year, eleven, since the beginning of our work there has occurred. An exceedingly interesting part of this work is at Kita Mura, a country village three "ni" from Iwamizawa. Last summer while Bro. J. Nakada was in Sapporo with his band of workers a man from this village by the name of Sensaku Asami heard him preach on the forgiveness of sin. The Spirit applied the truth to his heart. He become an inquirer and was baptized by Bro. Kohita sometime in November. Since then he has become one of the most earnest and zealous workers for the salvation of his neighbours it has ever been my lot to meet. Over twenty have already become inquirers, several have already been baptized and it looks as though the whole village of over two hundred souls would become Christians. The Buddhist priest became alarmed and came to Bro. Asami's in company with his principal man to convince him of the error of his ways in becoming a believer in the despised "Yasokyo." From six o'clock at night until five o'clock the next morning the argument went on until the priest and his chief man gave up in despair and left Bro. Asami master of the situation, the immediate result of this has been an increase in the number of inquirers and a more earnest spirit of inquiry. One man who was a heavy "sake" drinker, consuming about a quart daily abandoned the habit and is now happy in the "faith once delivered unto the saints." On a recent sabbath when no way was provided for going to Iwamizawa to attend church, the mothers took their babies on their backs and the whole company of inquirers walked the fifteen miles, going and returning, in order to be present at the Church services. I spent a night there with Bro. Kudo on my fourth round and from six o'clock until midnight preaching, hymn singing, prayer and Bible study filled the time completely and we began at six o'clock the next morning and kept it up until I had to leave for Iwamizawa in order to catch a train for home. Our lease on the present house expired this year and the owner does not want to renew it. A move will mean a lot of extra expense and an increase in rent. We need and ought to have a church building. Every month's delay makes the purchase of a lot and the erection of the building a little more difficult and expensive. Now is our time.

IWANAI. Iwana has moved along steadily during the year. Six have received baptism and Bro. Sakamoto has paid regular visits to Kuchan. We are hoping soon to buy a lot and either move the present church building upon it and enlarge the parsonage or sell the present buildings and build new. The church at present stands on rented ground and the location is not of the best while the parsonage is too small for our present needs as a little one has come to increase the joy and demand a share in the pastor's home. At the last session of the Idaho Conference, the one to which I belonged when the call to come to Japan reached me, the brethren, in response to
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my appeal, promised two hundred dollars as a special for the work under my care. Of this sum nearly one hundred and seventy yen (170.00) has already been received and I am hoping to receive the balance in the near future. With this sum plus what the Church members can themselves give and what aid the Church Extension Society can give we hope to accomplish our plans free from debt. Some of the good praying members have died during the year and their places have not been filled by others but so far the salary and running expenses have all been paid. What the future has in store for us we know not but we shall trust in God and do our best.

MASHIKE. At our last conference Bro. S. Kimura who had been pastor at Mashike for over two years was appointed to Kamikawa with the understanding that he was to stay temporarily in Mashike in the hope that a successor could be found. Our hopes not being realized, in August the change was made to Kamikawa thus leaving Mashike without a pastor. Since then Bro. Ishikawa of Otaru has supplied the work going once a month and spending from three to ten days there each time. Five have been baptized during the year and such has been the faith and zeal of the members that apparently the work is in better shape than ever before. We ought to have a pastor there by all means. We do not ask for the best man in the Conference, but an earnest disciple with faith in God and zeal for souls could and would add many stars of rejoicing to his crown in the glory world by living and working in Mashike. We have between twenty and thirty members there now; two doctors' families and four of the principal business men are christans and inquirers are found constantly. The church will do all it can financially and every other way to make the work prosperous. To give this work up now after years of effort, with the best prospects we have ever had is not to be entertained for a moment. To carry it on properly demands a pastor and more money than we now have.

KAMIKAWA. Bro. S. Kimura went to Kamikawa four months after the last Conference. It was some time before a suitably located house could be found and when at last the house was found an expenditure of over fifty yen (50.00) was required to fit it for our purpose. Now we have a good preaching place, well located and a growing work. In connection with Yubetsu, Kitami, Bro. Kimura reports twenty full members, seventeen probationers and ten inquirers, nine have been baptized during the year and two yen per month paid on pastors' salary. At the last session of the Colorado Conference the brethren promised to take up the matter of a Church for Asahigawa and I hope by another year to report the money in hand to carry it through. Yubetsu, Kitami or Gakudeuchi as it is commonly called is a place that does one's heart good to visit. The people are poor in this world's goods but rich in faith and full of good works. In spite of the hardships incident to the long journey and they were neither few nor light as both Bros. Kokita and Kimura can testify, Bro.
Kokita going with me the first time and Bro. Kimura the second, I have never felt
greater satisfaction over an equal amount of hard work in my life. The people have
built a little church, small and poor it is true, but none the less much better than any
of their houses. Only at long intervals can a pastor visit them but they meet
regularly for worship and their absolute honesty of purpose, purity of life and faith
in God through Christ is known and read of all.

OTARU. Soon after Conference last year a little one was born to Bro. and Sister
Ishikawa and this event came near ending the mother's life. For almost three months
it was an open question whether she would live or not but she finally struggled back
to life and is now nearly herself again. Little Glory (Sakae) came high but we trust
that in the future he will amply compensate his parents for the suffering his advent
involved. Otaru church has been passing through deep waters. The long sickness in
the pastors' family made many kinds of pastoral activity impossible. A number of
the best paying members lost all they possessed of this world's goods and for a long
time disaster and discouragement reigned supreme. Help came quickly in response
to my appeal for the pastor's family and later the church was able to rally financially
so that the year closes in a much better condition all round than at one time seemed
possible. Fifteen have been baptized in Otaru and two in Yoichi which Bro. Ishi-
kawa has visited regularly. The Otaru church wishes to continue self supporting
but is unable to pay as large a salary as heretofore. I trust that some arrangement
can be made where by a strong man can be sent to them as Bro. Ishikawa has caught
the American fever and, judging by the times I have felt his pulse, his temperature
must be about one hundred and fifty at least. Let us have one of the new single mis-
sionaries we have been asking for for Otaru and a good pastor and in a little while
we will have one of the best charges in the Conference there. Our church is splendid-
ly located, has a fine parsonage and is exactly adapted to our needs. The city is
growing rapidly in numbers, wealth and importance but unless we take hold of
the situation vigorously and at once we will need later with shame to write
"Ichabod" (I Sam, 4:21) upon our portals. Up to now our church has stood at the
head of the list in numbers, zeal and aggressiveness. The C.M.S have a missionary
located there, the Baptists sent a family last year and next year the Presbyterians
will have a family there. Shall Methodism lag behind and go down to third or
fourth place? I do not so read the signs of the times. If the renewed interest and
added real for missions in the M. E. Church means anything at all, it means that
we are to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." I submit, to your
enlightened judgement, that there is no place within the bounds of the Japan
Conference more worthy of help or richer in promise than Otaru.

SAPPORO. The work of the Sapporo Church has moved along steadily during
the year. A little one has come to make sunshine in the parsonage. The three Sunday
Schools have maintained a flourishing condition all the year. The church has grown stronger financially and a fair number have been baptized. One hundred and fifty yen has been expended in improvements, the pastor’s salary and all running expenses have been paid promptly and the year has been fruitful in every way. Bro. Kokita has worked faithfully and well. We may safely say that self-support, which a year ago seemed so much of an experimental problem, has been demonstrated a success.

