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WEST JAPAN CONFERENCE HELD NAGASAKI
JANUARY 19-23, 1928
Bishop Herbert Welch.

Mrs. Herbert Welch.
EAST JAPAN

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President .......................... Bishop Herbert Welch
Vice-President ....................... Mrs. Welch
Recording Secretary ................. Miss Taylor
Corresponding Secretaries .......... Miss Alexander, Miss Draper
Treasurer ........................... Miss Daniel

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Field Reference
Miss Sprowles, Official Correspondent, 4 Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo.
Miss Daniel, Mission Treasurer, 4 Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo.
Misses Alexander, Bailey, Curtice, Draper, Lee, Shibata.

Field Property
Miss Daniel (ex officio) Misses Alexander, Bailey, Draper, Kobayashi.

Evangelistic
All evangelistic workers, Miss Alexander, Chairman.

Language
Miss Draper.

Membership
Misses Sprowles, Bailey, Draper, Furuta, Lee.

Publishing
Misses Place, Taylor, Daniel.

Statistics
Miss Daniel.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Conference Arrangements (for 1929) Misses Bassett, Kobayashi
Conference Expense ................. Misses Bailey, Kilburn
Conference Program (for 1929) .... Sendai Station
Constitution ........................ Misses Daniel, Draper, Cheney
Future Relations of Woman’s Con-
ference to Japan Methodist Church. Misses Sprowles, Curtice, Draper,
Furuta, Kobayashi
Nominations ........................ Misses Russell, Curtice, Kataoka
Resolutions ........................ Misses Lee, Bailey, Hida
Student Aid for Training School ... Misses Russell, Alexander, Daniel (ex officio)
Tokyo Social-Evangelistic Policy ... Misses Bassett, Daniel, Draper, Furuta, Paine; Messrs. Abe, Akazawa, Draper, Iglehart, Manabe, Price

DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES
Conference of Federated Missions... Misses Curtice, Lee; Alternates Misses Alexander, Curry
East Conference, Japan Methodist Church ......................... Mrs. Ninomiya; Alternate Miss Daniel
Joint Committee on Co-operation with Japan Methodist Church .......... Miss Draper; Alternate Miss Daniel
National Christian Council ....... Miss Furuta; Alternate Miss Tokunaga
Theological School Council ....... Misses Sprowles, Furuta
West Japan Woman's Conference ... Miss Russell; Alternate Miss Daniel
Woman's Christian College Board of Trustees ...................... Misses Sprowles, Curtice

STATION TREASURERS AND CORRESPONDENTS
Treasurer Correspondent
Sapporo ........ Miss Alexander ........ Miss Taylor
Hakodate .......... Miss Bailey ........ Miss Curry
Hirosaki .......... Miss Russell .......... Miss Curtice
Sendai .......... Miss Lee ........ Miss Kilburn
Tokyo ........ Miss Daniel .......... Miss Place
Yokohama .... Miss Draper ........ Miss Draper
APPOINTMENTS FOR 1928-1929

East Japan

TREASURER FOR JAPAN: N. Margaret Daniel

SAPPORO:
- Evangelistic Work (District) ... V. Elizabeth Alexander
- Evangelistic Work (City) ...... Erma M. Taylor (from April)
- Mothers' Meetings ............ Mrs. T. T. Brumbaugh

HAKODATE:
- Iai Jo Gakko ..................... Alice Cheney (Principal) (On furlough from April)
- Evangelistic Work (District) ... Barbara M. Bailey (Acting Principal from April)
- Olive Curry
- Mothers' Meetings ............. Gertrude M. Byler (with Language Study, and Evangelistic Work and Kindergartens)

HIROSAKI:
- Hirosaki Jo Gakko ............. M. Helen Russell (Principal)
- Evangelistic Work (City) ...... (with Evangelistic Work)
- Lois K. Curtice (with Kindergartens)
- Mothers' Meetings ............ Mrs. C. W. Iglehart
- Mrs. E. W. Thompson

SENDAI:
- Evangelistic and Social Service Work .................. Mabel Lee
- Mothers' Meetings ............. Elizabeth H. Kilburn

TOKYO:
- Aoyama Jo Gakuin ............. Alberta B. Sprowles (Dean)
- Suye Shibata
- Chiyo Kobayashi
- Pauline A. Place
- Sugi Hida
- Mary Howey
- Laura Chase (from September)

- Union Training School ....... *Harriet J. Jost
- Mrs. Michiko Kataoka

- Woman's Christian College .... Myrtle Z. Pider
- Evangelistic and Social Service Work .................. Mildred A. Paine
- Bernice C. Bassett

- Mothers' Meetings ............ Mrs. R. P. Alexander

* United Church of Canada.
YOKOHAMA:
Day Nurseries and Kindergarten ........ Waka Ninomiya
Evangelistic Work ..................... Winifred F. Draper
Mothers’ Meetings ..................... Mrs. G. F. Draper

ON FURLOUGH:
Anna B. Slate .......................... E. Ruth Weiss
Mary H. Chappell ....................... H. Louise Perry
Blanche A. Gard ........................ Carrie A. Heaton
Abby L. Sturtevant ..................... Azalia E. Peet
Dora A. Wagner ........................ Tomi Furuta
Laura Chase ............................ Alice Cheney (from April)
Leonora M. Seeds

RETIRED:
Mary S. Hampton ....................... Augusta Dickerson
Matilda A. Spencer ..................... Rebecca J. Watson
Mary B. Griffiths ...................... Anna P. Atkinson

APPOINTMENTS OF WOMEN EVANGELISTS, EAST JAPAN
(Not Members of Conference)

HOKKAIDO DISTRICT:
Asahigawa .............................. Toyoshima Fusayo
Sapporo ................................ Saito Isono
Hakodate .............................. Miyazaki Ei

HIROSAKI (NORTH OU) DISTRICT:
Aomori ................................ Suzuki Miyo
Hirosaki .............................. Yamagata Kikuyo
Fujisaki .............................. Ito Masao
Akita ................................ Narita Yaye

SENDAI (SOUTH OU) DISTRICT:
Sendai ................................ Minoshima Masu

TOKYO DISTRICT:
Tokyo, Ginza .......................... Hiraoka Ryo
" , Aoyama ............................ Toriyama Chiyo
" , Asakusa ......................... Tamura Ume
" , Mita .............................. Mano Sakae
" , Nakano ............................ Murata Matsu

YOKOHAMA DISTRICT:
Yokohama, Horai-cho .................... Kimura Sen
" , Honmoku .......................... Tanita Suzue
" , Tobe ............................... Sato Moto
" , Kanagawa ........................ Fuchiwaki Tae
Oiso, Kokubu, Ninomiya .............. Kudo Kei
Kamakura ............................. Sannomiya San
Odawara .............................. Kinugasa Masu
WEST JAPAN

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

President .............................................. Bishop Herbert Welch
Vice-President ....................................... Mrs. Welch
Recording Secretary ............................... Miss Oldridge
Official Correspondent ............................ Miss White
Treasurer ................................................ Miss Daniel
Editor and Publisher ............................... Miss Burmeister
Statistical Secretary ............................... Miss Peckham

STANDING COMMITTEES

Field Reference
Misses Young, White, Finlay, Teague, Howey, Wythe, Ashbaugh, Starkey, Takamori.

Field Property
Misses Finlay, Teague, Hagen, Howey, White, Fehr.

Evangelistic
All evangelistic missionaries, Miss Okubo, Mrs. Matsuo, Miss Kitajima, Mrs. Yoshizaki.

Educational
The Principals of Kwassui Jo Gakko and Fukuoka Jo Gakko, Miss Takamori, Miss Shiokawa, Miss Fehr.

Membership
Miss Teague, Miss Kitajima, Miss Hagen, Mrs. Sasamori, Miss Tokunaga

Publishing
Misses Burmeister, Ashbaugh, Oldridge.

Correspondence and Publicity
Station Correspondents.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nominations ................................. Misses Finlay, Wythe, Eto, Mrs. Noda, Mrs. Yokomizo
Program ............................................... Nagasaki Station
Conference Travel .............................. Miss Burmeister, Miss Totsugu
Resolutions ............................ Miss Starkey, Miss Shiokawa
Student Aid for Training School........ Miss Fehr, Miss Teague
DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Conference of Federated Missions... Miss Ashbaugh (two years); Alternate, Miss Finlay Miss Oldridge (one year); Alternate, Miss Hagen

East Japan Woman's Conference .... Miss Byler
West Conference of the Japan Methodist Church (1928) Miss Kitajima; Alternate, Miss Starkey
" (1929) Miss Eto; Alternate, Miss Noda

Korea Woman's Conference Miss Takamori; Alternate, Miss Fehr
Kyushu Bible Institute Miss Wytche
National Christian Council Miss Furuta; Alternate, Miss Tokunaga
Committee on Reorganization Misses White, Teague, Hagen, Tokunaga, Okubo
Joint Committee on Co-operation with the Japan Methodist Church Miss Starkey; Alternate Miss Teague
Aoyama Theological Seminary Council Miss White, Miss Kitajima

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1928-1929

West Japan

FUKUOKA:
Evangelistic Work K. Grace Wythe (On furlough from April, 1929)
Fukuoka Jo Gakko Harriet M. Howe (Principal)
Shina Shiokawa
Olive I. Hagen
Mrs. Masa Noda

NAGASAKI:
Evangelistic Work and Omura Girls' Home Mariana Young
Kindergarten and Evangelistic Work Mrs. Toshi Sasamori
Omura Girls' Home and Evangelistic Work Mrs. Kiku Matsuo
Kwassui Jo Gakko Anna Laura White (Principal)
Adella M. Ashbaugh
Caroline S. Peckham (On furlough from July)
Maju Takamori
Helen Couch
Mary Belle Oldridge
Yoshi Tokunaga
Lois L. Davis (On furlough from December)
Vera J. Fehr
Ayako Totsugu
Jino Eto
KUMAMOTO:
Evangelistic Work .................... Carolyn M. Teague
Yasuye Okubo
Margaret Burmeister
Mrs. Michi Yokomizo

KAGOSHIMA:
Evangelistic Work .................... L. Alice Finlay
Mrs. Teru Yoshizaki

SOUTHERN ISLANDS DISTRICT (Loo Choo):
Evangelistic Work .................... L. Alice Finlay

CHOSEN DISTRICT:
Evangelistic Work .................... Bertha F. Starkey
Tsuya Kitajima

ON FURLOUGH:
Elizabeth M. Lee
Helen R. Albrecht

RETIRED:
Elizabeth Russell
Mrs. Masa Kato

APPOINTMENTS OF WOMEN EVANGELISTS, WEST JAPAN
(Not Members of Conference)

NORTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:
Nagasaki ......................... Mrs. Rai Kato, Mrs. Yamaki
(Fspecial Worker)
Fukuoka ......................... Mrs. Sueko Furuzawa, Miss Edamoto, Miss Sakae Wakiyama
(part time)
Kokura ......................... Miss Tamako Sato

SOUTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:
Yatsushiro ......................... Mrs. Seiko Kawano
Kagoshima ......................... Miss Yaeko Kakizono

LOO CHOO DISTRICT:
Naha ..................... Miss Higaonna
Yonabara ..................... Miss Tokeshi
Yontanzan .................. Miss Yamashiro
The annual meeting of the East Japan Woman's Conference was called to order by Bishop Welch at 9 o'clock in the parlors of No. 4 Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo.

Hymn 81, "The Lord Jehovah reigns," was sung, followed by No. 635, "Christ for the world we sing," after which Bishop Welch read from Acts 16, describing part of Paul's second journey, which marked a distinct step in missionary history, as he turned from Asia to Europe with the Gospel message. The good seed fell on a bit of fertile soil—a group gathered in a customary place of prayer; the first baptized believer a woman; the beginning of a growth which later flowered in European civilization. In the Gospel vocabulary, he reminded us, there is no such term as "foreign."

The Christian messenger is like a modern Orpheus helping to build the walls; an adventure, like Columbus, becoming a pioneer of internationalism; a representative of the great Christian Church which anticipates the discoveries of science, sets ideals for the masses of the people, becoming a ground-breaker in many countries for education and temperance, definitely aligned against child labor and sponsoring reasonable working hours, in many ways ministering to the world's woe; like a John the Baptist toward the native church, faithful in witness but willing to decrease, finding glory not in the paternal but in the fraternal relation.

After prayer by Bishop Welch, the first three verses of 556, "Blest be the tie," were sung.

The Roll Call was read by Miss Bailey, Secretary of the last Conference.

Mrs. Tsuna Uzaki, Miss Gertrude Byler and Miss Mary Howey were introduced.

The report of the Reference Committee was received, naming as officers for the coming year. President, Bishop Welch; Vice President, Mrs. Welch; Recording Secretary, Miss Taylor; Corresponding Secretaries, Miss Alexander, Miss Draper; Treasurer, Miss Daniel. For the Nominating Committee, Miss Russell, Mrs. Kataoka, Miss
Curtice. For the Membership Committee, the Misses Lee, Furuta, Draper, Bailey and Sprowles. Approved.

Miss Daniel in welcoming Mrs. Uzaki and the Misses Peet, Curtice, Lee, Kilburn, Bassett, Howey and Byler in their varied relations as visitors and new and returned missionaries, welcomed them to an A-B-C fellowship, four-square each in its length, breadth, depth and height: A for Ambition; B for Burdens and C for Communion. Responses were made by those welcomed, most of them brief but full of meaning, Miss Howey telling of her coming to us from happy service in the Y. W. C. A. and of her joy in being able once more to attend a Conference, as she had been “raised on them.”

Reports of the Reference Committee on Ad Interim business, the Language Committee and the Program Committee were read and accepted. (See reports.)

Reports of Educational Work were next in order and were presented as follows: Woman’s Christian College—Miss Sprowles; Training School for Christian Workers—Miss Jost.

Miss Isabel Alexander very kindly sang for us, “One Sweetly Solemn Thought.”

Reports of the schools were continued: Aoyama Jo Gakuin—Miss Place; Iai Jo Gakko—Miss Bailey; Hirosaki Jo Gakko—Miss Curtice.

Miss Byler who had just come from the South brought greetings from West Conference.

Miss Sprowles and Miss Draper, our delegates to the East Asia Central Conference, expressed their gratitude for the privilege of attending this meeting in Shanghai and related affecting incidents of the loyalty of Chinese Christians which greatly impressed them.

Miss Furuta gave a very interesting report of the growth and the recent reorganization of the Woman’s Missionary Society of the Japan Methodist Church. (See “Sister Societies.”)

Miss Sprowles brought up the matter of choosing one from our Conference to act with Miss Starkey of West Conference and three from the Mission Council as a Committee on Co-operation with the Japan Methodist Church, which will meet with similar committees of the other two Methodist Missions. Miss Draper was elected, with Miss Daniel as alternate.

Bishop Welch spoke briefly on this matter of closer co-operation, which is of paramount interest to us all, asking us to consider how far we should expect to maintain our Conference independent of the Japan Methodist Church and how far merge as members and workers of their organization. What is the next advance step for us to take? Many questions concerning school property and the development of Methodist work will come up for discussion by this Committee to be comprised of five from each of three co-operating Missions represented in the Japan Methodist Church.
A report of the meeting of Federated Missions was made by Miss Cheney.

Following announcements, the session adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet at three.

Saturday Afternoon

With Mrs. Welch presiding, the afternoon session opened at three with the singing of a negro spiritual by Miss Mary Howey. Miss Russell and Mrs. Ninomiya led in prayer.

The discussion of the use of kindergartens for the best educational and evangelistic results was opened by Miss Lee and participated in by Miss Daniel, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Ninomiya and Miss Taylor.

Bishop Welch then entered the room, and we were all delighted to learn through Mrs. Welch that he had been called away from Conference to receive the Imperial Decoration of the Third Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

The discussion of the future relation of our Woman's Conference and the Japan Methodist Church was opened by Miss Taylor, followed by Miss Draper, Miss Furuta and Bishop Welch.

Miss Daniel was asked to present the subject of askings from Miss Dickinson's bequest and stated that West Conference had voted that, if we concurred, that the fourth item to be asked for be the wiping out of the overdraft charged against Japan under the Hollingshead plan. Miss Draper asked that a sum to erect a Dickinson Memorial in Yokohama be included, and Miss Taylor asked for a new building for the Aiko kindergarten in Hirosaki. On motion of Miss Daniel, this whole matter was referred to the Reference Committee for further consideration and a later report.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following, which were duly elected: Committee on Constitution, Misses Daniel, Draper and Cheney. Committee on Conference Expenses, Misses Bailey and Kilburn.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Sunday Afternoon

At four o'clock Sunday afternoon we gathered again in the parlors at No. 4 for our Communion and Memorial Services. The Communion service, always quieting and inspirational, was participated in by all the missionaries on the Compound. After singing hymns 543 and 237, Bishop Welch spoke with great helpfulness on Matt. 5, 16, "Let your light so shine," emphasizing the silent, swift, strong, effective power of light.

At the Memorial service for Miss Ella J. Hewett, with Mrs. Alexander presiding, many friends who had known Miss Hewett for
years spoke of her varied endearing qualities which made for strong character building in the lives of the hundreds of girls whom she had reached in her thirty-five years of service in Iai and Hirosaki Jo Gakkos and in the Sendai Industrial School.

Sunday Evening

At seven-thirty Sunday evening, a delightful song service, led by Miss Kobayashi, was much enjoyed by the large group gathering again in the parlors.

Miss Daniel presided while many spoke of the victorious life of Mrs. Frances D. Soper who, released from her long life of pain, has gone on to her Heavenly Home.

Monday Morning

The morning session was opened by the singing of hymn 320, "I want a principle within."

The passage chosen by Bishop Welch for our thought was 2 Peter 1: 2-8. He spoke of the many things for which we as Christian workers pray, and that perhaps our greatest desire is for power to get things really done, for how often, like the Psalmist, we pray, "Establish Thou the work of our hands!" As we study the life of Christ we realize His power over men was more important than His power over the forces of nature. If like Him, we had the ability to see below the surface, we would more readily recognize the possibilities in unfortunates, as He did in the publican and sinners.

Peter's list of Christian attributes of faith, courage, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love would seem to be sufficient equipment for the missionary, and yet—a sense of humor and the power of imagination—the ability to see another's viewpoint—help greatly in our power to deal understandingly and sympathetically with others. The gulf between those who fall and those who seem to rise may not be so great after all. Could we but see more clearly, we might more easily help to develop the best in those with whom we come in contact. True insight is related to foresight. Leadership is not mere enthusiasm but that quality that attracts and makes others want to follow.

After prayer by Bishop Welch, the singing of hymn 545, "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult," closed another helpful devotional period.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following committees:—Resolutions: Misses Lee, Bailey and Hida; Publishing: Miss Place, Miss Daniel; Language: Miss Draper; Conference Program: Sendai Station; Conference Arrangements: Miss Bassett, Miss
Kobayashi; Future Relations: Misses Sprowles, Furuta, Draper, Kobayashi, and Curtice.