WOMEN’S WORK. Miss Imhof has been alone during the year but her time has been so fully occupied with industrial and Bible classes and visiting that I have not once heard her say that she has been lonesome and question her having had time to think about it. Mrs. Huett has had charge of the outside women’s work during the year but a sharp attack of rheumatism hindered touring somewhat during the late summer and the departure of Miss T. Minohara in December to take up the work of teaching in our girl’s school in Fukuoka has effectively prevented any great amount of work so far this year. Aside from what aid the pastor’s wives could render there is at present only one Bible woman on the district, Miss T. Noma of Iwamizawa. We ought to have at least three more and someone to superintend their work as Mrs. Huett declines to assume that burden longer. Miss Bing has not returned nor do we know when she expects to do so. Miss Imhof’s furlough is long overdue and she ought to be relieved at once. We need and should have two single ladies to reside in Sapporo, one to oversee the work of the Bible women on the district, and one to work in Sapporo exclusively.

A grant has been made by the W. F. M. S. for a home in Sapporo and to avoid complications and almost endless talking someone who knows the language and native character should be appointed who can oversee, in large measure, that work. Our needs are as broad as all Hokkaido and our faith as boundless as the promises of God. The brethren have been true and faithful, the laity earnest and helpful. No complications have risen and no deaths have occurred to break the ranks of the workers. Dr. Takasugi has done almost as much preaching as a regular pastor and seems to enjoy it. We have many and nerving problems to face but our two great needs, which overshadow and make us forget all others, are more workers and more money. My own burdens, financial and otherwise, have been largely increased but in the midst of all the work and worry the Lord has kept me and to Him be all the glory.

SENDAI DISTRICTS.
K. Ishizaka, Presiding Elder.

The preachers on the Sendai District are nothing if they are not scriptural. They therefore fully agree with the Psalmist when he says: As arrows are in
the hand of the mighty man; so are children of the youth; happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them". The homes of three workers on the district have been made glad by additions of this kind.

The Lord has dealt kindly with us during the past year, for while there has been sickness in our midst and Bros. Shiratori and Cleveland have been kept from their work for a short time the health of the workers has been good and we come up to Conference rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord.

With us this has been a year of planning for new churches and the plans for four are well under way. We hope to see three of them completed before next Conference.

At the last Conference Morioka changed both pastor and district. Changes of this kind have been so frequent that the people have come to dread the approach of Conference. They most earnestly desire that all present relations be continued. The attendance at both church and Sunday school has about doubled, self support advances more than the Conference plan requires, the parsonage repaired, and substantial subscriptions made toward a new church. But best of all the church has made marked advance spiritually. "Among the baptisms is a man of notoriously bad life who has been so thoroughly converted that his new life is a daily sermon to his friends. A man who was baptised twenty years ago but not converted found peace on his death bed, left fifty yen toward the new church and made provision for his children to receive a Christian education. Surely "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.""

Fukushima the newest work on the district has had its trials during the past year. Before the financial matters of the church were in good running order several of the best families moved away and it was impossible to find a suitable place to hold services and three moves were necessary before we were comfortably housed. Notwithstanding all this there have been more baptisms than at any place on the district with a healthy growth. The District Conference was held here with good results.

At Niwazaka some five miles distant the Disciples had opened work but gave it up as hopeless. We took up the work after last Conference and there have been twenty seekers many of whom have been baptised. These are mostly among the railway engineers and their families. Formerly they were noted for their gambling and drinking but now all this is changed and their new life is the wonder of the town. They have learned to love their pastor and the church, and during the pastor's recent sickness their kind thoughtfulness was beautiful to see. Though the pastor has no thought of being moved should an invitation come to him it would be fatal to move him at this time.

Nishinasuno and Sakuyama Circuit has had a prosperous year. At the former place substantial advance has been made both financially and spiritually and not a few have been added to the church. The testimony at the close of a recent series of
meetings was that they had left the desert journey and entered Canaan. One remark­able conversion was that of a very dissolute woman belonging to one of the old noble families. She has decided to spend the remainder of her life working for God. Pray for her that she may remain steadfast and become a power for good.

Bro. Ogata has been planning for some time to build here a church in memory of Mrs. Bain of Greencastle Ind. who has done much to assist Japanese students at De Pauw University. Funds to the amount of seven hundred and fifty yen have been raised among former students, the members of the church and other friends and the corner stone was laid Feb. 11th. As the people will do much of the work the funds in hand will enable them to build the church and rebuild their parsonage.

As the result of meetings held last Nov., at Utsunomiya some twenty young men became seekers but we need more aggressive methods to attract and hold them. We have however made substantial gain among people of mature years. The Presbyterian church recognising the importance of this city has recently sent a preacher here. We should take hold of the work here more seriously as there are several former Christians in schools and government offices who can be brought back and add substantial strength to the church. I urge the Bishop to give this place careful thought.

The new pastor sent to the Yamagata Tendo Circuit last year has met with marked success. While the number of baptisms is not as large as last year they are of a better class and add more strength to the church.

The great storm of last Sept. completely demolished our church at Tendo and also the homes of the people. Notwithstanding their own troubles they resolved to purchase a lot and build a new church. The Missionary Society has granted them five hundred yen which with other contributions will enable them soon to rejoice in a new church home.

Yonezawa is a most difficult field on account of the conservatism of the people. The new pastor appointed there last year has had anything but an easy time, but the year has not been without results. Bro. Cleveland has visited this place once a month and by teaching a couple of hours in the high school has been able to form Bible classes among the students two of whom have been baptised and more will follow.

The church at Sendai has had the best year of any on the district. The congregation increasing so that at times the seating capacity was taxed to its utmost. Collections have increased and the society grown spiritually. A substantial advance has been made towards self-support which we hope may be reached in the near future. Excellent results followed a series of meetings held last Nov. in which Bro. Honda expounded to the leading citizens the fundamental doctrines of Christianity.

A preaching place has been opened in the southern part of the city and services
held regularly. During the year a parsonage second to none in the Conference has been built on the land donated by the Mission, and if, as we confidently expect, we soon conclude the sale of the old property to the Y. M. C. A. we will during the coming year build a new church on the corner of the lot on which the parsonage stands. It is a most desirable location facing Higashi Sambancho and Itsutsubashi dori, in which we shall be most happy to invite you to meet with us next spring.

I cannot close this report without speaking of Miss Phelps' work among the women and in the Industrial School. She has plans all perfected for a new school building which she hopes to have ready for use by the coming autumn. Miss Heaton's work among the women on the district has been most helpful. Mrs. Cleveland has greatly strengthened the church through her Mother's Meetings and by training the people in singing.

It was a great pleasure to have Bishop Moore go over the district last year, and we earnestly urge him to visit us again this year. Should he so favor us he will find that the young civil engineer who failed to interpret his sermon at Yamagata has not failed to find Christ and is now an earnest Christian and faithful church worker.

SHINANO DISTRICTS.

E. Aibara, Presiding Elder.

In presenting my last report as presiding elder of the Shinano District I cannot look back into my work of the last six years without a sense of shame and regret for I feel that I have accomplished little or nothing. This is surely owing to the want of faith and zeal on my part and I sincerely pray that God may forgive me for the fruitlessness of my work. Yet I thank God from the depth of my heart for his having chosen this weak vessel for these many years to carry his glorious Gospel, allowed me to perform the sacred duty, permitted me to gather some fruit of my work and kept me in this responsible position until the expiration of the term.

During the year just ended, as the previous years, under the gracious guidance of God both the pastoral and evangelistic work on the district have made a certain degree of progress. I will now briefly state the condition of the district under the following heads:

THE PREACHERS MEETING. This meeting was held in the middle part of last October at the Matsushiro Church. All the pastors and many lay members were present and discussed the special movement and many other important and interesting subjects to the delight and satisfaction of all. The early morning prayer-meeting held every morning on the neighboring hill-top was full of power and spirit and we all felt our spiritual thirst was quenched and our souls were revived.

THE BIBLEWOMEN. Misses Oshiro Kimi and Kokura Cho at Matsumoto,
Mrs. Takami at Iida and Miss Okabe at Matsushiro, all these four Biblewomen have done a good work. Several lady-members have been added to each church on the district and a good meeting for the ladies has been kept up everywhere during the year.

AZUMI CIRCUIT. Bro. T. Kitazawa, pastor. Three years' faithful work of brother Kitazawa has made a marked progress at each place on this circuit, especially at Minami Hodaka where several persons have been converted since last fall and fifteen persons have been baptized.

IIDA. This church has been getting a great many converts during the past few years so that it has at present the largest membership on this district. However it is to be regretted that during the last year not so much aggressive work was done as in the previous years. The pastor has paid more attention to the internal affairs of the church so that the members have grown in faith and grace and seem to possess a secret power in store for the coming evangelistic movement. Four persons have been baptized during the year.

INA AND TAKATO. Three years ago the Ida Church was very strong but it has been decreasing in its power ever since and during the last year it has fallen into a languid state. The chief cause of the decline of this church, I think, is the constant change of its pastors during past years. On the contrary the Takato Church has made a progress. The number of inquirers has greatly increased. I believe that if an able pastor be appointed to this place the church will become self-supporting before many years. Bro. T. Noda, supply, has resigned his position so that the members of these two churches very earnestly request this Conference to appoint them an able pastor. The number of baptisms at these two places during the year was three.

MATSUMOTO. Our patient effort for many years past at this place is at last felt by the community and now the general attitude of the people toward Christianity is very favorable. The new preaching place at Yamabemura is very hopeful. It is to be greatly regretted that brother K. Miura who has earnestly worked here for the past three years is intending to sail for America soon after this Conference. My desire is that he would stay here many more years and complete the good work he has started. The number of baptisms during the year was ten.

MATSUSHIRO. Bro. K. Iida, pastor. It has been only one year since brother Iida came to this appointment, yet Matsushiro, Gokamura and Hoshina, all these three places have made a headway in a great measure. All the people in these three places earnestly desire for brother Iida's return. The number of baptisms during the year was two.

In concluding this report I make an appeal to this Conference with the following words:
The Presiding Elder. It is true that since the opening of the railway to Matsumoto the travelling between some points has been somewhat facilitated yet such places as Iida, Ina and Takato are far off and not easy of access. Moreover the most favorable season for the evangelistic work on the Shinano District being in winter it is necessary to travel much in ice and snow, therefore the province of Shinano must remain as a separate district from other sections of the Empire and its presiding elder must be stationed at Matsumoto. I pray that a powerful presiding elder may be appointed to Matsumoto this year.

Surrounded by high mountains, washed by pure streams, with the pure simplicity and warm heartedness of the people the province of Shinano is the most suitable country for promoting the religious, intellectual and moral culture. And again considering the rich material resources of this province we can easily see that Shinano is the back-bone of our Empire and it will also be the back-bone of Christ's church in Japan by and by. So come, brethren to Shinano and consecrate yourselves to the service of Christ in this most promising and hopeful section of the Empire.

TOKYO DISTRICT.

David S. Spencer, Presiding Elder.

The Methodist clock has struck off the hours of another year, and I present to you my forth annual report of the work of the Tokyo District. I do so with a profound sense of the goodness and mercy of God to us this year, in preserving the workers in general good health, and in pouring out his spirit upon the churches.

Speaking generally the spiritual condition of the churches has improved. At Central Church and at Kudan in Tokyo, and at Ajiki and Mizukaido in the country there have been marked evidences of the divine favor, tho no large revival at any point. It is certain that the average attendance upon the public means of grace has improved. There is more life in the prayer and class meetings, better preaching from the pulpit, better work in the Sunday schools, and a wider influence generally. Some excellent meetings were held in the winter at Ajiki, at Mizukaido, at Takeoka, and at Sawara, and at various churches in the city. Some souls were saved, but the point of special importance connected with the soul-saving was the spiritual life of the members. There is great need of raising the standard of spiritual life within the churches, and until this is accomplished we can scarce look for great spiritual awakenings.

There is also great need that our members be taught the idea of individual responsibility to their own churches. In spite of the fact that some 500 have been received by baptism this year on the Tokyo District, it is probable that the statistics will show a falling off in membership as compared with last year, first because of the
correction and more careful keeping of the church records, but chiefly because of so many members wandering away without taking any letter of transfer and are lost eventually to us. Of about 1,300 full members on the District, 225, or more than 17 per cent., are absent from their churches. In not a few instances full members do not attend the church services and give nothing to its support.

The more I study the problem the more am I convinced that seekers are often baptized too soon. Satisfied with having attained this religious goal, baptism, they lose their interest, cease coming to the Church, and are lost to us if not to the kingdom of Christ. Under present social conditions it would be better to delay baptism till the candidate has been thoroughly taught the way of life, and shows good promise of continuing to walk therein. It is worth while to ask whether a man is entitled to receive Christian baptism just because he asks for it. Ought he not to show preparation to receive it, and purpose to live up to its meaning?

Self Support is making steady advance on the Tokyo District. There is not a charge or circuit but will measure up to the rule laid down in our minutes, though some of them have to make an effort to do so. The Central Church takes the lead, promising its pastor 50 yen and assistant 10 yen per month for the coming year. And with the growth of self-support comes corresponding improvement in all the affairs of the local Church. The plan laid down in our minutes is a good one. It does not unduly hasten self-support, on the one hand, nor on the other does it move slow enough to allow a church to grow lazy. I should be glad to see it insisted upon throughout our entire bounds.

Some material losses have befallen us this year and have retarded our work not a little. The great typhoon of September 28th wrecked completely the Kawamata Church, and it has not yet been re-erected. We lost our place of meeting at Shimodate by the same storm, the building was our own. On that day also Mita Church was badly wrecked, the repairs costing 576 yen, and the damage to Kudan Church may amount to 100 yen. Mita Church parsonage, removed from Tsukiji, was completed in October at a cost of 532 yen, and makes a home for the earnest pastor of that flock. Sosa Church, rented chapel was burned on Christmas, and we are without a suitable house in that place till the rebuilding is complete, perhaps May 1st. The above and other hindrances have made it impossible to complete the payment of the debt on Mita property, though progress is being made.

The former Tsukiji and Ginza Churches have completely united since last Conference to form the Central M. E. Church and this gives us one strong and successful church of some 300 members under one pastor, Bro. T. Ukai, whose labors are abundant. Three interesting Sunday Schools are connected with his work, one at Ginza, one at Tsukiji, and one at Fukagawa. In this way we can best look after the young people of these sections. But there was great need of a Chapel service at Fukagawa, and early this year such a service was opened in the day school buildings of which Mr. Mikao Suzuki has charge. Around us there are
There are 11 adults and 17 baptized children at this appointment, and the work in the day school is excellent, about 1,700 children have passed through its classes and 162 are now in the Sunday School. Some plan must be at once made for keeping up this service regularly.

Another Chapel has been opened in connection with the College Church at Aoyama, especially for the purpose of reaching the people of Shibuya village. The expenses of this work are provided by the Aoyama Gakuin Church.