Miss Cheney moved their acceptance as a whole. Carried.

The Reference Committee presented two recommendations, one concerning Miss Peer's furlough to be granted immediately; the other regarding a furlough from April for Miss Furuta. Both were approved.

The Committee on Scholarships recommended the adoption of the rules of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Japan Methodist Church. (See reports). Adopted.

Reports of evangelistic work were given by stations as follows:—
Sapporo: Miss Alexander; Hakodate: Miss Bailey and Miss Cheney; Hirosaki: Miss Taylor.

Miss Howey sang a solo, “If we all had the spirit of Jesus," which had been written by a personal friend of hers.

The evangelistic reports were continued:—Sendai: Miss Lee and Miss Kilburn; Tokyo: Miss Furuta; Yokohama: Miss Draper and Mrs. Ninomiya.

With reference to Sendai, Bishop Welch said he was fully convinced it would be a very grave mistake to abandon work in such a hopeful condition, and that missionaries are still needed to help meet the opportunities there.

Miss Russell moved we take up for discussion another of our problems, and Miss Alexander was asked to present a policy for Sapporo and the Hokkaido. She gave the report of the committee that had made a study of the Sapporo property situation, and the discussion was continued by Miss Draper, Miss Sprowles and Miss Furuta.

The meeting adjourned shortly after twelve o'clock.

Monday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of hymn No. 439, after which Miss Lee led in prayer.

Miss Bassett then spoke of the diversified activities that have engaged her since her return in October, giving a most interesting and detailed account of her study of the possible sites for the location of a building for social-evangelistic work. She is anxious to start a day nursery, a well-baby clinic, mothers' classes, Sunday school and English classes and club work and a hostel, either independently or as joint work with Mr. Price's settlement, or with the foreign branch of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Alexander explained the status of this latter special work. Considerable discussion ensued as to sites, buildings and the advisability of working as one of the units of the W. C. T. U. project, and it was decided to make no recommendation until Tuesday.

Miss Draper then presented figures, plans and recommendations
for a missionary home and a Dickinson Memorial kindergarten from a group of representative Methodists in Yokohama concerning our future participation in the Methodist program.

Following full discussion, Miss Lee moved that the Property Committee consider the matter and report Tuesday.

Miss Furuta reported that by action at the last General Conference of the Japan Methodist Church, all women missionaries become ex officio members of District and Quarterly Conferences.

Shortly after four o'clock the session adjourned.

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**Tuesday Morning**

Conference session opened with the singing of hymn 431, "In the hour of trial."

Bishop Welch read selections from the 4th and 12th chapters of 2 Corinthians and spoke of the inevitable trials and sufferings that beset the followers of Christ and that our happiness will largely depend upon the way in which we meet our suffering. The Christian does not evade trouble, he challenges it, for he takes a road that will be sure to lead him into pain and suffering. Yet with the hard things come unforeseen resources of patience and power, for while we may expect to meet suffering, we need not expect to be crushed. To endure is to conquer but we are to be "more than conquerors." Christian character in its noblest forms is forged in the fires of suffering. "It hath been granted you not only to believe, but also to suffer,"—a favor bestowed upon Christians. Suffering borne in the right spirit is redemptive. Buddhism recognizes that suffering is the heart of life, but looks forward to escape from suffering. Christianity believes that suffering love is at the heart of the universe and the redemptive power of the world. His closing words were "Service is not very fruitful until it becomes sacrificial."

The tender words of our Bishop's quiet prayer were fraught with peace, comfort and inspiration. The devotional period closed with singing, "O Love that wilt not let me go."

The minutes of Monday's meetings were read and approved.

Miss Daniel brought a very enjoyable report of her attendance at West Japan Conference and emphasized specially their interest in more joint conference efforts in the future, the first request being for a joint report again this year.

Miss Furuta gave a full and interesting report as our delegate to the East Conference of the Japan Methodist Church.

The Membership Committee presented the names of Miss Yoshie Ogawa and Miss Yoshi Fujino of Hakodate for membership, and of Mrs. Toku Takaya of Hirosaki as an honorary member. They were duly elected.
Miss Sprowles moved to refer the matter of term of service to the Committee on Constitution to harmonize this by-law with that of the West Conference.

The Scholarship Committee reported the names of three applicants for scholarship funds and announced that hereafter all applications for scholarships should be in the hands of the committee by January first of each year.

The Property Committee presented recommendations concerning Hakodate, Yokohama and Hirosaki. (See Reports)

Miss Russell stated that the plans for the Hirosaki School had been approved by their Board of Managers and by our Property Committee and asked the approval of Conference on same. Motion was seconded and carried.

A quartet consisting of the Misses Kobayashi, Shibata, Curry and Howeysang "A Legend," by Tchaikowsky.

Miss Place asked the wish of Conference concerning a joint report. On motion of Miss Kilburn it was voted that we have a joint report again this year. All copy for same should be in Miss Place's hands by February 29th.

Miss Sprowles read the Reference Committee's recommendations concerning furloughs for Miss Cheney, Miss Alexander and Miss Place; also the askings from the Dickinson bequest. Adopted. (See Reports).

Miss Cheney reported a request for changes in the Constitution of the Hirosaki Jo Gakko Board of Managers for approval by our Conference and then to be submitted to the Society at home for approval. Miss Sprowles presented these identical changes for the Iai Jo Gakko Board of Managers. These changes were duly approved. (See Reports.)

Miss Cheney then presented the problem which has arisen concerning the lot of the Board of Foreign Missions, on part of which the Dickerson Memorial Kindergarten is built. A proposition from the Finance Committee of the Mission Council regarding the sale of this property to the W. F. M. S. was read and discussed.

Miss Russell moved, seconded by Miss Sprowles, that this matter be referred without recommendation to the Foreign Department at home for adjustment with the Board of Foreign Missions.

Miss Kilburn presented the question of the most effective use of a hostel, suggesting that a good matron was among the requisites, and that it was very desirable to have patrons, including principals of other schools, advertising throughout the adjacent country, emphasizing a home atmosphere, careful observance of Japanese etiquette in the home and a good library.

Following announcements, the session adjourned to meet at two o'clock.
Tuesday Afternoon

The afternoon session opened with the singing of hymn 471, "Jesus, my Truth, my Way."

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

It being the turn of East Japan Conference this year to elect the delegate to the National Christian Council meeting in October, with the alternate to be from West Conference, the vote resulted in the election of Miss Furuta as delegate and Miss Tokunaga as alternate.

The Reference Committee recommendations for the fraternal delegates and alternates; also for Miss Russell’s furlough were read and adopted. (See reports.)

The Official Estimates were presented, showing no changes for current work except an increase of $800 for Hirosaki Jo Gakko to be used only for teachers' salaries. Approved.

To fill the vacancies in our missionary ranks, it was voted to ask for four for educational work and four for evangelistic work. After considerable discussion, it was decided to ask that for the latter, some training in home economics or club work is especially desirable.

Bishop Welch mentioned that the Aoyama alumni have under way a plan for a library, and that we women should be represented in the building; not as an asking for this year but to have it in our thoughts for the future.

With reference to the Hokkaido, he also suggested that we consider the possible location of the W. F. M. S. in some other place than Sapporo; or that if continued there in Sapporo, because of the somewhat unsettled state of the present site on account of the proposed road through it, that another part of the city might be more desirable. He also expressed appreciation of the work of the local committee and recommended for further consideration not only the local situation but also the district problem.

After discussion of the social-evangelistic policy for Tokyo, Miss Russell moved that the Chair appoint a committee to confer on this matter with Japanese leaders, with power to act. Carried. (See Committees.)

Regarding area organization and episcopal supervision in Japan for the next quadrennium, Miss Sprowles took the chair temporarily and voiced our satisfaction with the present plan.

Miss Draper moved that in case the present plan of episcopal supervision cannot be continued, we would like to be added to Bishop Welch’s area wherever it is, that we may not lose our connection with Bishop and Mrs. Welch. Passed with a unanimous rising vote. (See joint resolution.)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and accepted. (See reports.)
Miss Place moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss Teague by the secretary. Carried.

Bishop Welch then read the appointments. (See appointments.) Conference voted for the Reference Committee and for the Official Correspondent for the ensuing year. (See committees.)

Bishop Welch took up the topic that had been assigned to Miss Peet. Among the questions that occasionally arise is one concerning the responsibility of the woman evangelist to the pastor or to the missionary in charge. He suggested that questions of this sort can be settled better by grace than by rule, the secret being in co-operation, and further suggested that an organization be effected in each station to include the W. F. M. S., and Board of Foreign Missions workers, the local pastor, district superintendent and probably some representative men and women of the church. That committee should confer and really make the program for the station and district. Plans should be wrought out in consultation, workers gladly giving up personal plans and old ideas. Missionaries are transients, but policies are more permanent and if agreed upon by such a group are more likely to become effective with the cordial backing of the community.

The Reference Committee brought in nominations for the Property Committee and for Station Treasurers and Correspondents. Adopted. (See Committees.)

The business of Conference was set aside and Mrs. Welch graciously presided and with appropriate words presented from the Conference some small tokens of appreciation and affection to six members who have given a term of service aggregating one hundred and seventy years; Miss Shibata, thirty-five years, Miss Furuta and Miss Daniel each thirty years; and Miss Kobayashi, Miss Alexander and Miss Lee each twenty-five years.

With prayer by Bishop Welch, the forty-fourth session of Conference closed.

ERMA M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.
Estimates:—The reference committee could not see the possibility of reducing the estimates as requested by Mrs. Norris's official letter. The estimates therefore remain the same with one exception. Hirosaki Jo Gakko had an urgent need presented by the Board of Managers for an increase of $800 to make provision for adequate salaries for the faculty. This, after consideration, is also urgently presented by the Reference Committee as an important new current work estimate.

MEMORIAL PREPARED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

January 4, 1928

WHEREAS Bishop Herbert Welch has for three quadrenniums most ably administered the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan; and

WHEREAS, during this period of most difficult International relations he has by his keen insight, sympathetic understanding and rare tact gained for himself an entrance into the hearts of Government officials, educators, Japanese Christians and missionaries, and won their complete confidence, proving himself not only an administrator and statesman of outstanding ability but above all an Ambassador of Friendship; and

WHEREAS the steady, normal development of the indigenous church toward autonomy has been signally advanced by the harmonious co-operation of the Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Bishop Welch; and

WHEREAS, in these critical times of transition, when for the carrying on of more intensive work necessary readjustments must be made and new policies formulated, it is essential that the work be under the supervision of one who not only knows and understands the Orient and its problems, but who is sensitive to the spiritual impulses of the Japan Methodist Church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the East Japan Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the West Japan Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, unanimously and earnestly petition the General Conference assembled at Kansas City in May, 1928, to return Bishop and Mrs. Welch to the supervision of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan.

Later unanimous action was taken as follows, to be presented provided the first memorial fails:—

Our hope is that the episcopal residence should be within the Japanese Empire. But if Bishop Welch should be assigned to an area in the United States, we still desire our area to be under his supervision.

ALBERTA B. SPROWLES.
PROPOSED CHANGES IN CONSTITUTIONS OF BOARDS OF MANAGERS OF IAI JO GAKKO AND HIROSAKI JO GAKKO

ARTICLE VII—MANAGEMENT

I.—Board of Managers

The control of the school shall be vested in a Board of Managers constituted as follows:

1. Five missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of whom three shall be members of the East Japan Woman's Conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and two, members of the Japan Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. Three members of the Japan Methodist Church.

3. Two members of the Dosokai who are graduates of the school.

4. (new) In addition to the above the Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in charge of work in Japan, the Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church, the Principal and the Treasurer of the school shall be members ex officio with full powers.

IV.—Duties of the Board of Managers

1. To exercise general supervision over the institution.

2. To choose annually the Principal, the Treasurer and the Missionary Teachers, these to be subject to the appointment of the proper church authorities.

Alberta B. Sprowles:—Secretary of Iai Jo Gakko Board of Managers
Alice Cheney:—Secretary of Hiroaki Jo Gakko Board of Managers

REGULATIONS GOVERNING STUDENT AID

(1) A young woman who wishes to receive a loan from our society . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . to enable her to prepare herself for Christian service must be recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the church to which she belongs, and also by the Student Aid Committee of the society.

(2) One-half of the money received by the student must be paid back in monthly instalments during the first three years of service.

(A student withdrawing before graduation, or not desiring to go into Christian work after graduation will be expected to pay back the full amount of the loan received. Any variation from this rule will be considered a special case to be judged on its individual merits.)

(3) A contract must be signed by the beneficiary and her guardian.

(4) All applications for a loan should be in the hands of the committee by the end of January.
Form of Contract

We request the Woman's Missionary Society of the................
to advance money to meet the monthly expenses of ..................
while she is studying to prepare herself to become a direct Christian
worker. We have read the attached conditions and agree to fulfill
the same.

Signed......................Head of Family or Guardian.
.........................Student.

Note.—The regulations are uniform for the students supported
by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Japan Methodist Church
and by the Woman's Board of the United Church of Canada.

FIELD PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were made:

Hakodate. To approve the proposition of the Board of Managers
of Iai Jo Gakko concerning the selling of certain lots south of the
missionaries' home, and the buying of other lots adjacent to the prop­
erty on the west, from the road to be put through near the home, to
a line just north of the main building.

Hirosaki. To approve the plans, passed by the Board of Managers,
for the new school building of Hirosaki Jo Gakko.

Yokohama. (1) That the future plans include a kindergarten on
the Airin lot in Tobe, and a missionaries' home on the 221 Bluff lot.
(2) That whereas the Foreign Department is holding the entire 221
Bluff lot, or its proceeds in cash, for the use of the Training School
for Christian Workers, we recommend that one-half be designated
for the Higgin's Memorial Home.

N. M. DANIEL.

AOYAMA BUILDING ACCOUNT

I.—Shibuya

Dr. Cr.

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|                   | Main Building (under construc-
|                   | tion)                     |           |
|                   | Heating, Lighting, Plumbing, etc. | 40,039.00 |
|                   | Grading, Fencing, Road     | 23,306.57 |
|                   | Furniture                  | 4,474.25  |
|                   | Balance to New Building Fund.| 3,970.37  |

¥209,459.91 ¥209,459.91
AOYAMA BUILDING ACCOUNT—continued

II.—Barracks

| May 13, 1923 | Appropriation $10,000 | 24,539.87 | 21,800.00 |
|             | Temporary Buildings    | 21,800.00 |
|             | Balance to New Building Fund | 2,739.87 |
|             | Total                 | 24,539.87 |

III.—Gymnasium

| 1924-1925 | Gifts on the Field | 34,298.08 | 6,690.92 |
|           | New Building Fund  | 6,690.92 |
|           | Permanent Building | 40,989.00 |
|           | Total              | 40,989.00 |

IV.—Post Earthquake Building Fund

| Balance, Shibuya | 3,970.37 |
| Balance, Barracks | 2,739.87 |
| Salvage, etc. | 4,024.08 |
| Earthquake Emergency | 4,804.76 |
| Interest 1921-1927 | 7,479.32 |
| Appropriations $185,000 | 456,294.51 |
| Appropriation, Possession Tax. | 5,306.94 |
| Main Building | 357,046.01 |
| Heating, Lighting, Plumbing, etc. | 59,798.03 |
| Brick wall, Gate-House, Fencing, Grading, etc. | 13,917.80 |
| Furniture | 2,882.00 |
| Possession Tax, School and Residence | 5,306.94 |
| Gymnasium | 6,690.92 |
| Residence, Lot | 4,000.00 |
| , Building | 34,893.48 |
| , Registration | 84.67 |
| Total | 484,619.85 |

N. M. DANIEL, Treasurer.
A. B. SPROWLES, H. W. JOHNS, Auditors

July, 23, 1928
HIROSAKI PROPERTY ACCOUNT

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M. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer
L. K. CURTICE, Auditor

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK

When the Japan Methodist Church was formed years ago, the three contributing missions still maintained connection with the church, but divided the territory between them so that there would be no overlapping. Thus though the church was one, the missions were quite separate and as a result their methods of work were not alike. During the past few years it has been borne into the minds of the Japanese and missionaries alike that there ought to be closer relationship between the three missions and more uniformity in their methods of work, especially with their women's work. Each mission employed women evangelistic workers, but salaries, methods, etc. were different.

A year or so ago a committee consisting of representatives from the three missions and the Japan Methodist Church met and discussed different problems of the women's work. They made the following recommendation to be presented to the missions and, if adopted, to the General Conference of the church.

"In view of the need of unifying rules regulating employment, appointment, salaries and relation to the churches, of the Women Evangelists, we recommend that in each conference of the Japan Methodist Church a union committee be appointed to deal with all matters in this field. We further recommend that this committee consist of the Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church, the District Superintendents of the Japan Methodist Church, the Superintendents of the women's evangelistic work of the missions' resident in each district, and the dean of the Woman's Department of the Theological Seminary: this committee to meet annually at the time of the Conference of the Japan Methodist Church."
Since it happened this year that East and West Conferences met together in Kobe, the first meeting of this committee held on February third was unique in that representatives from all over the country were present. Not so much was accomplished at this first meeting—there was not time to discuss and decide all our problems—but it was fine because there was so clearly a desire on the part of all the missionaries to adapt and change present policies so that we would all be helping the Japanese church in the way the Japanese want us to. Why else are we working here!

Bishop Uzaki ably presided at the meetings. All the district superintendents and missionaries—whether men or women—who were in charge of women evangelists were present and talked freely. The four special subjects concerning the women workers were all discussed,—employment, appointment, salaries, and relation to the church,—each mission reporting on its present methods. A subcommittee was appointed to bring in recommendations at a later meeting. Two more subjects—scholarships and pensions—were brought up, but there was not time to discuss them.

The important decisions made at the later meeting held on February fourth were that salaries of the women evangelists should be made the same throughout the church—raising those that were lower, so that all should be paid according to the best salaries given at the present time. It means that a graduate of the Training School should get 55 yen a month, and this should be raised to 65 in 10 years. Graduates of the special course should begin on 45 yen,—special arrangements being made for those who are college graduates or who have not had the usual education.

Then the name of this latter group was discussed, for it did not seem fair to give the same name to the graduates of the Training School and to those who have not had this special education. The name of "local" evangelistic worker (like that of "local preacher") seemed to receive favor, but the question was laid on the table until next year.

Recommendations were made that this joint committee meet during the last two days of conference session, and that the appointments be read after the appointments of the pastors are read. If these are read at the very end of conference then any changes of appointments for the women which might be necessitated by the changes of the men could be arranged.

The subcommittee appointed is a standing committee to which problems can be brought throughout the year. So progress has been made. It was a well worth while meeting and we hope that from this beginning a well unified work for women will develop.