On July 4th the bargain was closed for the purchase of a Church and Parsonage lot of 237 tsubo at Asakusa, at a cost of about 5,000 yen. There are four buildings owned by other parties standing upon the lot, and as soon as we can secure the removal of these, the former Tsukiji Church building will be erected thereon. The lot is well located, both for the accommodation of the present membership, for the flourishing day and Sunday school nearby, and for the purpose of reaching the unsaved. We recently baptized 14 young people in this day-school, and its Sunday school is a flourishing one of 180 bright children.

There are therefore now five church building schemes under way on the Tokyo District, viz.: At Asakusa just mentioned; at Mizukaido, where some money has been raised, and where a suitable building is greatly needed; at Shimizu on the Ajiki Circuit, where is a most promising country opening; at Josei church, where over 200 yen have already been collected and where the needs are great; and, by far greatest of all, at Ginza, where a joint committee representing both the Church and the Mission have charge of the project. The people of the church are enthusiastically supporting the movement, and already over 6,000 yen in cash and good subscriptions have been taken. The plan is for a Church, Hall and Publishing House combined, and every effort should be made to secure the complete realization of this scheme. With faith and perseverance we shall win. The removal of the Publishing House to new quarters on the Ginza was necessary to save our business, and is only a temporary shift for its protection till we can secure our permanent quarters.

Viewing the work at large, one is painfully impressed with the fact that we are seriously lacking in men and money for properly carrying on our work. At no time in twelve years have there been such ripened harvests before us; but the workers are too few for the gathering. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his vineyard." But in spite of this need of men and money, my deep and abiding conviction is that our greatest need of all is a general and mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the day of that outpouring hasten! I shall soon return to tell the home Church of victory in Japan, and I expect soon to hear of greater victories than ever from the work of the heroes of our Japan Conference.
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YOKOHAMA DISTRICT.

Gideon F. Draper, Presiding Elder.

As the time has come for presenting this my fifteenth annual report as a Presiding Elder to the Japan Conference I am deeply impressed with the shortness of the past year and oppressed by a sense of the greatness of the work before us and the insufficiency of our strength and means for its accomplishment, so far as men and funds are concerned.

It makes not a little difference, however, as to the standpoint we occupy. If we consider ourselves as placed here primarily to preach the Gospel, and incidentally, to build up our own church, we can be the more easily satisfied with general results; but if we are here primarily to plant a Church, and to that end are preaching the Gospel, then we must agree that our means and equipment are far too defective for the task in hand, we cannot rest satisfied without certain gains and advances visible on statistical tables, and unless we have them we are tempted to feel that our preaching and our faith are (almost) vain.

There have been no great changes on any of the charges during the year but a marked improvement is visible at almost every point. There are eighteen places on the District where we have stated preaching services, and if we were able to occupy the field fully we should require thirteen preachers, and this without attempting new work. The District has never seen such a complement of workers. Because men were scarce as well as funds the preaching places have been grouped into nine circuits and to fill these we have had five conference members and three supplies, two of the latter giving only a fraction of their time to the work. With such depleted forces it would be almost marvellous if we had done more than “hold our own.” Then the financial depression which affected us last year has still been felt in the collections and hindered that advance in self-support which we had hoped to see; though all the churches are doing well.

Without mentioning each charge I may be permitted to draw your attention to some few facts.

The Yokohama Church met with a severe loss last September in the death of one of its most active members, the Rev. N. Bito. He was an ordained local preacher, superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the Epworth League; in fact, a leader in all the church enterprises. He has been greatly missed, especially because the pastor has been indisposed for some time, not having been allowed to preach since the first of December last, from which time he has been residing in Kamakura and visiting the church occasionally. The church has moved on and prospered in spite of these adverse circumstances and has paid the pastor his salary in full at the advanced figure mentioned last year. We hope that Mr. Hirata, renewed in physical and spiritual vigor, will be able to resume full pastoral labors after conference. The church building suffered from the storm in the fall and
extensive repairs are needed to put it into satisfactory condition. These are too
great a burden for the church membership, straining its utmost financially to
meet the current expenses, as one item of the repairs is the entire relaying of the
roof. Word has just come that the Missionary Society has generously granted the
request for aid, and there is joy accordingly.

At Oiso a terribly destructive fire swept three fourths of the town out of
existence, and as our preaching place was near the origin of the fire it was one of
the first houses to disappear. We suffered no less as it was a hired room but our
work has had to be suspended for a time. The town will be much improved as
rebuilt for the houses of ill fame are to be removed to a distant suburb. It is to
be hoped that it may prove to have been purified in other ways also by the fire.
The faithful Biblewoman here has done efficient work, one of the results of which
was the baptism of four bright young girls at the last Quarterly Meeting.

The work of the Home Missionary Society at Kamakura has been carried on
successfully and is especially valuable among the students of the Normal School who,
being led to Christ, become centers of spiritual influences when they scatter as
instructors throughout the prefecture. While we may not soon see the building up
of a vigorous church we can rejoice at a wide seed-sowing. I hope the Society
will continue its efforts here.

At Kawagoe the results of the special efforts made at two successive District
Conferences were very apparent at the last quarterly visit. The pastor, with
unflagging zeal and earnestness, has followed up the opportunity, in fact he largely
made it,—so that nineteen were baptized at the three points on the circuit: he also
rejoices in better congregations than ever before.

The new pastor’s arrival at Kumagae and Honjo was delayed some months
after conference last year, but since his appearance he has labored most faithfully
to get matters into shape. No regular pastor has been resident at these places for
three years so that conditions were not at all satisfactory. Now, while no gains
may be reported in the figures, the circuit is in far better condition than at the
beginning of the year.

Tobe is in distress! The rented preaching place which the church has occupied
for fifteen years has changed ownership and the new landlord proposes to
raise the rent, already too heavy a burden. Thus the long talked of church build-
ing becomes an immediate necessity, but the burning question is how to multiply
twenty times the fund in hand, 250 yen, so as to meet this necessity.

In this connection I present a table similar to the one in my last year’s report.
The figures are taken from the fourth quarterly reports and so may not coincide
with the conference reports exactly as some were made two months ago. The
amounts include all items reported as received from the churches at the four
quarterly conferences. Probationers were not included in making up the averages.
The growth shown is not so large as we desire to see but is encouraging. The
gain in membership is 40; in total contributions, 375 yen; with an advance in the average of giving of 43 sen per member. The items that represent an increase over last year are marked*, and those showing a decrease-. I give them in the order of the highest average per member. Kanagawa's average has apparently advanced but this is due to a careful revision and cutting down of the church rolls.

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As already intimated the District Conference was held in Kawagoe last fall for the second time and with very marked success. I believe the pastor was eager to petition for it a third year in spite of the extra care and labor it caused him, but he refrained, not liking to appear selfish. It was an excellent meeting from beginning to end and made a strong impression on the community. Special services were held in a public hall for three nights with large audiences and very careful attention.

The Yokohama Gospel Society lost its very efficient president in Mr. Bito's death and has not yet found a person exactly fitted to take his place. Meanwhile the night school department of the work has been more successful than ever; the highest enrolment was 95 in the month of February. Quite a number of the students have become Christians. The Society is still seriously hampered by the lack of a suitable building for its work.

The Bible Training School is moving on with somewhat increasing numbers; but it ought to have many more students and it is hoped that all the pastors will be on the lookout for suitable women who may be able to take the course. The workers from this school are in constant demand and there ought to be more of them.

During the year Miss Slate has been welcomed to the Ladies' Home at 221 Bluff. She has been studying the language and will take the place of Miss Lewis from this Conference. The latter returns on furlough after five years of service, during which she has passed the examinations on the full course of study in Japanese and carried on the work of the day schools in Yokohama. As a monument of her
successful work she leaves a good lot and excellent building for the Ladies' work in Tobe. The Maud Simons' Memorial School; a rebuilt school at Yamabuki Cho and a new kindergarten building on a rented lot in Kanagawa. For all these she has labored and planned untiringly and ought to feel that she has accomplished a good work in her first term of service.

In closing the same thought arises that has been expressed so often; that is our limitations on account of shortness of funds and men. The broad fields beckon us to wider efforts, and the tendency is to desire to spread the news as far and wide as possible, but the need of greater concentration, if a strong church is to be built up, presses itself upon us and we are in a strait betwixt two. We can only hope and pray that strength from on High and reinforcements from across the water may be so abundant as to enable us to both build solidly and extend widely the walls of Zion.

We can joy now with shouts of thanksgiving at the assured triumph of Christianity in Japan, for by faith we draw it nigh; and yet we would that the Church might be aroused to the present need and glorious opportunity, and by adding to faith far more abundantly of prayers and gifts hasten the wonderful consummation. Perhaps we are impatient, but it seems as though we were but playing at Missions in this land. While the triumph is certain it is postponed indefinitely if the church is not measuring up to the full of its possibilities.

Far more for the future of Japan can be accomplished by the expenditure of a given amount of means and labor at the present time than by the same amount two or three decades later. Now is the accepted time! Let us be up and doing!!
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COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

We notice with regret the recent backward step taken by the Educational Department which places heavy disabilities upon students from Christian schools and urge upon the authorities of our schools the necessity of taking all possible proper steps to have this disability removed at the earliest possible date.

We would suggest to the dean and faculty of the Theological School the propriety of establishing a brief course of study for local preachers who are unable to take the regular course that this class of workers may be better for their place and work in the church.

We recognize anew our debt to Christian education and pledge ourselves as Christian workers to commend to our people the inestimable privilege of sending their children to our Christian schools.

We note with satisfaction the recent action of the Board of Education making it possible for students in our mission schools to secure loans from the educational fund and commend this good work to our people as worthy of their hearty support.

C. W. Huett.
H. Hirata.
T. Ikeda.

I. AOYAMA GAKUIN.

Philander Smith Biblical Institute

The past year has been a good one for the Philander Smith Biblical Institute. The school has taken on new life. Six new students have been enrolled. There are at present thirteen students in attendance, four of whom are special students. While we have not yet perfected arrangements for opening the Methodist Union Theological School, as planned for, we hope to see the project realized in the near future. In the mean time, however, two of the other Methodist Churches in Japan are sending students to the School, in anticipation of an early union, the Methodist Protestant Church has three students, and the United Brethren Church has one student in the school. This expression of confidence and fraternal spirit augurs well for the future.

We are glad to report an increasing interest in theological training work as evidenced by frequent inquiries asking for information and a number of applications for admission. We hope to open in April with several new students. There are no graduates this year; but there are three students who expect to graduate.
next year. Three of the special students, Local Preachers, will take work under Presiding Elders at Conference.

Professors' Asada and Yamada have taught faithfully and rendered good service. We are very grateful to Mr. Honda and Mr. Chappell for their valuable service, as teachers of N. T. Exegesis. During the Fall Term Mr. Ikehara gave three lectures on Sunday School work, and Rev. H. Yamada gave four lectures on Pastoral work, all of which were instructive and helpful. Special thanks are due Prof. Chappell for his faithful work as Librarian.

Our aim is to have a high grade school, one commanding the respect and confidence of the Church. But we have not reached our ideal yet. We should as a Mission bend all our energies to have here at Aoyama a school of the highest grade, both from an intellectual and a spiritual standpoint. While the past year has been a good one and the outlook is very hopeful, the teaching force should be strengthened and the curriculum improved. In another year we shall have to carry at least three regular classes. Then, if a Union is not effected, we must as a Mission give more strength to the School, either by increasing the "foreign" or the Japanese teaching force, or by relieving the present faculty from other burdensome duties and responsibilities. One cannot do many things and do each well.

Julius Soper, Dean.

College and Academy

The Mombusho. A year ago we reported to this Board that postponement of conscription had been granted to both academy and college; and that, while heretofore graduates of regular Middle Schools had the first privilege of admission to Koto Gakko (Higher Middle School), thereby virtually excluding all others, henceforth graduates of all recognized schools of Middle grade were to be admitted to Koto Gakko by examination and upon perfectly equal terms. We congratulated ourselves that all we had lost by the Kunrei forbidding religious instruction had virtually been restored, and rejoiced in the fair field and bright prospect that lay before both college and academy.

But, soon after our last annual meeting, a regulation of the Education Department, unexpected as a bolt from out of the blue, gave us another shock.

The privileges of freedom from conscription and admission to other higher schools remained untouched, but as regards our relation to the Koto Gakko, while we are not shut out totally as before, yet the door has been, in effect, closed upon us again. The regulation then passed, and still in force, requires all applicants for admission to Koto Gakko to pass examination; but while those who have the diploma of a regular Chu Gakko (Middle School) may, upon payment of three yen, pass a comparatively easy examination, those who are graduates of schools of Middle grade, recognized but not regular, must, upon payment of a fee of five yen, first pass
a much more difficult examination, to prove their worthiness to be examined with graduates of regular Chu Gakko.

As a matter of fact, but few of our students seek to enter the Koto Gakko and therefore, it might be thought, the regulation would not affect us greatly. But indirectly the effect is serious. It places us in a lower grade. If for instance, a student of our Chu-to-Kwa any time before graduation, wishes to enter a regular Chu Gakko, our certificate is of no value whatever.

As the Doshisha and Meiji Gakuin are discriminated against in the same way as ourselves, a strong representation, signed by foreign representatives of these schools was sent to the Minister of Education by the late Minister of the United States. Col. Buck interested himself greatly in the matter and by conversations with both the Minister of Education and the Minister for Foreign affairs so presented the case as to readily gain their favourable consideration.

Our own president, Mr. Honda, with the presidents of Doshisha and Meiji Gakuin, Mr. Kataoka and Dr. Ibuka, have over and over gone to the Minister of Education and found him sympathetic, but when they have waited upon those in charge of the particular bureau that is responsible for the regulation, they have found these officials determinedly unyielding.

Two years ago, we said that the battle for religious freedom in Japan had been fought and won for all time to come. It might seem that this regulation of the Mombusho proves the prophecy false. But the action was not directed against Christian schools as such, and, we think, not dictated by anti-Christian sentiment. Yet if we would consent to forego our religious freedom and become regular Chu Gakko, we could at once enter upon all the privileges from which our conscientious conviction now debar us.

The result of this regulation has been arrested growth. If it had not been made, we would certainly have been sending away many applicants for want of room. As it is, we have had just about sufficient accommodation in class room and dormitory for the students who have sought admission. What the effect will be upon attendance next year we cannot yet foresee, but the most that we may hope for is that there will not be a falling off. But by the time, perhaps long before, we have accommodation for more students, we may take it for granted that the present unjust discrimination will have been removed. "It is a little cloud, it will soon pass away."

Board of Education. At the last annual meeting, in New York, of the Board of Education, it was decided that loans may hereafter be made "to foreign students of college and professional rank, studying in institutions of the church in Mission fields. The proportion of aid granted is to depend upon the amount of money raised in foreign Conferences for Children's day collections. In most cases the Board will appropriate at least twice as much as the amount of the collections."
committee will recommend to the Annual Conference that the fourth and fifth years of the Chu-to-Kwa be included among beneficiaries of the fund. Hitherto only college students and of them only those having the Ministry in view could obtain loans. This wise action of the Board in New York may greatly help our church in Japan, by assisting young men who desire to serve the church, but who, because of lack off funds, might be debarred from obtaining an education.