WINIFRED F. DRAPER.
LANGUAGE COMMITTEE

Miss Olive Curry has finished the second term of the second year and will soon finish the third term of the second year of the Language School Correspondence Course.

WINIFRED F. DRAPER, Chairman.

PUBLISHER'S REPORT FOR 1927

East and West Japan

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" 639 " Survey .............................
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N. M. DANIEL, Publisher.
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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED:

That we express our deep appreciation for this Conference session with Bishop and Mrs. Welch; and thank them for the inspiration which they themselves have given, as well as for their kindly counsel and sympathetic understanding. That we wish for them a restful trip home and express our most earnest desire for their return at the earliest possible time.

That we express to Miss Welch our pleasure and appreciation of her presence and interest in our Conference sessions.

That we give expression to our gratitude for the return from furlough of the Misses Curtice and Bassett; for the coming into our Conference of the Misses Lee, Peet and Kilburn; that we cordially welcome Miss Howey, and express our pleasure in having Miss Byler with us.

That we express our loving sympathy to Miss Peet in her illness, and our hope that the coming months at home may bring to her the health and strength which will enable her to return soon to Japan.

That we express our appreciation for the presence of Mrs. Uzaki in so many of the Conference sessions.

That our sympathy goes out to Miss Puruta in the home-going of the Mother who had been her inspiration through all the years, and had made it possible for her to devote her life entirely to the work of the Kingdom.

That we, as a Conference, feeling deeply the loss of the loving sympathy and prayerful loyalty of Miss Hewett and Mrs. Soper, extend to their families our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

That we express to Miss Woodruff and Miss Thomasson the pleasure it has been to have had them among us; and our greatest appreciation for their help and service in Aoyama Jo Gakuin, and our joy for them that they are able to return to their work in China.

That we express to the Committee on Arrangements and to those who so gladly co-operated with them our deep appreciation and hearty thanks for all that they have done to make our stay on the Compound so delightful.

MABEL LEE, Chairman.
The opening session of the West Japan Woman's Conference was held on Thursday evening in the Kwassui home, with Bishop Welch presiding.

Roll call showed twenty-three members present. It was noted that Miss Sueda had ceased to be a member on leaving the work of the Society. Messages were received from the absent members, Mrs. Yoshizaki, and Miss Okubo.

The report of the Nominating Committee, Miss Finlay, Chairman, was read and accepted. (See List of Officers and Committees.)

Bishop Welch conducted the devotions, reading the fourth chapter of I. Corinthians, stressing the fact that as we have received in the past sufficient for all our needs, so we may trust that our future needs will be supplied.

Miss White made the ad interim report of the Field Reference Committee. (See Report.)

Miss Burmeister reported for the Program Committee by referring to the items on the typed programs in our hands.

Miss White invited the Conference members to visit Kwassui Chapel on Saturday morning, to receive a part of the report of the school.

The delegate from this body, Miss Kitajima, reported briefly on the Korea Woman's Conference.

Felicitous greetings from the Korea Woman's Conference were brought by their delegate, Mrs. Choi, who spoke of her experience as a student in Kwassui twenty years ago, and of her work since in Korea as teacher and evangelistic worker.

Miss Draper, a visitor, and Miss Daniel, the official delegate from East Japan Woman's Conference, brought greetings from that body.

Miss Finlay reported her inability to attend the meeting of the National Christian Council as the delegate of the two Woman's Conferences. Miss Shibata, of East Conference, was alternate.

Reports from the Central Conference of Eastern Asia and from the Conference of Federated Missions were fixed for Friday and Saturday mornings, respectively.

The matter of a Sunday service was then considered, and upon motion it was decided to hold the Conference Communion Service on Sunday evening in the Kwassui home.
Miss White, representing the Conference, then introduced Mrs. Noda, a new member, and Miss Byler, newly appointed under our Society. Both responded briefly.

After announcements the meeting adjourned.

The Friday morning session of the Conference opened with a devotional service led by Bishop Welch. The Scripture reading was Mark 16: 1-8. The special verse stressed was the 7th, "But go, tell his disciples and Peter—," the thought of which Bishop Welch developed under the three heads: (1) the separated disciple, (2) the disciple unforgotten, and (3) the disciple restored.

Miss White introduced as a visitor Mr. Okabe, the Dean of Kwassui College.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Most interesting reports of educational work were given, with Misses White, Takamori, Tokunaga, Eto, Totsugu, Peckham, Couch and Fehr reporting for Kwassui, and Miss Hagen reporting for Fukuoka. The report of the Music Department of Kwassui was promised for the Chapel service on Saturday morning, to which the Conference members were invited.

After a short recess the second half of the morning program was taken up. Upon suggestion from Miss Howey the first topic for discussion, "The future relation of Woman's Conferences to the Japan Methodist Church," was postponed till Saturday morning in order to give time for fuller reports of the Central Conference.

The discussion of the second topic, viz., "The present relation of individual missionaries to the Japan Methodist Church, that is, to district conferences, pastors, Bible women and churches," was opened by Misses Kitajima, White and Hagen. The general discussion which followed centered around two points: first, the legal relation, and second, the practical relation of the individual missionary to the bodies and persons mentioned. The problem was considered of such importance that it was put aside for further discussion and probable action later.

Because of lack of time, the reports from the Central Conference were postponed till the afternoon session.

After announcements the session was closed with the benediction by Bishop Welch.

At the Friday afternoon session of the Conference, Bishop Welch chose for the Scripture lesson the Beatitudes, the first sixteen verses of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Mr. Murata, Pastor of Wesley Church, led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Our delegates to the Central Conference, Miss Finlay and Miss Teague, reported fully and to the great interest of all, their impressions and the actions of that body. Miss Draper, delegate from East Con-
ference, and Mrs. Welch spoke briefly, and Bishop Welch summed up some of the outstanding impressions and attempted solutions of the problems facing the Central Conference.

Miss White then asked the privilege of introducing Mr. Kawasaki, President of Chinzei Gakuin, and Mr. Murata, Pastor of Wesley Church.

The special topics for the afternoon were: first, "The duty of Methodism to the working classes. What? Why? How?" The discussion was opened by Miss Starkey. Miss Eto read a paper prepared by Miss Okubo, who was unable to be present. A general discussion followed.

Miss Wythe opened the discussion of the second topic: "What shall we ask for from Miss Dickinson's bequest to the W.F.M.S.?" The Field Reference Committee was asked to consider the matter and bring in recommendations to this Conference later.

After announcements the session informally adjourned.

The Saturday morning session opened with a devotional service led by Bishop Welch. The Scripture reading was from 1. Peter 1: 3-9, and the special thought was contained in the 8th verse, "Whom not having seen, ye love." The keynote of the message was, "Because our relationship with Christ has been freed from the purely human personal element, we enjoy an advantage in that we deal with Christ as our divine, risen Lord, as a universal, not a local, Christ."

Miss Young introduced Mrs. Yamaki, for thirty-five years a Bible Woman, and Mrs. Kato, associated with Miss Young in the Nagasaki Evangelistic Center.

Miss White introduced Mr. Mitsui, the new Head Teacher of Kwassui Jo Gakko.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and adopted.

The next item was the reports of evangelistic work, which were presented as follows: Kagoshima and Loo Choo—Miss Finlay; Kumamoto—Misses Burmeister and Teague; Nagasaki—Mrs. Matsuo, Miss Young; Fukuoka—Misses Hagen and Wythe; Chosen—Misses Kitajima and Starkey.

The first special topic for the morning was: "How to use the kindergartens for the best evangelistic and educational results." Miss Finlay and Miss Sasamori opened the discussion. After general discussion Bishop Welch raised several questions bearing on the present practice and future policy of kindergarten work in Japan.

Upon suggestion from Bishop Welch, it was moved and carried that a Monday morning session be held to care for unfinished business.

After announcements the session was adjourned with prayer by Bishop Welch.
On Sunday evening in the Kwassui home Bishop Welch conducted the Conference Communion Service to which the other Methodist Episcopal missionaries were invited.

On Monday morning the closing session of Conference was opened with devotions led by Bishop Welch, who read as a Scripture lesson Matt. 25: 34-41 and Romans 8: 31-39, contrasting the two as "the common-place" and "the extraordinary," or "the small things made great." Some of his key-thoughts were: "Attempt and expect great things. The age of martyrs and miracles is not closed. God manifests Himself in the twentieth century as in the first. Nothing that is right is impossible. Nothing is too good to be true."

The first order of business was reports of committees, which were presented as follows:

The Nominating Committee presented the following as nominations for the Committee on Reorganization: Misses White, Teague, Hagen, Tokunaga, and Okubo. Elected.

The names of Misses Teague and Starkey were presented for a ballot for a representative on the new inter-mission Committee on Co-operation with the Japan Methodist Church. Miss Starkey was elected, with Miss Teague as alternate.

The Membership Committee presented the name of Miss Yaeko Kakizono, Kagoshima. Elected, after due notification.

The Evangelistic Committee presented its report. (Q.V.) Miss Finlay moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Miss Suyeda, resigning. Carried.

Miss White presented the report of the Field Reference Committee. (Q.V.) covering the three items: Miss Dickinson's Estate, property items and furloughs. Adopted.

In connection with the publication of the report of the Conference there was an expression of the desire for a joint report with East Conference. Misses Fehr and Davis asked to be released from the Committee on Publication, and Miss Burmeister was elected to serve with the Secretary and one other member to be co-opted.

Miss Burmeister reported for the Committee on Conference Travel. Miss Teague reported Miss Okubo's inability to attend the West Conference of the Japan Methodist Church, and Miss Kitajima was elected as delegate for 1928, with Miss Starkey as alternate. Miss Eto was elected delegate for 1929 with Mrs. Noda as alternate.

Motion prevailed that we instruct our delegate to the West Conference of the Japan Methodist Church first, to inquire into the status of women missionaries in the Japan Church, to express our thanks if action giving them a definite status has already been taken; if not, to request that some action be taken. Second, to request the appointment of conference visitors not only to educational work but to evangelistic work as well.
As delegate to the Korea Woman’s Conference, Miss Takamori was elected, with Miss Fehr as alternate.

Miss Byler was asked to convey the greetings of this Conference to the East Japan Woman’s Conference.

Other delegates and representatives were elected as follows:
- Federation of Christian Missions: Miss Ashbaugh (two years); Alternate, Miss Finlay.
- Kyushu Bible Institute: Miss Wythe.
- Aoyama Theological Seminary Council: Miss White, Miss Kitajima.
- National Christian Council: Miss Furuta; Alternate, Miss Tokunaga.

Miss Couch was elected a member of the Board of Managers of Kwassui Jo Gakko in place of Miss Peckham whose term has expired.

Miss White was asked to go over the minutes of the last session with the Secretary.

Miss White presented the matter of readjustment of work. Bishop Welch then raised the question of missionaries needed, and the following suggestions were made: one evangelistic worker each for Fukuoka and Kagoshima, one contract English teacher for Kwassui, one contract music teacher for Kwassui, and one Domestic Science teacher for Fukuoka.

Station correspondents and treasurers were elected as follows:
- Kagoshima: Correspondent, Miss Finlay; Treasurer, Miss Finlay.
- Fukuoka: Correspondent, Miss Hagen; Treasurer, Miss Howey.
- Kumamoto: Correspondent, Miss Burmeister; Treasurer, Miss Teague.
- Nagasaki: Correspondent, Miss Ashbaugh; Treasurer, Miss Couch.
- Seoul: Correspondent, Miss Starkey; Treasurer, Miss Starkey.

Miss White was elected Official Correspondent, and the Field Reference and Field Property Committees were elected. (See list of committees).

The Secretary was instructed to delete from the By-laws, in accordance with previous action of Conference, Sec. VII a, the words, “who shall be missionaries of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society.” Attention was also called to a mistake in Sec. VII b in the By-laws, and its correction was ordered. This will make the section read: “The Field Property Committee shall be nominated by the Field Reference Committee and elected by the Woman’s Conference. The Conference Treasurer shall be ex officio member of this committee.”

Miss Starkey presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. (Q.V.) Miss Young moved the amendment of the report to
include an expression of our joy in Miss Starkey's return to us. Carried.

Bishop Welch extended for Mr. Krider an invitation to the Conference to visit our Methodist work in Akunoura.

The Conference closed with prayer by Bishop Welch.

MARY BELLE OLDРИDGE, Secretary.
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED,—

That we voice our profound gratitude for the beloved presence and inspiring guidance of our dear Bishop and Mrs. Welch who have grown more and more indispensable to us with each passing year; that we wish them God-speed on their mission to the homeland; and that we unanimously reiterate the earnest petition already made to General Conference for their return.

That we express to Miss Eleanor Welch our love for her and our deep appreciation of her unfailing thoughtfulness and innumerable kindnesses.

That we heartily thank Mrs. Choi and Miss Draper for coming to us from our sister conferences and bringing not only felicitous fraternal greetings, but also helpful personal messages.

That we again welcome Miss Daniel whose wise counsel in committee meetings and in personal conferences is always much appreciated.

That we welcome to membership in West Conference Mrs. Noda and Miss Burmeister who during the year have proven themselves worthy members by their fine spirit and efficient service.

That we also welcome our new recruit, Miss Byler, to the fellowship of the Conference, and express the hope that she may be appointed to work in Kyushu.

That we express our loving sympathy to Miss Finlay, Miss Couch, Miss Tokunaga and Mrs. Sasamori in their great sorrow.

That we extend our congratulations to Miss Suyeda who has become Mrs. Tijima, and to Miss Nagai, who has become Mrs. Yokomizo, and that we express our appreciation of their years of faithful service, and our gladness that Mrs. Yokomizo can still continue evangelistic work in Kumamoto.

That we send greetings to Miss Okubo and Mrs. Yoshizaki and express our regret that they were unable to meet with us.

That we express to the Kwassui family our very special appreciation of their generous hospitality and the many lovely things done to provide us with every possible comfort.

That we express our heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful care Miss Takamori and Miss Tanaka have given our Japanese members.

That we most heartily thank Miss Young, Mr. and Mrs. Bruner and Mr. and Mrs. Krider for their liberal share in resting and feasting our band of sojourners.

That we send a vote of thanks to the Wesley Fujinkai ladies for their courtesy in serving us such a delicious "sukiyaki" dinner.

Bertha Starkey.
Shina Shiokawa.
BISHOP WELCH HONORED

Bishop Welch was honored when on January 28 at the Imperial Palace he was presented with the decoration known as the Order of the Sacred Treasure, the Third Class. He was signally honored on February 6 when he was received in audience at the Akasaka Detached Palace by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor. Bishop Welch has given twelve years of distinguished service to the church in Japan and Korea, making friends among all classes and by his sympathetic understanding of the two peoples contributing to their spiritual welfare. The honors were in recognition and appreciation of this service to the public good.

The sacred treasures of Japan—a mirror, a jewel, and a sword—mentioned in the earliest literature of the nation, are hidden away in temples, but what they symbolize is apparent to all—“courage, knowledge and mercy, the necessary attributes of a great sovereign.” The conferring of decorations belongs to modern Japan but the decorations, through their designs, call to mind old Japan, historic and legendary. The Order of the Sacred Treasure has at the center a tiny metal mirror, around it a garland of red carnelian and then, as if protecting the mirror and the jewels, four sword-clusters of white enamel, all set in gold.

One might ask what the conferring of such a decoration upon a citizen of another nation symbolizes. It manifests a marked change of attitude toward the world since the days of the closed door, a recognition of the comity of nations and an appreciation of service rendered in the spirit of brotherhood. The many friends of Bishop Welch rejoice that he has acquitted himself with distinction in promoting goodwill in the Far East where cross currents of life and thought lead so easily to misunderstanding.
In Memoriam

“They looked unto him and were radiant.”

Ella Josephine Hewett
October 10, 1850—October 31, 1927

Mary Frances Davison Soper
June 20, 1849—July 20, 1927

Ella Josephine Hewett:—“Our dear little Miss Hewett,” so those who knew her best loved to call her, has left behind her a beautiful memory in the hearts of all who came in touch with her. Gentle, genial, self-effacing, but determined, she exerted an influence over her pupils that has lasted through the years.

She was born in Quincy, Michigan, and died in Berkeley, California. She was never robust, and her education was much interrupted, but was finally completed at the Michigan State Normal School. She taught for a few years at home before being sent out to Japan in 1884 under the Philadelphia Branch. She went to Hakodate to work with Miss Hampton and remained there until called home in 1889 by the death of her father. Feeling that her mother needed her, she remained in America eight years, during seven of which she was in charge of the Home for Japanese Women and Girls in San Francisco.

On her return to Japan in 1897, she took charge of the Hirosaki school for four years and then went again to help out in Hakodate. The rest of her missionary life until retirement in 1918, was spent in Sendai in charge of the Girls’ Industrial School. After her retirement she lived with her two sisters in Berkeley and enjoyed meeting old friends as they returned from time to time to America. She was active in church work and interested in everything about her to the very end. She was ill but a few days, when she was called to higher service for her beloved Master, whom she had served faithfully from childhood.

F. W. A.

Mary Franc Davison Soper:—Mrs. Soper, mother of our Maud Soper, was one of that band of pioneers who arrived in Japan in 1873 to lay the foundations of Methodism. This was the year when the edict boards prohibiting Christianity were ordered removed, the year
when the new calendar was adopted and other great changes made. Dr. and Mrs. Soper were appointed to Tokyo and reached the capital September 9. On October 20 they set up their family altar in the building they had secured for the parsonage. It was the carriage house of Tsukiji Hotel. When Mrs. Goucher heard of this humble dwelling she exclaimed: “How nearly our work in Tokyo was born in a manger!” The story of those days reads like a new chapter in the Acts of the Apostles. Mrs. Soper had those qualities which fitted her for her part in the great work and carried her triumphantly through the thirty-eight years of her missionary career. She had sympathy, faith, patience, adaptability, a keen sense of humor, and above all high courage. All that life brought was accepted as discipline and what a rich fruitage of the spirit was hers. In “A Budget of Old Memories” written at her home in Glendale, California in 1923, she says: “I still live on as a monument of God's love and mercy and although totally deaf can testify 'It has been good for me to be afflicted'.” While shut out she was shut in. Her mind was stored with treasures from many mines, and her heart overflowed with cheer and comfort for others. To her, death was but the gateway to the more abundant life in the Father's House, her passing became a benediction and the committal service at the grave the occasion for the singing of the doxology.

N. M. D.

UNTO HIM ALL LIVE.

O Lord of life, wher-e'er they be,
Safe in thine own eternity,
Our dead are living unto thee,
   Allelúia!

All souls are thine, and here or there,
They rest within thy sheltering care;
One providence alike they share.
   Allelúia!

Thy word is true, thy ways are just;
Above the requiem, ‘dust to dust,’
Shall rise our psalm of grateful trust.
   Allelúia!

O happy they in God who rest,
No more by fear and doubt oppressed;
Living or dying, they are blest.
   Allelúia!
Miss Shibata.