The annex. The movement on the part of the alumni to erect a building for increased class-room accommodation is gradually gaining momentum. A goodly sum has already been subscribed and we may rest assured that the committee which has the matter in hand will not rest until they and we rejoice together in its completion.

During the last two terms, the Academy and College have been favored with the services of Prof. Frank Muller, Sc. D. All who have been associated with him regret that his valued services cannot be retained; but his presence, even for a short time, has but deepened the conviction of those who are in close touch with our educational work, that, whatever may have served in the past, if we intend to keep we shall not say in advance of, but in line with the government schools that are every year becoming more efficient, we must have trained foreign instructors who have chosen teaching their life-work.

This report would be incomplete if we failed to express our high appreciation of Prof. Yamada's services as a pastor. In addition to many other duties, almost every Sunday of the school year he has occupied the school pulpit at least once. His readiness to serve has endeared him to his co-laborers, and the high quality of his ministrations must prove a blessing to all who were favoured to enjoy them.

In the religious life of the school during the year we have lamented an absence of special religious fervour, yet in the manifestation and growth of manly, upright character, we have not known a better year.

Financial. During the year 1902, the school received from the Missionary Society 5009 yen, and from tuition etc. 4178.12, a total of 9187.12 yen. Of this amount 5425.12 yen was devoted to Teachers salaries, and the remaining 3762 yen to taxes, helpers, apparatus, library, printing, stationary, repairs, and current expenses.

The largest amount received in the history of the school from local sources was received during the year now closing, yet our work is still hampered from lack of funds. The teachers of chemistry, the natural sciences, and drawing need additional apparatus; the library has received very few new volumes; our receipts have not allowed us to remastic the hideous outside of Goucher Hall; we have not published a calendar in English for ten years: in every way we have to exercise the greatest economy and do without much that we would like to have, in order to bring ex-
pittance within the receipts.

Graduates. A year ago, this Board granted diplomas to three College and seven Academy graduates. This year the faculty recommended for graduation five College and twenty-four Academy students, making a total, to date, of three hundred and thirteen.

Attendance. In March 1901, the attendance, at the close of the school year, was 117; in March, 1902, 171; in March, 1903, 216, of whom 38 were College and 178 Academy students. During the school-year 1901-2, the total enrollment was 259; during 1902-3, 316, of whom 61 were in College and 255 in the Academy.

Benjamin Chappell, Dean.

GOSPEL SOCIETIES

Tokyo Gospel Society

We are exceedingly grateful to our heavenly Father that this society, under His rich blessings, has had another marked success during the past year.

Judging from an alumni reunion of our night school held last fall, the beneficent influence of our society is almost boundless, for we have found that our graduates fill many responsible posts in educational, official, business, religious, and other societies.

Such being the case it is very plain that the Gospel Society holds a very important place in our church work as an institution for education and right training of young men.

The condition of our society, when shown in figures, is as follows:

Total Enrollment 298, Average monthly attendance 100; Teachers 7 Baptisms, 15.

T. Ukai.

Yokohama Gospel Society

(Note. There was no report presented in English. Ed.)

BIBLE AND TRACTS

We, your Committee on the Bible and Tract cause, rejoice to report the following. In Japan during the last twelve years the Bible Society has sent out 1,537,500 Bibles, Testaments and portions. The sales have increased each year and in 1901, 181,500 were sold showing an increase for that year of 53,607 copies. The largest grant from the Society was in 1895 of 129,376 but in 1901 only 45 free copies were granted though 181,500 in all were disposed of showing a most gratifying advance in the demand for Bibles.
We your Committee recommend three things:
1. That we will use every means in our power to make the best possible use of the Scriptures already in the hands of the people.
2. That we recommend that all our pastors shall make use of both the Old and New Testaments in the regular Sabbath services that the people may be instructed in its history and come to love and revere its truths.
3. That our pastors and other Christian workers shall make the best possible use of their opportunities in order that the knowledge of the Bible may be increased as rapidly as possible.
4. That we recognize the good work of the Methodist Publishing house in grants of tracts to each worker in our ranks and urge upon all the necessity of using to the fullest extent this valuable auxiliary to our work.

N. Ishikawa.
K. Sawai.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, your committee on Church Extension, desire to recommend the following items, and ask for their observance:
1. That the fourth Sunday in September be observed as Church Extension Sunday, and a collection be taken in every church.
2. That hereafter when churches are built, special care be taken to fit them for practical purposes, avoiding all unnecessary and expensive ornaments, and enlarging the seating capacity as much as possible.
3. That the pastors urge their people to make their birth-day and other personal and family memorial day offerings to this Society.

M. Yamaka,
T. Ukai,
T. Takami.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS

Your committee have carefully examined and approve the minutes of the following District Conferences: the Tokyo, Yokohama, Sapporo, Hakodate, Nagoya, and Sendai Districts.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

In view of this year being the two hundredth anniversary of the founder of our Methodism; your committee feel that we can show our appreciation of the great work he did in no better way than by increased interest in promoting the work of the Epworth League.
Perhaps in no country in the world will perfect organization of the young men and women of the Church for aggressive Christian work bring such large results as in Japan. We therefore urge that every pastor become more alive to the power for advancing every branch of church work that is available in a well organized chapter of the League, and exert himself to form a chapter in his church. A live pastor will have a live chapter; a live chapter means a strong, aggressive, growing church.

We recommend that the present Conference Board of Control be continued, and urge that they prepare as soon as possible a translation of the constitution.

M. Mitani,
J. G. Cleveland.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

THE SABBATH

Recognizing the vital connection between the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath and the physical, intellectual, social, moral and religious welfare of any people, we hail with gladness the organization of the Japan Sabbath Alliance during the past year. The headquarters of this alliance is No. 20 Nishi konya-chô, Kyobashi-ku, Tokyo. One of its Secretaries is Rev. Takeshi Ukai of our Conference.

We hereby recommend the following:

1. That our preachers and members be urged to become members of this Alliance, and to do all in their power to help to organize Branches of the Alliance, in the principal centers of the Empire.

2. That sermons bearing on Sabbath observance be preached at least once a year in all of our churches, and, if possible, on the day suggested by the Central Committee of the Sabbath Alliance.

3. That, as far as practicable, tracts and literature bearing on the subject be distributed by our preachers.

4. That by precept and example we pledge ourselves to set forth the teachings of the Bible on this most important subject, by not only avoiding ordinary business and our own selfish pleasures, but also unless in cases of absolute necessity, traveling on the Sabbath, commonly called the Lord's Day.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There is nothing so important in the growth and development of the Christian faith as religious training of the young. In the training of the young the Sunday school plays a very prominent part. But to make the Sunday school a real useful means of Christian
teaching, careful attention must be given to its organization, conduct and teaching. Wherefore, we recommend the following:—

1. That the International Sunday School Lessons, published by our Publishing House, be used in all our Sunday Schools.

2. That our pastors give more earnest attention to systematic religious instruction of the young, and to see to it that suitable teachers are employed in our Sunday schools.

3. That, as far as practicable, the pastor hold a weekly Teacher's Meeting, for the study of the Sunday school lesson to be taught the coming Sunday.

4. That one session, or a part of a session, of each District Conference, be given to the careful consideration of Sunday school methods and teaching, and how to secure competent and devoted teachers.

5. That, as far as possible, the various helps published by Misses Baucus and Dickinson, be used in our Sunday Schools.

6. That as far as practicable Sunday School Unions be organized in the various centers within the bounds of our Conference.

Julius Soper,
T. Kitazawa,
M. Inuma.

TEMPERANCE.

We are grateful for the progress of temperance work in Japan. It is the time to put forth greater effort, and our responsibility is greater than ever.

Your Committee recommends that the members of the Conference give special attention to the following suggestions:—

1 To preach twice a year on temperance (March and December).

2 To instruct the inquirers and probationers of our Church that ours is a total-abstinence Church.

3 To recommend "the Temperance Text Book," published recently, to the Christian homes and Sunday Schools to be read widely.

K. Miyama.
J. Kambe.

PUBLISHING WORK

J. L. Covent, Agent.

We take much pleasure in offering this, our fourth annual report of the publishing work to the Conference.

The work is growing constantly and the amount of such increase is only measured by lack of sufficient capital to more rapidly extend and perfect it. The aid received from the U. S. for publishing tracts and S. S. literature is not now more than was given us years ago, and we are enabled to do the large work we do
only by the profits made on our general book business. All profits made go back into the business.

On November 1st we were given sixty days notice to vacate our present store building, and as we never had a term lease on it, only renting from one year to another we were obliged to comply with the demand. We had hoped we might remain in our present quarters until the new Ginza Hall and Publishing House was completed, but it was not possible. After a vain attempt to secure another building for our use we were compelled to purchase a house to save the business. We were fortunate in securing a building but one door removed from our old building. This has been rebuilt and put in thorough condition for the conducting of the book business, and we now have the most convenient and we think finest looking store room on the Ginza.

The greatest need of the work just now aside from lack of capital is more new and suitable Japanese books and tracts. Our Methodist people must help in the work of giving our Christian people good literature. We cannot print books unless we have manuscripts. The large increase in our business in the past few years has been in English books and not much in Japanese books or tracts. This should not be and we would urge our pastors to do more in circulating our own books and assist us in preparing new books and tracts.

The following figures show sales, stock, etc. for the year 1902.

Sales of English Books ...................................... Yen 13,335,487
Japanese Books ............................................. 2,288,781
Merchandise .................................................. 6,661,073
Periodicals ................................................... 1,704,140
Conference Minutes ......................................... 42,640
English S.S. Literature ...................................... 966,185
Japanese S.S. Literature .................................... 1,880,764
Tracts .......................................................... 1,005,246
Total .......................................................... 27,814,286
Sales for 1901 ............................................... 23,932,790
Increase ...................................................... 3,881,496
Grants of Books .............................................. 94,245
Grants of Tracts ............................................. 606,070
Total ......................................................... 701,215

Stock on hand January 1st, 1903.
Japanese Books ............................................... 6,554,058
English Books ............................................... 3,182,520
Merchandise .................................................. 1,124,760
Tracts .......................................................... 1,148,997
Total .......................................................... 12,319,335
Value of Printing Plant (not including building) ................................ 10,000,000
Total ..................................................... 22,319.335

The Printing Department while not clear of debt is now paying a profit on the investment and receives no Mission aid at all.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF AOYAMA GAKUIN.

Last Clause of Articles.

V. THE OFFICERS.

The Board of Managers or its Executive Com. may appoint a vice Dean and Principal for the College and Academy.

VI. ARTICLE.

Sect 2. Duties (F) The duty of the vice Dean and Principal shall be to assist the Dean and Principal, and administer in his absence.

JOHN WESLEY BI-CENTENNIAL.

Your Committee appointed to confer with the other Methodist bodies working in Japan, to arrange a Program for suitably observing the Bi-centennial Anniversary of the birth of the Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism—June 17, 1903 beg leave to recommend the following:—

That the Sunday next preceeding the Bi-centennial Anniversary of John Wesley's birth, June 14, 1903, be designated "John Wesley" Sunday and that on that day appropriate services be held in all our churches, commemorative of the life, labors and teachings of our illustrious founder.

Respectfully submitted,

Julius Soper,
Y. Honda,
T. Ukai,
M. Mitani,
Benj. Chappell.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

COURSES OF STUDY

REVISED COURSE OF STUDY

ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE

3. Epitome of History(Carl Ploetz), Japanese History (University Publication)
4. Geography.
5. Physics.
7. Theology—Yamada’s Lowry.
8. Discipline—Parts I, II.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Psychology .......................................................James.
4. Theology Part. I. . . . . . . Raymond.
5. Exegesis—Genesis, Exodus.
8. Discipline. Parts III—V.
9. Written Sermon.

SECOND YEAR

1. Psychology Part. II. . . . . . James.
3. Life of Christ. Part. II. . . . . . Imbrie.
5. Theology Part. II. . . . . . Raymond.
7. Exegesis.—Joshua, Isaiah, John.
9. Discipline. Parts. VII—IX.
10. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Logic.— . . . . . . . Takayama.
2. Theology—Anthropology—Miley.
6. Exegesis.—Psalms, Romans.
7. Church History the Modern Church.— . . Learned.
8. Introduction to Political Economy.— . . Amano.
9. Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Ethics.— . . . . . . . Muirhead.
3. Theology— a—Theism—Flint.
   b—Pastoral Theology—Yamaka.
   c—Atonement—Miley.
5. Exegesis—Minor Prophets, Timothy, James.
6. Church History from Reformation to the Present. Learned.
8. Written Sermon.

T. Yamada; H. Yamaka; T. Iikubo;
T. Iida; J. G. Cleveland,
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

THE "GOKYO"—CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Committee on Gokyo respectfully submits its report for another successful year during which controversy of the fundamental doctrine of our faith have been fought. The committee believes that our editor has skillfully represented healthy belief.

The following figures show the work in publishing and finance:

FROM JANUARY 1902 TO DECEMBER 1902.

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D. S. Spencer,
Y. Honda.
JAPAN CONFERENCE OF THE

ANNUITY FUND SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Dr.
Rec'd from D. S. Spencer, former Treas. ...... Yen 337.14
Interest from Fixed Bank Deposit ...... 14.00
" " Current ..... 2.87
Dues from Members ...... 147.50
Contribution from Churches ...... 23.82
Balance from Claimants' Fund ...... 3.47
Total ...... Yen 528.80

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In Bank on Fixed Deposit ...... Yen 379.39
" " Current ...... 98.87
Cash in hand ...... 50.54
528.80

Julius Soper, Treas.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society held the first session of its Annual Meeting in First M. E. Church, Nagoya, on Thursday, April 2, at 3.30 p.m. After devotional service, the Rev. H. Kawaunumi delivered an interesting address on Sendai Church.

On motion the President appointed the following persons as Com. on nominating officers and managers for next year, E. Aibara, E. Ito, and G. F. Draiper.

After singing of Doxology, the Rev. K. Miyama dismissed the meeting with benediction. The second session of the annual meeting was held in First M. E. Church on Saturday, April 4, at 4 p.m.

After devotional the service secretary made the following report according to the action of the annual meeting of the Board of Managers which met in the same place a few days before:

I.—The Estimates for the coming year.

RECEIPTS.

Fees from Members... ...... Yen 350.00
Contributions from Churches ...... 300.00
Total ...... Yen 650.00
DISBURSEMENTS.

For Kamakura and Miura Peninsula .................. 360.00
Grant-in-aid to Sendai Church .......................... 192.00
Office expenses and Evangelistic Work ............... 98.00

Total .................................................. 650.00

II.—Our work shall be extended from Kamakura to important places in Miura Peninsula.

III.—We request Bishop Moore to appoint the Rev. M. Mitani to Kamakura Circuit.

IV.—We also request Bishop Moore to reappoint the Rev. H. Kawasumi to Sendai Church.