Miss Takamori.

Miss Furuta.

Center: Mrs. Ninomiya.

Miss Kobayashi.
sweet and she knew just how to make each friend feel good in her own characteristic way." And when she left for Tokyo she was escorted by a representative of the church and also by Miss Lee.

In Tokyo another group of friends gathered for a final visit. At the steamer to meet her was a man who had come a long distance to see once more his teacher who years before had taught him the Bible while he was serving in the army in Seihai.

And did she receive no gifts? A farewell in Japan without some material expression of appreciation and gratitude is not thought of. She received many things she will always treasure, among them a wrist watch, a silk haori (outer kimono) and a small piece of ivory representing a gardener, with scissors in hand, sitting before his dwarf pine tree. To Miss Heaton who knows the symbolism of Japan, these gifts will speak a language all their own of abiding love and appreciation.
West Conference.

The West Conference this year started with a get-together dinner, January 19, Japanese members and guests all being present. Among the guests were Mrs. Choy of Korea, a former Kwassui girl, who was ever so happy to be in Kwassui once more and to note the many changes that had taken place in buildings and grounds since her time. She later told of her work in the Community Center in Seoul. We were happy, also, to have Miss Draper of Yokohama and Miss Daniel of Tokyo as our guests from East Conference.

One evening, the women of Wesley church treated the conference to a Japanese meal. This kind of entertainment is always greatly appreciated by everyone, when for a time we sit on the floor and enjoy fellowship in true Japanese style.

The crowning social event took place Saturday evening. After we had finished our salad course at dinner, we were requested to go next door to the Krider's house for dessert. Here we found a lovely surprise waiting for us. A little fairy, really Miss Phyllis Ann Krider, was seated on a table and in her hands she held many ribbons. These led into the door of a lovely little house, which had over its doorway the sign "Episcopal Residence for Seoul, Korea," the sign—"To Let"—having been crossed out. A very heart-warming "Welcome" was on the door-mat. Mrs. Welch was instructed to follow the ribbons, which the fairy held, and, after much searching and some help from Bishop Welch she found gold lacquer bowls and plates hidden in the different rooms. These she was persuaded to keep as a little gift from the members of the Conference with the qualification that their usefulness would be found greatest in just such another house in Seoul, Korea. Much meriment followed and the dessert was not forgotten, delicious ice cream and cake and coffee being served by Mrs. Bruner and Mrs. Krider.

East Conference.

The East Conference members joined in a fellowship luncheon on the opening day, January 28. All were present with the exception of Miss Peet who was detained, much to the regret of every one, because of illness. Mrs. Usaki, wife of Bishop Usaki, was with us as an honorary member. That evening a larger group, including the missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, sat down to a dinner which was followed with an informal program of music and reminiscences. It being the 48th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Draper anecdotes and incidents of much interest to the younger generation were related. Congratulations were extended to Dr. and Mrs. Draper not only because of their long life together but because
of their long service in Japan whither they came on their wedding journey.

Bishop Welch had just received, a few hours before, the Imperial decoration and this he modestly showed while he told of its reception. As an expression of our affection and esteem for Bishop and Mrs. Welch, Miss Helen Russell, on our behalf, presented to them a bronze vase bearing the design, in silver and gold inlay, of the ascending dragon. This is a favorite design in Japan and symbolizes victory. Especially during dragon year, which 1928 is in the zodiacal cycle, does it become freighted with felicitous significance. Miss Russell in fitting words expressed the hope of all present that before the end of the year they might be back with us for another term of fellowship and service. Silver coffee spoons in bamboo design were presented to Miss Welch with our best wishes.

Mrs. Charles Bishop entertained the conference at tea on Monday afternoon, thus giving the members from out of town an opportunity to see her new home, the gift of former Japanese students. Tuesday afternoon, following the close of conference, Mrs. Welch and Miss Welch were hostesses, serving doughnuts and coffee. This was a delightful occasion in which the men and the women of the compound shared. The satsuma bowls and the obi clasps which the conference, at the hands of Mrs. Welch, had just presented to those members who had served twenty-five years or more added to the interest.

A post-conference social event in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Welch and Bishop and Mrs. Birney was a dinner, followed by a reception, at No. 4 Aoyama Gakuin, the evening preceding their departure for America and General Conference. After instrumental and vocal numbers, Bishop Birney was introduced and was heard with much pleasure. Referring to his acquaintance with Bishop Welch he said he had known him through all the stages of his numerous honors, for their friendship dated back to the days when he was just plain Mr. Welch. He had rejoiced with him all along the way marked with the milestones—Rev., D.D., LL.D. and Bishop—and now wanted to add his congratulations on the reception of these latest Imperial honors. Bishop Welch, of course, disclaimed that the honors had come to him through personal merit, being due rather to a combination of circumstances, but he spoke with appreciation of them, especially of his audience with His Majesty. Dr. Obata, who was a delegate to the General Conference which appointed Bishop Welch to Japan and Korea, expressed the satisfaction he felt then in anticipation of his leadership, and his satisfaction now in view of the service he has rendered during the last twelve years. He hoped that he would be returned to this area and in this hope all concurred.
PERSONAL MENTION

Bishop and Mrs. Welch, Bishop and Mrs. Birney and Miss Peet of Hakodate sailed for San Francisco on the S.S. President Cleveland February 8.

Bishop and Mrs. Mitchell visited Japan in October, Bishop Mitchell being the fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference of the Japan Methodist Church which met in Kamakura.

Miss Carrie A. Heaton of Sendal sailed October 5 on her fifth furlough to make her future home with her sister in California.

Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Spencer sailed December 14. Their address is 290 Chautauqua Drive, Robinson Park, Pasadena, California. Dr. and Mrs. Spencer came to Japan in 1883 and on retirement left many friends among the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Miss Mary E. Howey, sister of Miss Harriet Howey, arrived August 21 for a period of two years and began teaching at Aoyama Jo Gakuin on the opening of the school term in September.

Miss Gertrude Byler of Newton, Kansas, joined our forces November 29. Until conference she was in Kumamoto studying the language.

Miss Lois Curtice, Miss Bernice Bassett and Miss Bertha Starkey have been welcomed again after furlough.

Miss Sprowles, Miss Draper, Miss Finlay and Miss Teague represented East and West Japan Conferences at the Central Conference of Eastern Asia which met in Shanghai, January 7-14.

Miss Thomasson and Miss Woodruff of Kiukiang, China, who were teaching at Aoyama Jo Gakuin since April, 1927, returned to their work, the former in January and the latter in March.

Miss Alice Cheney, Principal of Iai Jo Gakko, Hakodate, sailed on furlough April 27 taking the Canadian Pacific route to her home in Minneapolis.

Miss Carrie S. Peckham sailed via the ports June 26 on furlough.

Miss Sprowles and Miss Draper were official members of the Three Religions Conference which met in Tokyo, June 5-8, in the interest of social betterment.

Miss Furuta and Miss Draper were delegates to the National Christian Conference which met in Tokyo, June 14-17. This was a conference called to discuss the findings of the Jerusalem Conference.

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SAPPORO
City and District Evangelistic Work:—V. Elizabeth Alexander

The work of the women in the various churches goes on quietly without much change. In Muroran one of the latest places where the Methodist Church opened work, the little band of women worked hard and their bazaar netted more than a hundred yen towards the expenses of the church. In the neighborhood Bible classes my co-workers, week by week, are teaching the children. These classes are becoming more and more classes for girls alone.

The meeting at the linen factory on the first and third Sundays of the month, at eight o'clock in the morning, is faithfully attended and recently some new members have come into the class. For several years there has been some one exerting a strong influence to keep the girls in the dormitory from attending a Christian service. It was especially effective in keeping away new girls who entered the factory. These come generally for a term of three years and as the old ones left to return home, the gaps had not been filled up. This influence seems to have been removed, we are thankful to say. The girls in this factory are well cared for, nice dormitories are provided, also a night school where the girls may study certain subjects and learn sewing and flower arrangement as well. At Christmas the girls conducted their own Christmas service in such a way as would do credit to any school. Miss Nishi of the Presbyterian Mission girls' school gave a fine Christmas address. As they leave the factory and go back to their homes we try to keep in touch with them by letter and by sending Christian literature.

Miss I. moved into a section of the city where there were no other Christians. Evidently the neighbors were watching her, for some months later one of them said to her: "We do not understand how such a person as you could be so duped by such a worthless stupid religion as the Christian one is." Quite calmly she replied, "Why, I do not find it stupid. What makes you think that way?" and the other answered, "Really I don't know much about it, but I have heard people say it is no good." "Well! there's a special service at the church tomorrow evening. Come with me and see for yourself," said Miss I. The special service proved to be an evangelistic one held to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the baptism of Dr. Sato, President of the Imperial University in Sapporo, and Dr. Sato was the speaker. The girl went with Miss I. and listened intently and
afterwards as they were walking home together Miss I. said, "What about it?" and her companion thoughtfully replied: "I've heard lots of Buddhist sermons and they all have so much in them about death, but tonight we heard about life and I like that better." God grant she may come to know Him who came that all might have life and have it more abundantly.

One of our Sunday school children, a little six-year old girl was sick and the anxious mother feared there was no hope for the recovery of her only living child—just as dear and sweet a little girl as could be. The mother thought if the child was taken there would be nothing for her to live for and she might as well die with the child. The teacher tried to tell her of the God who made the child and loved her beyond the bounds of even a mother's love and that if the child should die she would go to this loving Heavenly Father and be happy with Him forever. The mother quickly replied, "Your Christian religion teaches you that I suppose, but our religion tells us that if my child dies now she will wander homeless in pain, sorrow and suffering for ever and ever." Isn't it a privilege to bring the comfort of the gospel message to such troubled hearts as these? Both the father and the mother have become interested in Christian teaching.

V. Elizabeth Alexander.

HAKODATE
Iai Jo Gakko:—Alice Cheney, Principal
Barbara M. Bailey
Olive Curry

For the first time in three years there has been no change in missionary personnel during the school year. The Japanese teachers, too, have all continued through the year and there has been little absence because of sickness, so it has been a year of quiet, steady work. A delightful month's visit from Bessie Meeker of Nanchang, China, brought that suffering country nearer to us all and broadened the horizon and deepened the faith of all in the school and church who came to know her.

Three improvements in a material way have made us glad. No one who has not waded through spring mud to get to the street car can appreciate our satisfaction when the road in front of the school was paved. Since June we have had in our chapel the longed-for grand piano, made possible by gifts from the parents of the girls at the 45th anniversary last spring. It adds much to our chapel and church services and aids the music teachers in giving the girls an ever increasing interest in good music. When the forty graduates of 1928 leave the school it will be through a beautiful new gate, given
to the school by them and the class of 1929. It makes a fitting entrance to the grounds, the road from it leading to the school between rows of dignified pines planted for this purpose twenty years ago.

Our first and second year girls can paraphrase a once popular song, singing, "And so did our sisters and our mothers and our aunts." For we find that one in six of the one hundred and fifty girls in those classes has some close relative among the alumnae or the present upper class girls. This makes for good Kingdom building.

This year we have tried in various ways to strengthen the bonds that hold the graduates to the school. Many of them come back to visit the school individually as well as for class reunions and semianually alumnae meetings. In February, they joined with the school Y.W.C.A. in a little bazaar. The profits of about two hundred yen were divided between social service work and the endowment fund for the school which the alumnae is raising. But more worth while still was the fellowship with each other at the work meetings and with the present students on the day of the bazaar. From April, one of our Bible teachers, who returns from a year of special work in the Training School in Tokyo, will give more time than has before been possible to calling in the homes of graduates whom she taught.

One of the teachers who is a graduate of the Woman's Christian College has supervised the Y.W.C.A. girls in their village Sunday school work. The seven schools are flourishing with an average attendance of nearly four hundred. At Christmas, four hundred and eighty gathered in our gymnasium for one of the best, most orderly children's programs I have ever attended. At the end, medals were given to fifty boys and girls who had not been absent for one, two, three and even six years. That, too, is good Kingdom building.

Bishop Welch made us a visit last November and besides his work in the school and kindergarten gave a lecture in the city auditorium, under the auspices of the Educational Association. A good audience gave appreciative attention to his distinctly Christian message and we have heard since that it cleared up questions which had been troubling some of the young men who heard him.

The two Iai girls who took the Woman's Christian College examination this year both passed and others are hoping to enter higher schools to study Japanese, kindergarten training, art, domestic science and English.

The Department of Education is trying to do away with the "examination hell" which faces all children wishing to enter a middle or higher school. Their new plan is practically that which Miss Dickerson introduced four years ago, a brief personality test to supplement the primary school marks, and we have found it very satisfactory. Whether it will work as well in some of the over
crowded government schools or not is a question, but at least it is a feather in our cap to have been the first school here to use it.

The Teachers' Bible class mentioned last year has met regularly twice a month with the pastor as leader and has been an inspiration. Several baptismal services have gladdened our hearts. Before the first term was over, one of our new teachers asked for baptism. He had been studying Christianity for a number of years, and while teaching in Hakodate, before taking his college work, was an interested member of an English Bible class held at Iai. So that was good Kingdom building too. On Christmas Day, thirty-four girls brought their lives as the supreme Christmas gift and received baptism at a most impressive service. We expect a similar group to be baptized before the school year ends in March.

Alice Cheney.

Iai Kindergartens:—Azalia E. Peet

The very last of June Miss Peet arrived in Hakodate. It was a beautiful day, so there were many friends and mothers from the kindergarten and church at the pier to welcome her. It was the first time since Miss Goodwin's death, three years ago, for the kindergartens to have a full time worker. In less than a week Miss Peet was settled in the pleasant apartment above the kindergarten rooms.

The mothers of the children in the larger kindergarten gave money for improving the playroom there. Low windows and a long window seat reaching around two sides of the room were added. Dainty curtains of cream colored muslin, on which the children pasted cut-out nursery pictures, and cushions made of the same kind of muslin changed the former rather dark room into an up-to-date playroom. The sand box, rocking boat, and slide were repainted in bright colors, such as children love. Since Miss Peet planned to use the playroom for cooking classes too, she added a small room at one end and fitted up cupboards, table and sink for a kitchen.

By September everything was in readiness for the program she had laid out for herself—mothers' meetings, Church woman's meetings, a young woman's club, three cooking classes, English classes for graduates from kindergartens, classes for high school girls, for high school graduates, and for young men. The kindergarten hummed with work for the Kingdom.

At the smaller kindergarten by the help of the pastor preaching services were held in the evening, twice a month. As that had been a much cherished hope since the building of the kindergarten five years ago, we were happy when it was realized. Attendance has been quite faithful on the part of those living in the vicinity even during the cold weather.
In November while Bishop Welch was in Hakodate, a Thanksgiving service was held at the large kindergarten. The children and mothers brought gifts of fruit, fresh vegetables, and rice. These contributions made a beautiful display and were sent to the Home for the Poor and Friendless. The children at the small kindergarten also brought generous gifts as their contribution.

The Bible schools in connection with the kindergarten work all received new inspiration under Miss Peet's direction. The one at Kamiiso, a cement factory town, was put on a new basis entirely through the kindly efforts of one of the officials at the factory. He requested Miss Peet to open a Bible school for children of the factory workmen. It is held in the new recreation hall just put up by the company for its employees. He worked hard to help in every way he could, he offered the use of his home, next door, for a primary department. It was found that he was a Christian; but had been hiding his light under a bushel. It was he who secured subscriptions among the people there for the children's Christmas; so that it paid for itself and had a little surplus to add to the organ fund. It had been started by an enthusiastic Sunday school in New York State. Miss Peet called the work at Kamiiso her model Sunday school.

It was a great disappointment when Miss Peet became ill in November and was unable to continue the work she had undertaken. Her loyal Japanese helpers kept up all they could, but of course some of the work had to stop. We do hope that these months of rest in America will restore Miss Peet fully to health; and that she may soon return to the work she loved so much. Now Miss Byler is here, taking up a large part of the work. But, as her appointment is to the school first, she cannot carry out a full program at the kindergartens too.

Barbara M. Bailey.

HIROSAKI
Hiroasaki Jo Gakko:—M. Helen Russell, Principal
Lois K. Curtice

The report of the year begins with the month before entrance examinations, when we are wondering how many applicants we shall have and whether we shall find just the right teachers to take the places of those who have to get married. Then the term opens and 64 eager black-eyed maidens appear, on tiptoe to enter the new world which almost unbelievably has opened up to them. Does it seem possible that in five years they can take the places of the 27 womanly girls who are now the leaders and in March graduate to fill big places in their little world? Of these 27, the first, second, and sixth in the class enter the Training School for Christian Workers,
and others plan to study in higher schools, English, Japanese, science, dentistry, gymnastics, and so forth.

These fifth year girls are such a joy! They are the leaders in all the varied activities. Their class-charge teacher is a wonderfully wise mother who helps them to use their powers to the utmost. In November at their earnest solicitation they were reluctantly allowed to give a concert-literary in the large city hall, teachers and friends fearing it was too big an undertaking. It lasted three hours, the hall was packed with a good grade audience. They gave a good, varied program and it received a good response and good attention. The fifth year girls managed it themselves and it required much time and preparation, but their regular school work was omitted only one day, the day of the entertainment. The aim of the girls in doing this was threefold:—1. To advertise the fact that there was again a fifth year. 2. To make known the existence of Hirosaki Jo Gakko to the general public. 3. To add to the fund for Iwaki Hall (the new school building). The newspapers and the public pronounced the affair a great success. They gave ¥300 of the proceeds for Iwaki Hall.

They have had full charge of five Sunday schools, held in different parts of the city. This has meant faithful attendance every Sunday and in some cases coming in from their homes in vacations, as well as giving extra time for Christmas and Children’s Sunday entertainments.

Also it is they who have held the offices in the Y.W.C.A., and this has all the girls as voluntary members. The Christian work and benevolences of the school are largely under their auspices. ¥206 they have this year contributed to various worthy causes. Once a month the whole school is divided into twelve groups and simultaneously under the leadership of twelve girls prayer-meetings are held. The leaders feel a deep responsibility for their girls and it is they who get from the girls the decision to follow Christ. Of the 240 girls now on the roll, 178 are Christians, the two upper classes all Christians. When the first bell rings in the morning the five classes meet with their teachers for Bible study. Four other teachers begged for the privilege of studying with them and regularly attend.

The Teachers’ Bible class meets at the close of school every Wednesday and for the second term the teachers by turns are teaching it. There are some who are not Christians but there is such a harmonious spirit and seeking for the Truth that even the non-Christian teachers are taking their turns in giving their experiences.

The year from beginning to end has been filled with blessings and we count as one of the greatest the coming back of Miss Curtice from furlough. She has taken up again varied lines of work and guidance.
It cannot be a dream that we are to have a new school building! Bishop Welch has approved, the conference has approved, and the plans are all drawn up. It cannot be that you will disappoint us.

M. Helen Russell.

Evangelistic Work and Kindergartens:—Erma M. Taylor

Mrs. Takaya has been in better health this past year than for a long, long time, and has been such a help to the women evangelists in the quarterly get-together meetings and in her monthly letters to them, though not able to visit them in their stations. Suzuki San has done valiant work in Aomori, for the pastor was compelled to be away for months on military duty. Ito San has a big task trying to serve both Kuroishi and Fujisaki. The Christmas program showed her fine ability. Narita San in Akita is in better health and she is busier than ever and happy in her work. Yamagata San has taken hold well in Hirosaki and gives great promise of becoming a fine worker.

A number of places on the district have been visited this year and it has been a joy to find, here and there, old friends of my first term who are still active in the church. Last Fall the long-awaited opportunity came for me to visit Akita, for the annual meeting of pastors and women workers of Hirosaki District was to be held there as part of the program for the dedication of their brand new church. Early morning prayer meetings, morning and afternoon business sessions and evangelistic services filled the several days’ program. Saturday afternoon the church was crowded for the union women’s service, with Bishop Uzaki as principal speaker. A large children’s rally came later, and then the beautiful service of dedication, but the crowning joy was the group of more than forty young men and women who decided to become followers of Jesus Christ.

Odate, so long without the help of a woman evangelist, was one of the places visited. The women’s meeting was held at Grandma Narita’s, for the dear old soul, bent nearly double, finds it so hard to get out now. She sat by the fire-box in the floor, talked of her favorite Scripture passages and hymns and gave a fine testimony. Then Shuide San asked for her favorite hymn. After we sang it, she told us that she could never, never forget it, for Miss Griffiths had taught it to her years ago. Thus a little kind act is yielding part of the harvest of that “imperishable Gospel” which we try to spread.

Another trip was to Tanabu up in the hatchet-shaped peninsula to the north-east, first visited by Miss Griffiths and Nakajima San. They have a new church, dedicated about a year ago. The town’s people, not Christians themselves, yet realizing the value of such an institution to the community, subscribed nearly half of the four thousand yen which it cost.
The Kindergartens:—M—Chan was the biggest problem our teachers had this past year. Spoiled by a doting grandmother, he was self-willed, unresponsive and disobedient and they almost despaired of getting him to react normally to talks, games and handwork. But their patient efforts of months have been rewarded, and when he graduates this spring, he will be able to enter the first grade as a perfectly normal little boy. Y—Chan's manners have been a delight from the first. Such courtesy from such a tiny boy was a constant source of wonder, but when we called on his mother, we understood. She told us of her happy days in Sunday school in our Hirosaki church. Though married to a non-Christian, she has never forgotten the impression made on her as a little girl, and as soon as Y—Chan was old enough, she brought him at once to our Christian kindergarten. She never misses a mothers' meeting, which she says she looks forward to as her chief pleasure each month.

There have been many expressions of generosity during the year. When the fire last summer burned over four hundred houses, entirely destroying the homes of seventeen of our children, many tangible expressions of sympathy were given them. Thanksgiving time is always the occasion of systematic instruction in the blessings of giving. The Aiko children brought gifts of vegetables, fruit, cakes and money and sent them all to a poor old grandmother on whom the burdens of life had fallen heavily, leaving her with a little grandson to bring up when she was unable to support herself. Through our church the child was put in the Sendai orphanage, the grandmother was allowed to live in the day nursery and she earned a few pennies a day pasting bags to put on the apple trees. The poor old soul was too happy for words when the children's gift was taken to her. And the children have responded to requests for aid in other places, having their share in providing for the sufferers from the tidal wave which did so much damage in Kyushu. The Aiko teachers are happy over the spirit of co-operation shown by the mothers who asked if they might not give something as a present from the graduating class. The outcome was the promise of a fine new bookcase.

The union "field day" of the two kindergartens was one of the outstanding events of the year, when a hundred children and nearly as many grownups, carrying the all-important lunches, trudged the long hot walk to the castle park plateau overlooking the lovely valley at the foot of Mt. Iwaki. The interest and friendliness manifested helped all to get better acquainted. The children were adorable. We use many methods towards the one great goal.

Erma M. Taylor.
SENDAI
Evangelistic and Social Service Work:—Mabel Lee

Elizabeth H. Kilburn

The refrain that has been often in my heart since my return to Japan last summer has been—I thought we would have to wait. But in a few days after reaching Sendai in June with Miss Heaton and Miss Perry, after our conference, the annual church bazaar was on, and from that time there has been little waiting for opportunities for service. The farewells for Miss Heaton and Miss Perry, and the welcome meetings for Miss Kilburn and myself left no doubt in our minds as to the unity of spirit existing in our two Methodist churches or as to their close relation to the missionary workers.

Because of all the farewells and welcomes, to say nothing of the baggage to be packed and unpacked, Miss Kilburn and I felt we would wait before taking up any new work, but one of our pastors came with an earnest request for an English Bible class for university students which could not be refused. Our Community Church very much wanted a kindergarten. The pastor with great courage and determination raised over five hundred yen for an additional building and equipment and we were able to provide the teachers. Thus we did not have to wait to open this much needed kindergarten in the poorer section of the city. I wish you could see the change in these rough-and-ready children even in this short time.

In December, the semi-annual meeting of the kindergarten graduates of Airin Kindergarten was held with forty-five fine boys and girls present. We thought it might be best to wait until January to start a weekly club for them but they wanted to begin right away, so again we did not wait. We very much wanted to reopen the class for nurses in the hospital right across the road from our front gate and for that we somehow did have to wait, the reason being that we wished to begin this class also by request, while they wished to be invited! At last we came together and the class began. It centers in cooking and English but Bible and singing are acceptable.

We wait for lack of funds to do all we wish to do but as yet we have turned down no opportunity that has knocked at our door in Sendai. We have thus far had to refuse the appeals from the six country churches on the district, but light has commenced to dawn, for our Sendai church has come to realize that they should assume nearly half of the salary of their woman evangelist in order that we may be able to do more on the district.

We have felt as never before that the work in Sendai throbs with life and this new generation beckons us speedily on, but in order to make the most of our many wonderful opportunities we know we must quietly wait upon God for strength to go forward at His command.

Mabel Lee.
The Airin Joshi Ryo:—This is the only Christian hostel for school girls in this city, in fact the only one of its kind in Methodism in Japan, and yet Sendai is one of the educational centers. The First and Second Girls' High Schools (government) have now no dormitories for their girls who come in from the surrounding villages. Mr. Sasabi, the new principal of the Second High School, who by the way, is a Christian, was especially interested in hearing about our Christian hostel. He said to us, “There is certainly a great need for just such a hostel here in Sendai. I only wish it were much larger.” Ten of the girls graduate this year from the three different schools from which they come and of that number five are baptized Christians, while others call themselves Christians who have not as yet been able to receive baptism. Fifteen of the twenty-one girls have been attending church regularly, and they all come under regular instruction including devotions every evening. This dormitory is entirely self-supporting, including food, light, heat, matron's salary and even repairs or up-keep to the building. Although I am at present superintendent, it is really managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of seven, four of whom are Japanese Christians. With these young lives under daily Christian influence, surely this is a worth while piece of work!

The Sunday School in Matsushima:—Our work has been going on now for about fifteen years in this place, one of the most noted beauty spots in Japan. Formerly it was necessary to go by train and then by boat and it took several hours, now we can go all the way to within a stone's throw of the place, by electric cars running every hour, and it only takes about an hour and a half. It is the only bit of Christian work being done there. The work has been done so effectively for so many years, that we feel that there are now splendid opportunities for broader evangelistic work. We have talked it over with two of our Methodist pastors here and they are greatly interested and want to help in a broader evangelistic program. Please pray that God may guide us in this undertaking.

Meetings in the Nishikawa Silk Factory:—This factory is located in Harunomachi, about two hours' ride in the train from Sendai. Mr. Nishikawa himself makes it possible for us to do this work, for he always entertains us in his home and always pays the Japanese evangelist's expenses. We have regular monthly meetings at this factory and always have an attendance of 450 girls or more. Thirty-three of the girls have been baptized, seven having been baptized shortly before Christmas. Minoshima San and I always look forward to going to this silk factory to hold these meetings, for nowhere are we made to feel so welcome.

Classes for Factory Girls in Sendai:—Here in the mission home the work is also most interesting. The local manager of this factory
is not even favorable to Christianity, but encourages the workers to worship the fox. However, we have fifty-eight girls who are members of the Bible classes which meet in our home every Friday night. They come directly from the factory as it is only a block away from us. A group from this factory was started by Miss Lee when she was here in Sendai before. Miss Perry and a Japanese assistant who for three years carried on the work, have had wonderful success with these girls, a number of strong Christian characters having come from its numbers. The group is called “Sinko no Tomo Kai,” which means “Friends of the Faith Club.” One of the heads of a department in the factory told the brother of one of our Christian girls in the church, that out of the ninety girls under him, thirty were “Sinko no Tomo Kai” members, “and these girls do their work so happily and well and are so honest I never have to watch them at all,” he said boastingly. On a national holiday last fall we gave each member five invitations to give to her friends in the factory, to come and spend the afternoon. About twenty-five new girls came that day and have been coming ever since.

I cannot close this report without saying something about the beautiful service that Miss Heaton has rendered in Sendai for so many years. I feel that the wonderful opportunities that are open to us now among the various classes of people here in Sendai is largely because of her faithful, quiet influence and seed sowing all through these many years, and I pray that God may give us strength and wisdom to carry on the work that she has encouraged and nourished for so long.

Elizabeth H. Kilburn.

TOKYO
Aoyama Jo Gakuin:—Alberta B. Sprowles, Principal
Laura Chase (to July), Sugi Hida
Mary E. Howey (from Sept.) Chiyo Kobayashi
Pauline A. Place, Suye Shibata
Leona Thomasson (to Jan.), Frances Woodruff

As we count over the blessings we have received the past year at Aoyama, they are more than can be numbered. We think of the 110 girls who have made decisions to be Christians and have received baptism, some of them having refrained from doing it without their parents consent, until just before they graduated. Some were little girls who came from Christian homes or had attended Sunday school and so knew what it meant, and as soon as they entered school, took a definite stand. It is fine to think we will have those girls for five years or more and can watch them develop into strong women.
Another blessing is meeting the former graduates. During the term extending from September to December, all of the 1000 graduates who live in or near Tokyo, were invited to our home, and more than half of them came in the afternoon to play, sing and visit with former school friends. The groups came on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and ranged in size from 50 to 170. The oldest group included the president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who often comes back and tells the present students about her school days of 50 years ago. She is also the very active president of our alumnac association. Mrs. Sugimoto, the author of the well known book "A Daughter of the Samurai" came too and told of her school days as interestingly as she tells it in her book. It is fine to see these women and feel that the good work is still going on and the younger girls are as loyal to their Alma Mater as the older ones.

At commencement, March 22nd, 219 girls were graduated and 84 will enter higher schools including the Woman's Christian College, Higher Normal and many schools for special study in medicine, art, music, household science, etc. It is a joy to see a fine group of young women go out to meet responsibility, and feel that they are trained in the most worth while things, the result of Christian teaching in daily Bible classes, and contact with strong teachers. The best speakers that Tokyo affords have spoken to the girls during the past year on many subjects, art, science, current events and religion.

To take the places of the graduates have come 237 little high school girls of 13 or 14 years of age, chosen from 700 applicants, by an oral and physical examination and their primary school records. It is hard to turn others away, all have some special excuse why they think they should be admitted, many are children or sisters of former graduates; one little girl came every day for a week though the announcements had been made of the successful ones, saying, maybe there would be a vacancy. Poor little thing she had perhaps dreamed of that day for years, such a hope is held before them all through the primary school. More than 60 older girls entered the business and home economics courses. The latter has been extended during the past year from two to three years, since our equipment is good and we felt that we could assist in higher education in that way, as the Woman's Christian College plans no work along that line.

On November 5th, we celebrated Parents' Day and more than 600 guests came to see the field day exercises in the morning and attend a concert in the afternoon, also to see the exhibit of work done through the past year. November 16th was our 53rd birthday and in the evening a fine concert was given by Tokyo talent, netting 303 yen for an organ fund.
And so the work goes on, ever growing in interest and possibilities as we build for the future in a land that makes almost any sacrifice for education, but a land that needs the guidance and help of Christ. We who have known Him so long and have received His blessings feel the challenge to renewed consecration and greater service.

Pauline A. Place.

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Training School for Christian Workers:—Harriet J. Jost

Michiko Kataoka

This year, in connection with the "Joshi Shingakuin," we have some things to report that are cause for sincere gratitude. In order to lead up to these and make sure of a full appreciation of them, it seems best to review a little. We find in the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the school, dated January 9th, 1926, the following,—"Miss Sprowles moved that the Board approve of the permanent union of the Training School with the Theological Department of Aoyama Gakuin, providing that some plan be made by which each co-operating body shall have a full share in the management of the school. Carried unanimously." On March 12th of the same year, in the minutes of the annual meeting of the Zaidan of Aoyama Gakuin, there is recorded a resolution to the effect that Aoyama Gakuin, in addition to its present theological department, shall establish a theological department for women with the understanding that in the internal management of the two theological departments, there shall be in administrative officers, faculty and budget, the greatest possible union. These two resolutions were then forwarded through the missionary bodies concerned, to the Executive Committee of the W.F.M.S. at home, with a request for approval. Not until June, 1927, came the reply authorizing the co-operation of the Joshi Shingakuin with the Aoyama Gakuin by merging the work of the two schools. Almost immediately application was made to the Monbusho for permission for this co-operation and again we waited while the traditionalists and the modernists in this educational department discussed the "pros and cons" of co-education in Aoyama Gakuin.

In the meantime a letter came from the W.M.S. of the United Church of Canada, one of the co-operating bodies, saying that at a meeting of its Board in October last, an increase was made in the appropriation for the Training School which raised it from $900 to $2000.

Although negotiations with the Educational Department are not yet completed and final permission for the establishment of the new department not yet obtained, we hope to begin the new school year
in April, as a recognized department of Aoyama Gakuin. We pray that our career as such may never give the institution which has so generously taken us in, cause to regret its action.

This movement in Aoyama Gakuin seems generally approved by Christian leaders in Japan. In answer to a questionnaire sent out by a committee appointed by the Japan Methodist Church to consider the question of co-education in theological schools, 182 replies were received. Of these, 104 were in favor, and among those who opposed it now, were about twenty who hoped for it in the future.

During the past year we have had an enrollment of 38—27 in the regular course and 4 in the post graduate class. The others have come for special lectures only—twice or three times a week.

On our faculty this year, we have been glad to have Mrs. Kosaka, a certificated teacher of English and Mrs. Kimura, Ph. D., teacher of sociology, both cultured Japanese women of whom any school might be proud.

We are sending out this month nine graduates, all of whom have their work as evangelists or Bible teachers or social workers, already provided for. There was application for twice as many workers and our confidence that our small school is needed in Japan was once more confirmed. We pray that the day may come when we can feel that we are more adequately meeting the need.

Harriet J. Jost, Principal.

Woman's Christian College of Japan:—The following has been collected from the last report of trustees. The total number of graduates the past year was 71. Of these 11 have become teachers and 4 are doing editorial work. The new entering class numbers 124 in the various departments, chosen from a group of 304, from 146 schools.

New Courses and Extension of Senior College:—A course in mathematics has been begun as a part of the general plan for further development in science. A new course in Japanese Language and Literature was launched. The Senior College course has been extended from two to three years. This raises the standard to equal that of the men's universities. Before the college can have degree conferring privileges, it will be necessary to raise an endowment fund, according to the rules of the Department of Education as follows:

Yen 500,000 for university privilege,
Yen 100,000 for each extra course.

The Student Body, Alumnae Association and Board of Trustees are giving this matter careful consideration but we earnestly request help for this purpose from our American supporters.
Plant and Equipment:—During the year the following additions were completed: the first section of the science building, the President's residence enlarged, costing Yen 2000, the main gate, and fencing the campus, at a cost of Yen 9,890. The outstanding needs in building are the library administration at a cost of $100,000, and the chapel, to cost $75,000, of which $12,500 is pledged. The second half of the science building to cost $45,000 should be completed. "The college has made a splendid beginning, but it should be recognized that if it is to hold its place of leadership in higher education for women in Japan, now is the time to give our fullest support and most earnest prayers."

Religious Life in the College:—President Yasui gives the fundamental basis of the religious atmosphere of the college as follows: Christianity is primarily a life. By Christian education we mean not only giving instruction in Christianity, but also teaching the students to know what spiritual religion is, and helping them to lead a true and complete life, no matter what their studies are. The morning chapel is led by different members of the faculty. One student said "Quiet prayer fifteen minutes in the morning is my motive power for the day." Regular curricular instruction in Bible is given to all the students. Sunday morning a service is conducted in the chapel for the students and community.

Alberta B. Sprowles.

Tokyo District Evangelistic Work:—Tomi Furuta

Tokyo District was favored to have six good women evangelists the past year. A big part of their work is the work hard to express with words, harder still to count up with numbers. I trust every bit of their earnest untiring toll will be counted up in Heaven.

Miss Tanaka who works in Utsunomiya wishes to stop. She will be married before long. Her year's work was a successful one. She writes, saying, "Our women's meeting has been blessed in many ways. The wife of the head officer in the police office became a very earnest seeker for salvation. Through her introduction a plan has been made to have a Bible class for the wives of the officers of the prefecture. From their homes children come, so we have a promising Sunday school."

Our Asakusa woman evangelist tells me there was a woman who was miraculously saved in that awful earthquake. A big timber struck her. Her daughter who came to save her mother was killed. The mother after a long illness has recovered, but through that awful experience she had an opportunity to come nearer to the Savior and began to have a deeper insight into salvation. She is full of grateful spirit, cannot keep quiet but tells others about Jesus who saved her
soul. She opens her house for meetings, invites neighbors and friends to hear about Christianity. One who came to these meetings is baptized and has become a lovely Christian and she also has been trying to lead others. Thus a true and faithful follower of to-day leads another to Christ just like the disciples of old days.

The woman evangelist in Mita Church writes that her house-owner had been a very disagreeable person to live with, being coarse and hysterical. Miss Mano sometimes thought she could not bear any longer to stay, still she tried her best to pacify her, and gradually she became better spirited and sometimes even tried to be kind. One day she brought to Miss Mano an old man seventy years old, the father of the host. The old man lived in a country village where he had been chief for many years and was extremely anti-Christian. He heard his son was renting a room to a Christian worker, so he came to make this worker repent. He said to Miss Mano, "Why do you have such awful mistaken idea? If you are not crazy you ought to stop believing in such religion." Then with a scornful air he said he would hear about her Yaso religion. She asked the Lord for His special guidance and read the Sermon on the Mount and explained it. As she was talking, his haughty head began to hang lower and lower and after about thirty minutes the old man said, "This is indeed a great religion. I am ashamed now that I disliked it without knowing it. Every religion is good. You just diligently spread your religion and I will come to hear you again." When he was leaving, he asked her to come some day to his village and tell him more and he went back a changed man. The Holy Spirit works even in such an obstinate man and opens his spiritual eyes.