Chairman also made additional remarks on the reports. Mr. Yamaka was called on to speak whereupon he made a very encouraging report on the work at Kamakura.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, all rose and manifested their thanks to Mr. Yamaka for his faithful work during the past two years. Com. on nominations made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

President ........ Y. Honda.
Vice-President .... H. Hirata.
Secretary ........ H. Yamaka.
Treasurer ........ S. Furusawa.

After singing of Doxology the Rev. H. Yamaka pronounced the benediction the Annual Meeting adjourned.

The following is the Constitution of the Society:

CONSTITUTION.

Art. I.—Object. The object of this Society is the extension of Christ's kingdom within the bounds of the Japan Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, through the sympathy and cooperation of pastors and missionaries, church members and adherents.

Art. II.—Work. One or more of the following forms of work will be undertaken:

1. Opening new preaching places.
2. Aiding churches with a view to their becoming self-supporting.

Art. III.—Officers and Managers. There shall be the following Officers and Managers:

1. A President, who shall be General Manager, and preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers.
2. A Vice President, who shall assist the President and preside at meetings in his absence.

2. Two Directors, who shall have charge of the records and finances.

4. Managers, consisting of two from each District and six missionaries at large (the latter elected by the missionaries).

**Art. IV.** Members. Members shall consist of four classes:

1. Ordinary Members—those paying an annual fee of one yen or more. They shall have the right to speak and vote in the Annual Meeting.

2. Ordinary Life Members—those who pay twenty yen or more at one time. They shall have all the privileges of Ordinary Members for life.

3. Special Members—those paying an annual fee of ten yen or more. They shall have the right to speak and vote in all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers.

4. Special Life Members—those who pay one hundred yen at one time. They shall have all the privileges of Special Members for life.

**Art. V.** Contributions by Ordinary Life and Special Life Members shall be kept as an Endowment Fund.

**Art. V.** Meetings. There shall be three kinds of meetings:

1. General Meetings, composed of all classes of members, and one representative from each church paying three yen or more annually. The General Meetings shall be held at the place and time of the Annual Conference, to transact the following business:
   (a) Receive Reports; (b) Vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution; (c) Elect Officers.

2. Board of Managers’ Meetings, composed of the Officers, Managers and Special Life Members. The Board of Managers shall hold regular meetings just before the General (Annual) Meeting of the Society, and transact the following business:
   (a) Determine plans for future work; (b) Prepare estimates for the coming year and the financial report for the past year; (c) Fill vacancies occurring during the year.

3. Official Meetings, composed of the executive Officers. These meetings may be held at any time.

**Art. VI.** Funds. Funds shall be raised in the following ways:

1. Fees from members (including missionaries).

2. Contributions from the Churches, the same to be assessed from year to year per capita, as may be agreed upon, and then approved by the Annual Conference.

3. Special contributions from individuals.

**Art. VII.** Amendments. All proposed amendments to this Constitution must be presented to the General (Annual) Meeting one year in advance of voting on the same. All amendments shall require a two-thirds’ vote of those present.

Y. Honda, President. M. Utai, Secretary.
CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORTS:

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(2) Conference Claimants

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Total: **23.00**

Audited with Vouchers and found correct, Gideon F. Draper

Yokohama, March 29, 1903.
ORGANIC UNION OF METHODISM

Whereas, at the last session of our Annual Conference, the Basis of Methodist Union, prepared by a joint committee, representing six Annual Conferences in Japan, was adopted by a large vote; Therefore, Resolved

That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a Memorial on the subject of Organic Union of Methodism in Japan, to be presented to our next General Conference in company with the Basis of Union already adopted,—said Memorial to be reported to this Annual Conference at its next session for final action.

LAYMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING

In the meeting of the lay-delegates held in the Nagoya 1st. M. E. Church on the 4th day of the 4th month in the thirty-sixth year of Meiji the following three recommendation were adopted and submitted to the Japan Annual Conference for its careful consideration:

1st. That any church in the Conference which fails to pay its pastor the promised amount toward self-support should he urged to do its duty in paying the full promised amount.

2d. The time and place of the meeting of the lay-delegates connected with this Conference should be hereafter inserted in the program of the Japan Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

3d. That the presiding elders should urge the churches in this Conference to increase their giving toward the pastor's support.

T. Ando, President.

LAY DELEGATES.

Ginza
Yokohama Dist.
Nagoya Dist.
Shinano
Fujisaki Church

Hotta Tetsuji.
Ito Yeitaro.
Kuwamoto Hikozayemon.
Makihara Seitaro.
Hasegawa Seizo.

ANNUITY FUND SOCIETY

AMENDMENT

Article V. No. 3

Special collection taken at second Sunday of Oct. in each church.

OFFICERS

President
Secretary
Treasurer

T. Ukai.
H. Yamaka.
Julius Soper.

H. Hasegawa.
On recommendation of the Board of Stewards, the following Claims on the Conference Fund were allowed:

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We recommend that the following rules be observed in all future grants:

1. That the request for aid from fund must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the Quarterly Conference.
2. That grants will be made only to cases of serious loss or continued illness.

J. W. Wadman, Secretary.

The Japan Conference offering no field for the work of the medical missionary, our long-time associate and brother, Dr. W. S. Worden, who had fitted himself for that specialty, has felt called to devote himself to his responsible profession, and thus to terminate his relations with this Conference, whilst remaining in the ranks of our local ministry.

We, therefore, bid him God-speed, praying that he may not only have great success in healing the bodies but also the souls of those to whom he is called to minister; and thus, though in a different relation, accomplish the work of a Christian missionary.

Chas. Bishop.
C. W. Huett.
The Committee on Missions desire to present the following:

I. That the collection for the Episcopal Fund be made at the rate of three sen per member for the coming year.

II. That the Presiding Elders and Pastors should urge upon the Churches as large an increase as possible in the collection for Presiding Elders.

III. That the amount of Mission aid to any Church shall not be diminished during the year, because of any increase the Church may make in the amount it shall raise for the Pastor.

IV. That the report of last year be revised and reprinted in connection with the Schedule for the Distribution of Mission funds, as follows:

1. All churches of the Conference shall be divided into three classes:—(a) Self-supporting Churches (Jikyu Kyokwai); (b) Aided Churches (Jun Kyokwai), including all paying two yen or more toward the Pastor's salary, but not yet fully self-supporting; (c) Missions (Kogisho), including all places paying less than two yen for Pastor's salary.

2. The Cabinet shall fix the standard of self-support for each church, having reached which that church shall not be entitled to further aid from the Mission.

3. Self-supporting churches shall be left to manage their finances in harmony with the Discipline, simply reporting to the Cabinet what they will each pay their Pastor.

4. The salaries of Pastors of Aided Churches shall be fixed by the Cabinet, in consultation with one layman from each District, who shall be chosen by the District Conference.

5. A regular scale of advancement in pastoral support shall be fixed for churches of the second class, and any church falling behind in this scale for one year shall drop back into class three. That scale shall be as follows:

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6. The salaries of pastors and helpers in Missions shall be fixed by the Cabinet; but these Missions shall be left without Quarterly Conferences, and under the direction of the Presiding Elder.—Quarterly Conferences to be formed and church organizations completed as fast as these Missions rise to the scale of Churches.

7. Hereafter all grants in aid of salary, circuit travel or rents, to be paid through the stewards of the local church or mission, and not to the pastor direct. The use of the Stewards' Books shall be required in every circuit and station receiving Mission aid.

8. In newly established work hereafter 5 yen shall be the minimum for being counted as an Aided Church.
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