Miss Murata in Nakano Church says there was a certain Christian family there in which the wife was selfish and the husband had a hard time with her, so purposely moved very near the church and asked the church people to pray for her. Miss Murata often visited her to give Bible lessons and finally the wife began to see how selfish she had been and realized that her Christian life had been a very poor and weak one. She felt sad and repentant and revived her faith and became a very different woman. Now both husband and wife help the church in many ways. Thus even Christian families very often need the help of the woman evangelist.

Miss Aizawa, Aoyama Church woman evangelist, says that visiting the homes is the most interesting and inspiring part of her work, for it means having the personal touch, praying together, listening and finding out what is in the innermost part of the heart, and giving the spiritual food that satisfies. It is blessed work but of heavy responsibility. But it is not only joy we get. Oftentimes we are disappointed as we meet people whose hearts are tightly shut to the Light. Sometimes we meet a woman who listens earnestly and is beginning to
grasp the meaning of salvation, then for some little reason she quits coming to learn about Christianity and wanders about to this or that religion. It is heart-breaking to meet such persons. She takes great pleasure in the work of the Joshi Kyoreikai, young women's meeting, which was started a little over a year ago. Out of twenty-five members, nine girls have been baptized. This is really a promising group of young people.

Mrs. Hiraoka is one of the oldest women evangelists in age on the district, yet she works like the young people. She is faithful and earnest and with her mother heart looks after the church people as well as the inquirers.

For years and years we have had a worker in Kudan Church but there is no one there just now, but the efficient pastor's wife, together with good earnest church women, makes things move very nicely in that church. I can keep close touch with them for they invite me often for their women's meetings to speak.

Our churches in Tokyo are making progress as a whole. It is a joy to see old members stick fast to their belief and grow in grace. There are some whom I remember as young wives or women when I came first to begin my work here thirty years ago. Then the district was called Tokyo-Shinano District, so Shinshu was included and Yokahama also was included, so we had a very large section to work in. Later Shinano was given to the Canadian ladies and then Yokohama had its own missionary lady. Things have changed in the last thirty years. An Unseen Mighty Hand has been moving and working unceasingly. I can see it in many things. His Name has to be praised!

Tomi Furuta.

Social Service Work:—Bernice C. Bassett

Before formulating any plans regarding social service work in the city, it seemed wise to make a more or less cursory survey of work already being done. The first visit made was to the "Airindan" —the social settlement of the Canadian Methodist Mission. It is a large plant containing kindergarten, primary school, night school for sewing, English and Bible, Goodwill industry, club rooms, dispensary, etc. The entire plant was destroyed at the time of the earthquake. This is located in one of the most needy slum districts of the city. Mr. Price who is in charge there with his corps of Japanese workers is the present chairman of the Social Service Committee of the Japan Methodist Church and is perhaps more conversant with the social situation in the city than any other missionary.

A second contact was made by meeting Mr. Namae, one of the country's specialists in child welfare work and a lecturer on sociology
in Aoyama Gakuin. He is a Christian and a brother of the wife of
the dean of the College Department of Aoyama Gakuin. It was not
difficult to enlist his interest in our plans for child welfare work, and
to show his interest he personally took me to the head of the Child
Welfare Department of the Bureau of Social Service and gave his
day to visiting with me the outstanding pieces of city work. It is
interesting to note that where there are now some fifty or more
distinct settlements conducted by the city for women and children,
there were before the earthquake not more than a half-dozen.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Ashisawa in charge of this work,
who put a car and a guide at our disposal, Mr. Namae and I visited
that day two maternity hospitals, a dispensary, two day-nurseries, a
nutrition kitchen and a baby clinic. While a visit to these institutions
only increases our desire to add our bit to the cause of social service
among the poor where there is such a crying need, it is nevertheless
most encouraging to see a growing consciousness of opportunities in
this field, among the Japanese themselves. These lack much yet in
the way of sanitation, hygiene, discipline and administration, but a
beginning has been made.

The visits to the Nutrition Kitchen and later to the Government
Nutrition Laboratory, both of which are under the very efficient
direction of Dr. Saiki, were of special personal interest. In the one,
an analysis of Japanese food-stuffs is being thoroughly made by
means of animal experimentation, and in the other, some six hundred
lunches are prepared daily and delivered to the under nourished
school children of the city.

Through the further kindness of Mr. Namae an appointment was
made with Mr. Oka, the head of the entire Social Service Bureau
of greater Tokyo. He is likewise a Christian and his interest in our
tentative plans has been most sincere. There have been still other
persons of influence and interest among city and church officials who
have given me conferences to discuss our problems, and there was a
half-day's trip through the Public Health Department of St. Luke's
International Hospital—an unusually splendid piece of work being
carried on under the auspices of the Episcopal Church but supported
by the city. A young Japanese woman doctor who has recently
graduated from the University of Michigan is now in charge of the
Baby and School Clinics there. She has welcomed my visits and has
given freely of her time for discussion. She is a graduate of Kwassui
Jo Gakko.

A number of conferences were had with representatives of the
foreign section of the W.C.T.U. of the city who are carrying on an
extensive piece of social work and are about to begin the rebuilding
of their plant destroyed during the earthquake.

One day a visit was made to the play-ground in Asakusa where the
former principal of our primary school there and his wife are still living and looking after the work. The children of the neighborhood appreciate the chance to play and in the summer sometimes as many as four hundred come at different times during the day. At Christmas there were between two and three hundred out to the exercises. The lot is rented property and has been reduced somewhat in size by the street improvements.

It is to be hoped that the result of the many conferences and investigations may be some definite plans for the particular branch of God's work in Japan which we are so longing to begin.

Bernice C. Bassett.

YOKOHAMA
City and District Evangelistic Work:—Winifred F. Draper
Kindergarten and Day Nurseries:—Waka Ninomiya

Yokohama district is not large—it consists of five churches in the city and five on the district, but it is a province teeming with possibilities for Christian work. The three evangelistic workers in the outlying towns have great fields before them, and it is only their strength that limits their work. Kinugasa San in Odawara is continually finding new openings for meetings for woman and children in the fishing villages or country homes. Kudo San has been only a few months in her station where she helps in two churches and a preaching place—two or three miles apart, but she is learning to know the people and to reach out into a large area.

Sannomiya San in Kamakura is very busy acting as treasurer for the church kindergarten, and calling on the women in Kamakura as well as the towns around and even in Tokyo where a good many of their church members live. They are having wonderfully spirit-filled meetings in the church and the longing to live and preach the Christ fills the hearts of the people to overflowing. Sannomiya San herself, while spending a month of rest in a village at the base of Mt. Fuji, in her quiet way led the carpenter working on their house to Christ—thus changing the outlook of an unhappy, disillusioned young man to a wonderful satisfying vision of the Christ so that he is trying to bring Him to the men in his village.

The work in Yokohama city this year has been at a great disadvantage as three out of the four evangelistic workers stationed there have been ill most of the year. In trying to do what I could to help out in their absence, I have had to spread myself so thin that it is a wonder if anything has been accomplished at all! In Hodagaya church we have had a knitting class once a week for ten weeks with an average attendance of about twenty women. As a result several of the women have continued coming to the services in the church
and are earnest seekers. It is very encouraging to see this, for there have been practically no women—only young girls—in that small church.

In two of the churches the girls and young women had not been organized into Young People's Societies and so these have been started. It is just a small beginning now but it is well worth the effort to see the girls take such a deep interest and bear the responsibilities so capably. Helping a poor family at Christmas, ushering at church service or forming the church choir—they are eager to serve in any way they can.

A wonderful opportunity has come in the way of a Bible class for the nurses in the city hospital for contagious diseases. The head nurse especially is an earnest seeker and it is with great joy that we meet every week to sing and talk together. In the social service center carried on by the city, an opportunity for a weekly Bible class is also gradually opening up. If only there were more days in a week! Sunday schools and boys' and girls' clubs held in the day nurseries have also been of great interest.

Mrs. Ninomiya is working in her usual excellent way. The kindergarten is thriving but the building is in such a decrepit condition that she is trying to raise money to rebuild. As the missionary society is having such a hard time raising money, she says she will not ask for any funds from America, but will get the money out here! Good for her! She is working hard at concerts and bazaars where the children and their mothers can assist so effectively, and soon she will begin with her subscription list.

She is in high standing with the government so that they give her the funds with which to run the day nurseries—social service work—and they have just about promised her enough to rebuild the Aizawa day nursery which has been carrying on in an entirely inadequate building since the earthquake. They often ask her to speak at meetings held throughout the province for women and children by the educational authorities. As they allow her to speak freely of religion, it shows that they realize that education and morals are not enough—one must have the impetus of religion, too.

Winifred F. Draper.
REPORTS FROM THE STATIONS
WEST JAPAN CONFERENCE

NAGASAKI
Kwassui Jo Gakko:—Anna Laura White, Principal
Adella M. Ashbaugh; Helen Couch; Lois L. Davis; Jino Eto; Vera J. Fehr; Mary Belle Oldridge; Caroline S. Peckham; Maju Takamori; Yoshi Tokunaga; Ayako Totsugu.

The past year has seen the completion of the first half of the gymnasium, which the students have built. For the past three years on rainy days, when the athletic field could not be used, there has been no place for the classes in gymnastics to meet except in the corridors of the main building.

We are rejoicing in the fact that the alumnae have in cash ¥19,000 of the ¥20,000 undertaking, and ¥2,000 more in pledges which are gradually coming in. This money has been raised without any contributions from the missionaries.

At the beginning of the school year in April, one of the Christian teachers was asked by a teacher who had been five or six years in the school but had not yet become a Christian, whether it would be possible for a group of non-Christian teachers to have a Bible class with the pastor, so that they might without embarrassment ask all the questions that had been coming into their minds. The pastor was only too glad to meet with them, and the class has been held on Mondays after the teaching for the day was over. They found one hour too short, so they have spent two hours together each week. The pastor, Mr. Murata, found their many questions interesting and stimulating, but after a few months there were fewer and fewer questions and a deeper and deeper interest. Just before Christmas three teachers came with a request for baptism, and on New Year's Sunday three more were baptized. Another who could not quite make up her mind to take the stand with them came to the church both Sundays and watched the ceremony with tears in her eyes.

Their new-found joy is contagious and it has been an inspiration to hear them rejoice in the steps that have led them. The one who had asked for the class in the first place spoke of the talks she had had with Mrs. Saruda, the dear old evangelist who went to her reward a year ago. She said that she made her final "firm decision" late in the Fall when she visited Mrs. Saruda's grave with Miss
Takamori. On the way she had asked several questions that were still troubling her, but as she stood before the grave she quietly made her consecration. Miss Takamori even knew nothing of the decision until later.

Another who had come to us the year before from one of the Government girls' high schools had found many things in the atmosphere of Kwassui very much to her liking, but she thought she disliked Christianity. Her mother-in-law had been a Christian, and when on a long visit she had urged the children to attend Sunday school, they had gone and had begun to be interested, but as soon as the grandmother left, the mother forbade their going. After she had been in Kwassui a few months she suggested that it would be all right if they wanted to go to Sunday school, but they replied, "When we wanted to go you would not permit it, and now we don't want to." Now the mother is praying that she may be able to interest them again, and undo what she herself has done. After her baptism she was one day going over with her pastor the different slight contacts she had had with Christianity even from her girlhood, and how she had felt no interest in it. His suggestion that God had been patiently leading her all these years brought to her a new revelation of God's love.

Many had wet eyes on these two beautiful days, but the saddest face was that of another teacher who in her heart had made a full surrender and has helped the younger teachers to see the right path, but whose mother-in-law is bitterly opposed to her becoming a Christian. She does not feel that it is right either to secretly be baptized or to openly defy her, so she has given up the joy of church fellowship and an open participation in Christian affairs, but her beautiful life is a blessing and inspiration to the girls in her classes and to the younger teachers.

One evening in October the quiet study hours in the college dormitory were suddenly transformed into an unusual opportunity for Christian service. Eighty girls and six teachers from the Tagawa Industrial Girls' School in Fukuoka Ken arrived in Nagasaki, and Miss Takamori received a message with the extraordinary request that they be permitted to stay overnight in the Kwassui dormitories in order that they might be in the religious atmosphere of a Christian school! While the preceptress and matron were trying to decide how to accommodate so large a number, the senior girls came voluntarily and offered their own rooms to the guests. The Y.W.C.A. girls got together and planned a program for the evening. The meeting opened with hymns and prayer, and a happy evening at Kwassui made a deep impression on the visiting teachers and girls.
Eleven girls baptized in December made a noticeable change in the dormitory atmosphere. Now the latest and greatest cause of rejoicing is the decision of a junior girl to become an evangelistic worker. Because of the opposition of her parents to Christianity, she was anxious about obtaining their consent. But in a mysterious way God answered her prayers, and she is very happy in her victory.

It is our ideal that the Y.W.C.A. will function all through the school. We have not reached that goal, but during the five years since we organized all our student religious activities are under that head, so we have at least made a beginning.

One way in which we have especially made progress this year has been in the inspiration and enthusiasm with which the girls who attended summer conferences and Sunday school institutes came back in the Fall and entered into the work. The Y.W.C.A. paid the way of some of the girls; others went at their own expense. Some of the leaders in the Sunday school work received their impetus either directly or indirectly in this way. For instance, one of the seniors in the dormitory was very helpful in showing some freshman girls how to make the great decision.

One other encouraging fact is that senior girls in the cabinet, in thinking over faults in their own methods, are planning to point these out to the new cabinet and give constructive suggestions. The thing they are especially hoping for this year is to make all the girls feel that they have a vital part and privilege in the association.

The Street Sunday Schools have made great advance this year, the girls themselves directing the organization. They have a meeting on Saturday night for preparation, they buy the cards and the colored paper which they fold into cunning shapes to hold the interest of the smallest children. Some fifty girls are now teaching and about six hundred children are enrolled. Mothers' meetings have been held. In one Sunday school, in a home where the father of a child died, the teachers called. In another community where a little Sunday school pupil died, the workers called and left flowers. These visits were greatly appreciated and were a help in reaching the people of these districts.

The work in the Domestic Science and Music Departments has been most gratifying, so eager and enthusiastic are the girls. One Saturday night at Christmas time six of the Domestic Science students, after much thought and prayer, decided to be baptized the next day. With radiant faces they came to announce it, they
have not lost the radiance of that experience. One of the group has already led another of the class to Christ.

Of the fourteen girls in the Music Department, only four have not been baptized, and two of these have just decided for Christ. In all the religious activities of the school the girls of this department are earnest and willing workers.

Truly, Kwassui's Fount of Living Waters is freely flowing!

Adella M. Ashbaugh.

City and District Evangelistic Work:—Mariana Young

Kiku Matsuo, Toshi Sasamori

First, I wish to pay a tribute of appreciation to my staff of workers: seven kindergartners, two evangelists and the matron of the Children's Home; and to the members of the Dorcas Club for their splendid cooperation and teamwork. The most delightful part of the work has been the spirit of Christian fellowship with which we have labored together.

Mrs. Sasamori led the kindergarten mothers in a successful effort to interest the kindergarten fathers, many of whom are business and professional men, in the building project. A group of key men were present at that first meeting and when the time came to act they asked a few questions, then formed a committee to formulate plans by which the entire group of alumni could be canvassed by the promoting committee. This was very encouraging to the mothers whose interest in the cause is entirely controlled by the approval or disapproval of the husband.

There is a healthy, happy group of girls at the Children's Home. It was with regret that we had to say, "No," to the request to take in new children bereft by the Kumamoto storm, but our three small rooms were full. The need for the new building is evident. "Night and day praying exceedingly," we plead for funds to house the children and to build the Nagasaki Evangelistic Home and Kindergarten.

For a year the dispensary has been the goal of the Dorcas Club, and two rummage sales have been held to raise funds. These sales with special gifts of money have netted enough to enable us to rent a small Japanese house to be known as the Dorcas House where a clinic for the poor will be held three times a week and the house at other times will be used as a community center for various kinds of evangelistic and social welfare work. Children came to attend Sunday school before it was announced. A Bible school has been opened and other services will be held as soon as they can be arranged. A kindly sympathetic interest has been shown us by
Christians and non-Christians and also by officials with whom we have consulted from time to time. We are especially indebted to one of the University Medical College professors for his generous assistance in arranging details for us and in securing a physician from the university hospital to give his services. As this dispensary is for the destitute poor, no fees can be charged.

In December the Dorcas Club invited 100 of the city poor to a Christmas dinner in the kindergarten rooms, the food being prepared by members of the club. The tickets were distributed through the City Welfare Bureau. The day was cold, a keen, penetrating wind that made you shiver was blowing in from the sea. Before the time announced for arrival people began coming. Most of them had come long distances, and were thinly clad, some having no tabi on their feet, some only half a sandal for street wear, some wore only one garment. One old woman was partially paralyzed and walked with a shuffling gait; one had hunted hours before finding the place. A short Christmas program was given which included a talk from the pastor of Wesley Church, special songs by Miss Davis of Kwassui and by the kindergarten children. The attendant from the City Welfare office responded with words of appreciation.

The adults sat on the matting and ate, while the children sat on the kindergarten chairs. Tears rolled down the faces of these old people as they ate to their satisfaction. To sit in a warm comfortable room and eat delicious food was luxury unknown to them, as some said they had never had such good food in all their lives. Some could not come because they did not have clothes, or for some other reason but they sent their tickets so their food could be brought to them. One pastor said this gave him a glimpse of the city poor that he had never had. They went out with bright flushed faces and words of gratitude declaring they would come again next year. The courtesy and kindliness shown to these elderly people by the young kindergarten teachers was very beautiful to see as it was done with a gracious Christian spirit. One little kindergarten boy when he heard we were giving this Christmas dinner for the poor emptied out two-thirds of his yearly savings and brought it as a gift and he was very happy about it. The children remained to play, led by the kindergarten teachers who taught them games and songs, told the Christmas story, and sent them home with hands full of gifts and hearts full of joy, so it was a question which were happier that night, the guests or the hostesses. With the food left over, the members of the Dorcas Club went out, led by a policeman, and distributed it in other destitute homes where it was received with tears of gratitude. This was the last and the climax of our thirteen Christmas celebrations. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
A Praying Mother:—During a special religious meeting held in the school not long ago, the leader asked for volunteer prayers from the girls. It is hard for girls of high school age to pray in public, and the whole student body of three-hundred girls, and all the teachers, were present. But, after an anxious pause, one of the senior girls got up and prayed very sweetly. And then, with no hesitation, a little first-year girl rose and prayed, earnestly, and very sincerely. We were surprised that such a young girl should be able to pray so freely and naturally, and wondered how it came about.

Later a friend of the school told us that the mother is a widow, and both she and her little daughter are members of the Fukuoka Methodist church. Every morning, when Iwako San is ready to start out for school, she and her mother kneel and pray for the Heavenly Father's blessing on the girl while she is absent from her mother. Also, at eight-thirty, when morning worship begins at school the mother drops whatever household task she may be engaged in, and spends that time in prayer. We no longer wonder that her little daughter can turn to prayer so freely and naturally.

Happy Hill's Version of "We Are Seven":—Tsuzuri San was a second-year girl, of non-Christian parents. She had attended our school for just a year, had received Christian instruction during that time, but had not made any expression of faith. Suddenly, after only a week's illness, word came that she had died. When the teachers called they were told that, just before she died, Tsuzuri San said, "Say good-by for me to the Fukuoka Jogakko girls. Tell them that I am going to be with God."

More than once since then in checking up the roll before beginning an English class in their room, I have pointed unconsciously to a particular seat and asked, "Whose seat is that?" and invariably the answer has been, "That is Tsuzuri San's seat." Her sweet spirit and beautiful faith will always abide in the hearts of her classmates.

The Persecutor Turns Worshpper:—About six years ago our school was desperately in need of a teacher of Japanese language. The principal and head-teacher had searched in vain for a Christian teacher, and finally had accepted a man who had just retired from the principalship of a girls' school in the country. We were told that, as principal of that school, he had many times ridiculed, in public, girls who had shown some interest in Christianity, and had taken their Bibles from them. We wondered with what intent he had been willing to join the faculty of our Christian school.

The years have passed and he is still with us. He has never opposed our Christian efforts, but neither has he helped us by taking
a Christian stand. But some weeks ago he was taken sick and had to go to the hospital. The teachers have been very good to him during his illness, taking him reading matter and dainty things to eat, and remembering him constantly in prayer.

The other day, when one of them visited him, he broke down in his effort to express his thanks. He said that the knowledge that they were praying for him helped him more than anything else. "And now," he said, "every morning, at the time when you are having chapel service in school I sit up in bed and pray to the Heavenly Father for the salvation of my soul, and for the welfare of the school."

Home-makers versus Home-wreckers:—Sake (Japanese liquor) and geisha are the home-wreckers of Japan. Western cooking is very popular in Japan and we make use of this opportunity as a means to fight the above enemies of the home. Dainty salads, sandwiches, tasty cakes and cookies, coffee, postum, cocoa, etc. appeal to the Japanese men, and the wife who can make them, makes possible the entertaining of guests in the home rather than in the cafe, where sake and geisha are the chief items. Just before New Year's we opened our kitchen for cooking classes for the alumnae who might want to learn some of the above receipts. On Thursdays and Saturdays for five weeks, twenty-two girls and women came and we had a happy time together. It gave me an opportunity to get into close touch with this group again. It is easy to lose touch with the graduates.

A Family School:—Not only do we enjoy a lovely family feeling in the school, but we are in reality sisters. There are twenty-three pairs of sisters, in the school. We are happy for this because we are building up a constituency of families, which makes for permanency.

"Work Is Love Made Visible"!—Surely no one ever had the right to appreciate this saying any more than we of Fukuoka Jo Gakko. Our Elizabeth M. Lee Chapel was born in love and is being completed in the same spirit. Before this reaches the kind friends in America, our chapel will be a reality. This Autumn will witness the dedication, and the love that has prompted the friends in America and in Japan to make possible this building, the great need of our school, will be carried on down through the years, touching the hundreds of little girls yet to come into our school and making possible the actual spiritual work, which is the real reason for our existence. "Beautiful for Character" is our watchword.

Harriet M. Howey.
City and District Evangelistic Work:—K. Grace Wythe

Three things stand out most prominently from among the varied experiences of the past year. The first and most beautiful of these is the spirit of co-operation which has been evident within our working force. With the departure of Miss Peet and her co-worker for Hakodate last June, the ranks of our women evangelistic workers was reduced half, and we were faced with the question of how much of the existing work we could continue. Prayer and conference with the remaining Japanese workers showed that they were ready to shoulder their share of the increased responsibilities, and so the children's meetings were turned over to them entirely, and splendidly have they been carried on. But there were a good many groups in which the personal help of the missionary seemed necessary, and realizing this, the other missionaries in the station came forward with offers of help, so that we have been able to continue most of the activities which were being carried on before Miss Peet left. Miss Hagen has assisted in the young women's meetings. This is cause for the deepest thanksgiving, and we are praying that we may be able to continue faithfully until once more there are two evangelistic missionaries here.

The second striking experience followed close on the heels of this process of readjustment. It came in the form of a call to begin children's work in a town which we had been wanting to enter for three years. Owing to the faithful work of the pastor of one of our smaller churches, there is already quite a large group of Christians and inquirers in Akama, but there was not one among them who felt ready to do anything for the children. At the invitation of the pastor we had gone out three or four times, but so great was the opposition to Christianity and especially to missionaries that the pastor felt that we had better wait a little, for our visits always resulted in petty persecution of those who were known to be interested. So it was a real joy to have the pastor come to us with a beaming face saying, "Sensei, the time has come at last; the people of Akama are asking that you will come out and hold meetings for the children, and for the women too, if you can." Thankfully we planned for the new work, but alas! there was money enough for only two to make the weekly trip, so the class for the older women had to be put off indefinitely, so that the forty children could be divided into classes and have the best teaching possible.

The third great cause for thanksgiving is the wonderful deepening of the work among the nurses of the University Hospital. The attendance has been increasing steadily all year until now the average is thirty-five, and often there are as many as fifty, and the best thing about it is that this increase is a real indication of growth in personal spirituality. Last September we were delighted when
three of the Christian girls came to talk with us about a plan for holding a little weekly prayer-meeting. They said that they felt keenly the need for more expression of their faith than they could give in the big meeting, and though none of them had ever done such a thing before, they wanted to do it all themselves. This work has proved very effective; sometimes as many as fifteen are present, and they talk informally about their own thoughts and experiences, read the Bible and pray. Increasing interest brings them in ever larger numbers to the church services; nine have been baptized during the year, and five have been received into full membership in the church. Truly, led by the Spirit, these girls are working out their own salvation in a beautiful way.

K. Grace Wythe

KUMAMOTO
City and District Evangelistic Work:—Carolyn M. Teague
Margaret Burmeister
Yasuye Okubo, Michi Yokomizu

Nineteen twenty-seven and this first part of nineteen twenty-eight has necessarily been a year of adjustments in Kumamoto station. Miss Kilburn left here in July to go to her new appointment in Sendai. Miss Burmeister came in September to take up part of the work left by Miss Kilburn's departure and to do half-time language study.

The three kindergartens under the care of Kumamoto station are all thriving beautifully. The Kumamoto kindergarten has a very beautiful new garden, due to the interest of one of our neighbors; a retired army officer who is a graduate of Cornell University. His grandchild is one of the kindergarten children. He gave the trees, sent the best gardener in Kumamoto to set them out and has seen personally to their care since. The kindergarten at Yatsushiro is rejoicing in having, for the first time in its history, an adequate building in which to carry on its work. This building has been made possible by the efforts of Dr. Spencer and the local church and city officials. While it is by no means pretentious, it seems, in comparison to the previous one room box-like house, to be a mansion. But even in these enlarged quarters the Christmas celebration filled it to overflowing.

In the Yamaga kindergarten, under the supervision of the new head teacher, Mrs. Sekimoto, a very successful year has been completed.

The results of the work carried on with the kindergarten as a center have been very gratifying this year. Primary clubs for both boys and girls meet weekly. The girls club consisting of twelve little girls did not wish to disband during the summer vacations they
met by themselves at the home of one of the members. Both clubs are live, enthusiastic groups.

The work with older girls has been so well organized, that aside from occasional consultation and the work of English teaching, it is practically self-perpetuating. The Aso conference, being the summer camp for Methodist girls of this island, was most successful last July. Lasting results have been felt in all the churches from which the girls came. Girls who had been interested in Christianity for years, received here their inspiration to take a definite stand with their churches, where they have formed the nucleus around which the young girls' work has been carried on.

The women's work has been very gratifying. We feel, as we have watched the development of this work in Kumamoto city and district that at the present time, there is a real feeling, among the women, of their personal responsibility and privilege of working to help bring in the Kingdom. Through various activities, their organization has proved itself a real factor in the life of the church. And it is from this source that many women have been led to give themselves to Christ.

The work which perhaps stands out most clearly in our minds this year, is that which we have carried on among the people left destitute last September by the typhoon and tidal wave which swept away fifteen villages of Kumamoto prefecture.

Nearly a thousand people lost their lives and eight thousand were left without homes, clothes, food or visible means of support. The section of the country which has suffered most was that land which had been reclaimed from the sea at a great expense. Twenty miles of sea wall went down before the awful force of the wave and salt water sweeping everything before it, inundated the country for three miles inland. We were greatly impressed by the efficiency of the relief work done by the Social Service Department of the prefecture. In this land where disasters are within the remembrance of almost every person, people are very ready to respond to calls for help. The streams of wagons carrying provisions of every kind poured into the devastated area for the first week. After the first relief work was done and barracks were built for housing those people who were left, the head of the Social Service Department appealed to the Christian forces of Kumamoto city to carry on the more personal work, which it was impossible for so cumbersome a body to do. In answer to this request a meeting was called of all Christian workers and a division of territory was made taking into consideration the relative resources for possible work.

The Methodist church in Kumamoto, with the help of friends throughout Japan, is undertaking the social welfare work in six barracks representing one thousand seven hundred people. Money,
clothes and various materials have been received from Japanese and foreigners who have wished to have a part in this work which is being carried on in the name of the Christian church. The women and girls of our church have given liberally of time and energy in seeing that these gifts were properly distributed and in taking with them the Message of truth and light.

Margaret Burmeister.

KAGOSHIMA
Evangelistic Work and Kindergarten:—Alice Finlay
Teru Yoshizaki

This year our kindergarten graduated its tenth class into the primary schools of the city. Countless are the opportunities for service that come to us through the kindergarten. Beside the never-ending joy of work with the little ones, our contact with their mothers is very close. We have a happy meeting together once a month, and through this has developed a Bible class for mothers held once in two weeks. This year we held two meetings with the fathers, one a program of child study, the other on religious education. We are constantly encouraged by the interest of the parents in our kindergarten.

An outstanding day of the year was when nine other kindergartens in the city all closed, and their forty teachers came to spend the day in our kindergarten. They were very keen and learned many things that day. When they left in the late afternoon the teachers said that what had impressed them most was the atmosphere of our kindergarten. Our earnest prayer had been that they might feel the difference in this, a Christian kindergarten. We are happy that these teachers are our friends, and that we are able, in even a small way, to help them.

Christmas came on Sunday. How happy and thankful we were that morning when a large class of those whom we love, and for whom we had prayed, knelt at the altar and received baptism, they were doubly thankful to remember their spiritual birthday as the birthday of their Saviour.

Mrs. Yamashita was a kindergarten mother. Three of her children have graduated, and now we have the fourth. For several years she has been studying the Bible, and in her heart believed Christ, but her husband would not consent to her being baptized. He came to our fathers' meeting. Something in the message that night touched his heart. From the next day he encouraged his children to go to Sunday school, and gave his full consent for his wife to be a Christian.

One came first to our cooking class ten years ago, a well-educated woman whose husband is head of one of the leading schools in the
city. We have loved her as a friend, and had many happy times together. For three years she has attended our Bible class. The past year they went through deep anxiety and sorrow, in which she heard the voice of God speaking to her. She gave her heart to him, and is now a bright and shining Christian.

And one was a servant girl. Less than a year ago she came from the country to help in our missionary home. Christianity was entirely new to her. First she was attracted by the hymns we are always singing; she liked the women and girls who come in and out of this home. How happy she was when we gave her a Bible for her own! Reading it she found Christ as her Saviour. On Christmas morning she knelt with others, giving her young heart to Christ. She too is a happy Christian, welcoming all who come into this home—The House with the Open Door—as some of our friends call it.

During the year we began a weekly class for nurses at the Government Hospital. Among the fifty who attend, only two knew the meaning of Christmas. So we had a happy time planning a Christmas party. With joy they sang the Christmas hymns, listened eagerly to the Christmas story. Each one carried away from the meeting a neatly-bound copy of one of the Gospels, containing a personal Christmas message. We feel that a great opportunity has been given us in meeting every week with these young nurses. Is it too much to hope that with love, faith and prayer many may be brought to the feet of Jesus?

Loo Choo Evangelistic Work:—My trip to Loo Choo in February was a source of great joy and thanksgiving to my own heart. Such a welcome from those warm-hearted Christians! Their simple faith is beautiful to see, waiting, as they did, for the missionary to pray for recovery of the sick, and restoring of those who had wandered. A dear old Christian woman went home to get her grandchild that we might put our hands on her head in blessing.

After days of preaching, teaching, and fellowship with our simple Christians in the villages, I came back to Naha, the port city. Here Higaonna San, supported by King's Heralds in New York Branch, is doing a beautiful work among the women and children. The Naha Sunday school won the banner this year for the entire West Japan Conference, being the most completely organized, with best average attendance.

I was asked to speak to normal and high school students in the Government Girls' School. It was an inspiring audience of nearly eight hundred young women. I prayed hard that this rare opportunity might not be lost, and gratefully felt in my heart that God had answered my prayer. Higaonna San has a Bible class of thirty
from among the best girls in this school, and it was a double joy to meet them at the church after our happy time together in the school.

This group of islands, two days by boat from Kagoshima, is an interesting study in every way. The red tile roofs of the houses made me think of China, the graves on the hill-sides are like Palestine, the brilliant flowers and trees are like Hawaii, the language and customs are strange, but the hearts of the people are like yours and mine. Everywhere the human heart needs God, but here in Loo Choo, where there is so much poverty, superstition, and blind gropings for God, their need is very great. Pray with us for our three devoted Bible women, and for the five pastors and their families, who are carrying the light to many here who dwell in darkness.

Alice Finlay.

KOREA
City and District Evangelistic Work:—Bertha Starkey
Tsuya Kitajima, Yukie Sueda

Since our last report, written only seven months ago, we have rung the wedding bells for Suyeda San who had been doing such splendid work in Keijo, and though her leaving was a great loss to our work yet we rejoice over her new happiness and new opportunities to serve God as a Christian home-maker.

Last month we rang glad bells again, this time welcome bells for Miss Starkey, who returned to us after fourteen months absence, full of "genki" and eagerness to take up her service again in Chosen.

I feel that I have not much to report about the work on the district during these months. I hurried back from the Tokyo conference last June to plan the busy summer program which was to take the place of my vacation. There were two outstanding things accomplished during the summer, first, a Summer Vacation Bible School for the Keijo Sunday school children. Nando, near Chemulpo (Jinsen) was chosen as the place. It is one of the government salt-fields.

The head of the salt works, who is a non-Christian, generously offered their club house for our use. It made an ideal home for the thirty-five children as well as an ideal center for all the classes. Each day had its own theme in which all the teaching centered. For instance, Monday, gratitude; Tuesday, faith; Wednesday, loyalty; Thursday, kindness, etc. From the rising-trumpet at 5:30 on through the day's schedule till bed-time at nine o'clock children and teachers had a wonderful time together.

The children ranged in age from second-year primary to high school pupils. They were all obedient and enthusiastic in doing
their part. They cleared the house, waited at table and helped each other. At the morning and evening prayer-time they learned how to pray and to tell Bible stories. Swimming and hiking and games furnished daily fun. What was the result? We were happy to hear the parents say that the religious training in the summer school had a noticeable effect on the children's conduct. The public program we gave at the close was attended by nearly all the families in the village, and thus the place was opened to Christian work.

Another outstanding time was our Chosen-Manchuria District Conference in August. It opened with a Sunday School Teachers' Conference attended by teachers from all the churches on the district. It was my pleasure to give lectures on teaching methods and child psychology. All the teachers were earnest students. The striking thing about the district conference was that six out of the twelve churches represented had sent women as lay delegates. These women were put on some of the most important committees, and worked as efficiently as the men, proving the leadership of the Christian women of the churches on our district. Certainly we had an unusually interesting program for the summer and did not mind losing our vacation.

In the autumn I made the Manchurian trip alone. Dairen dedicated her new church building. All the church members had worked and given to their utmost to make it possible. The "fujinkai" is a power, and contributed a big sum. At Eiko and Koshurei there are growing, active churches, but other places are in poor condition and need our help badly. As a whole the religious conditions in Manchuria are very depressing, compared with the worldly conditions. They need strong Christian workers to arouse the spiritual life of the people, who are being greatly attracted by the glitter of material progress.

As I said at last conference, the Christian women of the district need more regular instruction and training in the way of Christian living. Great opportunities are given to us Christian workers. It is necessary to organize constructive work among the Christian churches more than anything else. Through the one year's experience in district itinerating, I have come to realize the need of intensive constructive work in the most important centers. Miss Starkey and I are trying to plan a program that will do this, and at the same time make it possible to carry on the general itinerating all over this vast field.

Our statistics are suggestive of the importance of the women's work on Mansen (Manchuria-Chosen) District. There are 627 women full members of the churches as compared with 570 men. You will notice that the number of women is less by ninety than the number reported last year, and I want to explain that this is not due to a decrease in membership, but to a severe inspection of church rolls.
that resulted in dropping all who had ceased to be truly connected with the local church to which they had formerly belonged. Seventy-six women were baptized during the year. In the Sunday schools 1,038 pupils are girls and women as compared with 771 boys and men. There are 447 woman members of "fujinkai," and this year they raised ¥4,736 for local missionary work.

In conclusion, just a word about Keijo and Fusan. Keijo is asking for a woman worker to succeed Suyeda San. The girls' Epworth League has been well organized into two different departments, one composed of high school girls, and one of business young women. There are forty-six members in all. Besides these there has been a group of Industrial School girls coming to our home once a week for Bible study. All the girls' and women's societies are working together to help raise money to build an ideal, up-to-date Sunday school plant. We have already in hand ¥10,000, but must raise another ¥10,000, so this will keep us all very busy in the coming year. We are making definite plans for advance work among the yet untouched children, girls and women of the Japanese population of that great city.

Fusan is next in importance on Chosen District, and the people of the church there have sent an earnest request to this Conference to give them a Japanese worker, with the promise that they will help in her support.

Truly "the field is white unto the harvest, and the laborers are few." Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into this waiting field.

Tsuya Kitajima.
SISTER SOCIETIES

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JAPAN METHODIST CHURCH

Our Society had its second General Conference last November in Tokyo. Sixty delegates from all over the Empire gathered for prayer and discussion to find out in what way we women can best serve the Lord. We decided to change our constitution. Through our years of experience we found it difficult to make the fast unity in Spirit as long as we have two Conferences, East and West, so we decided to have just one. We are to have ten members in our Board of Managers, from which we will elect one as Chairman of the Board and she will be the Superintendent of the Society; two Secretaries and two Treasurers. Other members of the Board will be chairmen of the departments of work. We now have the whole country divided into twenty-six districts. Headquarters will keep in touch with these through the district heads, sending printed material which will tell the general condition of the Society and the minutes of each meeting of the Board of Managers. We wanted to move our headquarters to Kobe, but the result of the election decided to have it in Tokyo again for the coming four years. We are not to have what we called a General Conference which came once in four years. Our Annual Conference will now be just one instead of two, but we will have officers' election once in four years at that Annual Conference.

This year our Conference is at Kobe while the men are having theirs. We shall have one afternoon free in our program in order to visit them. We shall try to be very cordial so as to keep on good terms with the men, otherwise we may be in trouble.

I like you to know that our Society has been newly recognized by the Japan Methodist Church at their General Conference last Fall as a separate body of woman's work and our constitution will be put in the church discipline. We are legally recognized as an independent body of women whose aim is to help the cause of evangelism and so assist the Japan Methodist Church at large.

One thing I regret is that we are stopping work in Korea but want to take it up again later. Meanwhile the Japan Methodist Church strongly requires our Society to help in Manchuria, aiding them ¥1,000 a year toward pastor's salary there. Just now our Church is hard up with finance question. We felt it wise for us to grant the request, therefore we are going to do it this year.

Miss Aizawa, former woman evangelist in Aoyama Church, agreed to be our General Secretary, paid. This is going to be our first experiment and we are hoping it will work.
This year we need ¥9,000 to carry on the work. ¥2,300 will be coming in as membership fee, ¥600 we shall raise with ten sen bags probably, and ¥2,000 will be worked out by Finance Committee. Already the Tokyo District alone decided to make ¥1,000 of this ¥2,000. The report for the year gives the following statistics:

In East Japan, auxiliaries 65, Members 969
In West Japan, auxiliaries 115, Members 600

With this new form of Society we like to try our best to glorify the name of Jesus the Savior whom we love so well.

Tomi Furuta

NATIONAL MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Mothers' Association during the past ten years has published almost one hundred different leaflets for mothers. During the past year an average of 15,000 of these have been sent into the homes of Japan every month.

An exhibition of our leaflets in book form was sent to the World's Federation of Educational Associations held in Toronto last August. A letter has come saying that everyone was greatly pleased with the book and that it was given a prominent place in their exhibits. During the sessions of the Federation there was organized an International Federation of Home and School, which is to meet every two years. We feel that a great honor has come to Japan and to our National Mothers' Association from the fact that Mrs. Draper was elected Second Vice-President of this new international organization for the uplift of the home.

Another outstanding event of the year has been the publication of our first book—"Hanako no Kenko Sodan"—a book of health stories written in very easy language. It has had a good sale, and it will be necessary to publish a second edition soon. Now that the fees from members and the sale of the extra leaflets more than cover our current expenses, we hope to be able to publish other books from time to time.

We receive most encouraging reports of the use made of the leaflets. One friend writes: "We do so enjoy the leaflets and they even do good away out in the country, because country vegetable pedlers and fruit vendors all get one, especially if they are women and have babies on their backs. University professors' wives and bankers' wives with whom I work are fully able to appreciate them. Last month one mother, whose husband is the manager of our Fukuoka Branch of Maruzen Co., Mrs. Ito said: 'Sensei, please give me three extra leaflets, I have one friend in the city and one in the country to whom I wish to send them. Last month I sent mine into the country, but instead of returning it, the friend sent it on to another
friend, so I didn't get it back. I always file them and keep them for future comfort and reference.

Our annual meeting in November was attended by over 400 women. The addresses were given by Miss Michi Kawai on "Our Children's Inheritance" and Mr. Kurushima on "Two Gates through which a mother must pass." Both were most interesting and inspirational and every one voted this year's meeting to be one of the most interesting we have ever had.

On the last Tuesday of each month the officers and advisory committee of the Mothers' Association meet to pray for and consult about the leaflets to be published. This cordial co-operation of our Japanese sisters makes the work a delight. We pray that these messages going each month into so many thousands of homes may be a real blessing and uplift to all the members of those homes.

Mrs. R. P. Alexander, President.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
EAST JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ARTICLE I.—NAME.
This organization shall be called the East Japan Woman's Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.
The purpose of this organization is to co-operate with the Japan Methodist Church in its work for women and children.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.
This Conference shall consist of missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (including contract teachers), such wives of the missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions in charge of work for the Society, Japanese women duly elected, and such other women workers as this Conference shall from time to time determine—all working within the bounds of the Conference.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES.
This Conference shall consider all questions concerning the relation of the Conference to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and all questions relating to the evangelistic and educational work of the Society on the field.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.
The Officers of the Conference shall be a President, a Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Official Correspondent and Treasurer. The Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church having charge of work in Japan shall be ex-officio President of the Conference. The Treasurer is appointed by the Foreign Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Official Correspondent shall be elected annually by ballot, a two-thirds vote of the voting members being necessary for election. The Vice-President and Recording Secretary shall be elected annually on the nomination of the Reference Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.
This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting. Notice of the proposed change must be given at least three months previously.
BY-LAWS

1.—TIME AND PLACE.

This Conference shall convene annually and at such place as shall be fixed by the Conference and at such time as shall be appointed by the Bishop. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Reference Committee, or by the Bishop.

II.—ELECTION OF JAPANESE MEMBERS.

The Japanese members of this Conference shall be elected at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, on recommendation of the Membership Committee. They shall be members of the Japan Methodist Church, shall be graduates of a high school of recognized standing, and in addition shall have had at least two years' educational training in college, normal school or Bible training school. They shall have been connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in satisfactory service for a period of at least three years. On being notified of their election they shall inform the Recording Secretary as to their willingness to assume the duties of membership and shall present themselves at the following Conference for enrollment.

Honorary Members of the Conference may be elected at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote on the recommendation of the Membership Committee. They may take part in discussion, but may not vote.

III.—DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

It is the duty of all members to attend the annual session of Conference. All may take part in discussion, but only those who have been members of the Conference for one year may vote. Members transferred from other conferences shall be received on their Conference standing.

IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the
President to preside at the annual session of the Conference.
Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President.
Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of Conference proceedings and to prepare a summary of them for the Annual Report.

Official Correspondent (a) To convey to the Foreign Department, through the Official Correspondent in America, information regarding all matters of importance and all Conference official actions. (b) To present to the Reference Committee all questions for their consideration arising in the interim of the Conference sessions, and to the Conference through the Reference Committee all
official business referred to her from the Official Correspondent in America. (c) In the absence of the Bishop, to preside at all meetings of the Reference Committee.

V.—COMMITTEES.


(b). Special:—Program, Resolutions, Nominations, and Conference Travel.

ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Field Reference Committee shall consist of not less than six nor more than nine representative members, two-thirds of whom shall be missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Treasurer and the Official Correspondent shall be ex-officio members of this committee. The other members shall be elected annually by ballot at the close of the Conference session.

It shall be the duty of the Field Reference Committee to (a) prepare estimates and other matters requiring the action of the General Executive Committee; (b) consider all matters of general interest arising during the interim of the annual meetings and when immediate action is necessary refer such matters to the Conference a three-fourths vote of the members being necessary to action; (c) perform such other duties as the General Executive Committee shall require; (d) present nominations for those officers elected by the Conference, for the Property Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Membership Committee and for representatives on the Theological School Council and the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Christian College.

Field Property Committee.—There shall be a Property Committee of five members nominated by the Reference Committee and elected by the Annual Conference. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of this Committee. Its duties shall be to:

(a) Have in charge, under the direction of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, all matters relative to the purchase and sale of property, erection and insurance of buildings, and extensive repairs for which appropriations have been made. After a building has been authorized by the Foreign Department, the Property Committee shall appoint a local building committee, which shall have authority to draw up plans, make the contract, subject to the approval of the Property Committee, audit bills and direct the work:

(b) Secure safe legal titles to all real estate purchased by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. All deeds shall be made to the "Shadan" of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan;
(c) Have all deeds recorded in accordance with the laws of the country, and preserve all deeds and other legal papers not forwarded to America;

(d) Keep a record of all real estate belonging to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society;

(e) Furnish the Committee on Real Estate with information as required;

(f) Keep on file all documents giving power of attorney for the transfer of property within the Conference.

The Evangelistic Committee shall convene annually during Conference and shall consist of all members engaged in evangelistic work, and as an additional member a missionary from one of the girls' high schools. The Dean of the Training School for Christian Workers shall be ex-officio a member of this committee without vote unless a member of the Conference.

(Note.—The Joint Evangelistic Committee of the Japan Methodist Church convenes at the call of the Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church. The members are the Dean of the Training School for Christian Workers and the Superintendents of evangelistic workers.)

The Membership Committee, nominated by the Reference Committee shall consist of five members, of whom one at least shall be a Japanese. It shall be their duty to consider all names presented for membership and make recommendations to Conference.

The Language Committee, of one member, shall record the standing of language students.

The Publishing Committee shall consist of three members—a Publisher elected annually at Conference, the Recording Secretary of that session, and an Adviser.

The Statistics Committee shall consist of the Mission Treasurer and one other member chosen by her. They shall collect and compile all required statistics.

ELECTION AND DUTIES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Program Committee shall prepare and distribute programs one month before the Conference Session.

The Committee on Resolutions shall prepare resolutions and memorials.

The Committee on Nominations, nominated by the Reference Committee, shall consist of three members. They shall make nominations for all committees except Field Reference, Field Property, Nominating and Membership. They shall nominate fraternal delegates, correspondents and reporters, delegates to Federated Missions and National Christian Council and the educational member of the Evangelistic Committee.

The Committee on Conference Travel shall collect and disburse
railway fares from station to Conference and return. Members absent without permission of the Bishop will also share in the expense. Missionaries and Japanese members shall pool expenses separately.

VI.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of Business shall be as follows:—
1. Calling the Roll and reading the Minutes.
2. Elections of Officers.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Reports.
5. Miscellaneous Business.

VII.—QUORUM.

A majority of the voting members attending the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

VIII.—CHANGE OF BY-LAWS.

These By-laws may be amended or changed at any meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
WEST JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCE OF
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ARTICLE I—NAME.
This organization shall be called "The West Japan Woman's
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE.
The purpose of this organization shall be to enable the women
of this Conference to work together in bringing the Kingdom of God
to the women and children of Japan. This organization shall work in
co-operation with the Japan Methodist Church.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.
This Conference shall consist of missionaries and contract
teachers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, wives of mis­sionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions in charge of work for the
Society, Japanese women duly elected, and such other women workers
as this Conference shall from time to time determine,—all working
within the bounds of this Conference.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES.
This Conference shall consider all questions relating to the
evangelistic and educational work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary
Society in the field, and all questions concerning the relation of the
Conference to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS.
The Officers of this Conference shall be a President, Vice-Pre­
dent, Recording Secretary, Official Correspondent, Treasurer, Editor
and Publisher, and Statistical Secretary. The Bishop of the Methodist
Episcopal Church having charge of work in Japan shall be ex officio
President of the Conference; the Treasurer is appointed by the For­
gain Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and the
Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Editor and Publisher, and Statis­
tical Secretary shall be elected annually on nomination of the
Nominations Committee. The Official Correspondent shall be elected
annually by ballot of the Woman's Conference.

ARTICLE VI—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.
This constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the
Conference by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting.
Notice of the proposed change must have been given at least three
months previously.
BY-LAWS

I—TIME AND PLACE.

This Conference shall convene annually and at such place as shall be fixed by the Conference at such time as shall be appointed by the Bishop. When practicable it shall meet at the same time and place as the West (Japan) Conference of the Japan Methodist Church. Special meeting in emergency may be called by a majority of the Reference Committee or by the Bishop.

II—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business shall be as follows:—
1. Calling of Roll and reading of Minutes.
2. Election of Officers and Committees.
3. Annual Reports of Work.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Miscellaneous Business.

III—ELECTION OF JAPANESE MEMBERS.

The Japanese members of this Conference shall be elected by a two-thirds vote on recommendation of the Membership Committee. They shall be members of the Japan Methodist Church, shall be graduates of a High School of recognized standing, and in addition shall be graduates of a College, a Normal School or a Bible Training School covering at least two years of work. They shall have been connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in service, for a period of at least three years. On being notified of their election they shall inform the Recording Secretary as to their willingness to assume the duties of membership and shall thereupon be enrolled as members.

IV—DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

It shall be the duty of all members to attend the annual session of Conference. All may take part in discussion, but only those who have been members of the Conference one year may vote. This shall not exclude from voting any voting members transferred from the East Japan Conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. All regular members of the Conference share equally in the expense of the Conference. Travel shall include third-class and express tickets.

V—HONORARY MEMBERS.

The wives of missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, who are not receiving funds from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Treasurer for Japan, if they are not members of the
Conference, shall be considered honorary members of the Conference. They may take part in all discussions, but shall not share in the expense of the Conference nor have a vote.

VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of officers shall be as follows: —

1. The President or Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference.

2. The Recording Secretary shall keep the records of Conference and attend to all the correspondence of the Conference session.

3. The Editor and Publisher shall edit, publish and distribute the annual report.

4. The Official Correspondent shall (a) convey to the Foreign Department, through the Official Correspondent in America, information regarding all matters of importance and all Conference official actions; (b) present to the Conference all official business referred to her from the Official Correspondent in America; (c) keep a duplicate of all official correspondence.

5. The Statistical Secretary shall gather and prepare all statistics called for.

VII—COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees: Field Reference, Field Property, Evangelistic, Educational, Membership, Correspondence and Publicity, Publishing.

Special Committees: Nominations, Program, Conference Expenses, Resolutions.

Election of Committees:

a. The Field Reference Committee shall be elected by ballot from the voting members of the Conference. This committee shall consist of not less than six and not more than nine members, two-thirds of whom shall be missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Official Correspondent and the Conference Treasurer shall be members ex officio, and the Official Correspondent shall act as chairman of the committee.

b. The Field Property Committee shall be nominated by the Field Reference Committee and elected by the Woman's Conference. The Conference Treasurer shall be ex officio member of this committee.

c. The Publishing Committee shall consist of the Publisher, the Recording Secretary, and one other to be chosen by them.

d. All other committees shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Conference.

e. The Evangelistic Committee shall consist of all those missionaries and two Japanese members who are engaged in evan-
gelistic work, together with one missionary from one of the girls' high schools. The Dean of the Woman's Training Department of the Theological School of Aoyama Gakuin shall be ex officio member of the committee.

f. The Educational Committee shall consist of the principals of all schools and kindergartens within the bounds of the Conference, one other missionary from Kwassui Jo Gakko, and the Japanese members engaged in educational work.

g. The Correspondence and Publicity Committee shall consist of the Station Correspondents.

VIII—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Standing Committees.

a. The Field Reference Committee shall (1) prepare estimates which require the action of the General Executive Committee; (2) consider the furloughs of missionaries and forward recommendations concerning the individual cases to the Foreign Department; (3) consider all matters of general interest arising during the interim of the annual meetings.

b. The Field Property Committee shall perform those duties defined in the constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

c. The Evangelistic Committee shall consider all matters pertaining to the evangelistic work of the Conference.

d. The Educational Committee shall consider all matters pertaining to the general educational work of the Conference.

e. The Correspondence and Publicity Committee shall arrange for the writing of articles for "The Woman's Missionary Friend," "The Junior Missionary Friend," and the different church papers.

f. The Publishing Committee shall have charge of the editing and publishing of the minutes of the annual sessions of Conference, and the preparation of the annual Conference report.

Section 2. Special Committees.

a. The Nominations Committee shall present to the Conference nominations for officers as indicated in the constitution, and for all committees except the Field Reference and Field Property Committees.

b. The Program Committee shall prepare, print and distribute programs for the annual session of Conference one month in advance.

c. The Conference Expenses Committee shall collect and disburse all funds needed to defray the expenses of the annual sessions.

d. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare resolutions and memorials.
IX—DELEGATES AND REPORTER.

There shall be elected annually a Reporter to the "Kyokai Jiho," and fraternal delegates to the West Conference of the Japan Methodist Church and the East Japan Woman’s Conference of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society.

X—QUORUM.

Two-thirds of the voting members of the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

XI—CHANGE OF BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be changed or amended at any meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.
### Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Japan

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<td>Sept. 27, 1876-82</td>
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<td>Oct. 21, 1878-80</td>
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<td>62 Bristol St., Canandaigua, N.Y.</td>
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<td>Cinn.</td>
<td>Eagle, Idaho</td>
<td>Shapland, M.</td>
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<td>Aug. 27, 1895-</td>
<td>Melilagassoon</td>
<td>Pac.</td>
<td>11 Oura, Nagasaki, Japan</td>
<td>Marysville, Ohio</td>
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<td>Sep. 26, 1897</td>
<td>Mariana Young</td>
<td>Cinn.</td>
<td>11 Oura, Nagasaki, Japan</td>
<td>Marysville, Ohio</td>
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<td>Dec. 7, 1897-1906</td>
<td>Mary E. Motton</td>
<td>N.W.</td>
<td>Room 719, 161 Fifth Ave., New York City</td>
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<td>July 4, 1898-</td>
<td>N. Margaret Daniel</td>
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<td>4 Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan</td>
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<td>Nov. 7, 1902-</td>
<td>Anna Blanche Stile</td>
<td>N.Y.</td>
<td>Pompoy, N.Y.</td>
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<td>May 3, 1903-</td>
<td>Elizabeth Alexander</td>
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<td>Sapporo, Japan</td>
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<td>Nov. 9, 1903-</td>
<td>Ethel Maud Soper</td>
<td>Cinn.</td>
<td>1056 N. Maryland Ave., Glendale, Calif.</td>
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<td>May 8, 1904-11</td>
<td>Mahel Lee</td>
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<td>Sendai, Japan</td>
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<td>Sept. 1904-07</td>
<td>Mahel Davison (smart)</td>
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<td>Berkeley, Calif.</td>
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<td>Mar. 30, 1905-19</td>
<td>Mary Cady</td>
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<td>July 3, 1906-11</td>
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<td>Alberts B. Sprawls</td>
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<td>Nov. 6, 1906-</td>
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<td>Nov. 6, 1906-</td>
<td>K. Grace Wythe</td>
<td>Cinn.</td>
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<td>Sept. 19, 1907-</td>
<td>Carrie M. Pool (Keedsy)</td>
<td>Cinn.</td>
<td>Room 719, 159 Fifth Ave., New York City</td>
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<td>Dec. 11, 1907-20</td>
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<td>Feb. 10, 1912-</td>
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<td>68 Grosvenor St., Toronto, Canada</td>
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<td>Dec. 1915-1918</td>
<td>C. Grace Preston</td>
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<td>223 Darmouth St, Rochester, N.Y.</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1920-</td>
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