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Evangelistic Work:—V. Elizabeth Alexander
Erma M. Taylor

When it comes time to write a report, the “undone vast” looms so large that the little which has been accomplished seems too trivial to write about; but forces, often unseen and unknown, are at work and of one or two things I should like to write.

Miss Y. works in a factory. For several years she has attended the bi-monthly service held Sunday morning at eight o’clock, and has become a Christian. Last summer she had two weeks leave of absence and went to the village where her mother was then living. The family had but recently removed to this remote place, so Miss Y. had no acquaintances there at first and felt a little lonely. She began singing the hymns she had learned; then she taught them to some children after which the older girls came and wanted to learn them, too. The people were much pleased to hear them sing hymns, saying they were so much purer and cleaner than the songs they had hitherto been singing. Before the two weeks were over, the little home was full of people who came to sing. Then she told them all the Bible stories she knew and they gladly listened. And she added, “Now I am going to learn as much as I can so that when I go home I can tell them. They were so happy over it all that the night before she left they had a farewell meeting to say “thank you”; and so Christianity was introduced into another village.

Mrs. H. is a very different type of woman. My acquaintance with her began about four years ago, when she began attending church in the country. There last fall, as we sat by the “hibachi” (brazier), she told of the peace that had been in her heart since she came to know Jesus as her Savior. Never once has inward peace failed though hard things had to be met. Left an orphan at three, brought up in a home where she was not wanted, they married her at sixteen to a man more than twice her age—a man who drank a great deal of “sa-ke” (wine) and led a reckless life. Even more than in her girlhood days she felt that she had been thrown away as something not wanted. Then sickness brought her to the Sapporo hospital, and in the bed next to her was a girl who had suffered much for her faith but whose bright face attracted Mrs. H. They became friends and talked often of the Christian God. Mrs. H. was interested and when she left the hospital, began attending the country
church spoken of above. Her changed life, without her saying a word, has influenced her husband so much that he has changed his manner of living, given up “sa-ke” almost entirely, and last summer, when they were able to adopt a nephew as her son, she felt her cup of happiness was running over. She hopes and believes her husband will soon openly begin to confess a living faith in Christ. In that village where only two are Christians, the door is wide open to the gospel, and in others, too.

V. Elizabeth Alexander.

HAKODATE

Iai Jo Gakko—Barbara M. Bailey, Acting Principal
Olive M. Curry (to January)
Mary E. Howey (from January)

The event of most importance by far, during the past year, in the minds of us left at Iai Jo Gakko, was the going on furlough of Miss Cheney in April. The new term was just started, and fifteen months ahead without Miss Cheney seemed to stretch interminably into the future. In her last words to the school, Miss Cheney emphasized doing things TOGETHER. Then two days after her boat sailed from Yokohama, there came a wireless with the one word Together. It has been a working motto throughout the year for both teachers and students, and our hands have been upheld wonderfully. We were continually finding evidences of planning and forethought by Miss Cheney to make everything as easy as possible. It has been a year of many blessings.

The alumnae worked hard for a concert of Tokyo talent to make money for the Endowment Fund. The expenses of bringing the artist they had from Tokyo were very heavy, but the handsome sum of seven hundred yen was banked to the credit of Iai Jo Gakko Endowment Fund.

It had been our hope that we might have Furuta San in the fall for a week of special evangelistic meetings in the school and dormitory, but she was unable to come and we did not find another suitable person, so the three Bible teachers planned and carried out very successfully in November a series of general and group meetings. Numerous girls spoke of the blessings that week brought to them. We teachers sensed the same feelings in the atmosphere of the school. At the Christmas baptismal service the science teacher and twenty-three girls made public confession of their desire to follow Him. That occasion added much to the joy that Christmas brought.

In the Christmas awards for attendance in the neighborhood Sunday schools one boy of thirteen received a medal for having been present every Sunday for seven years. His face is always a joy to see, but it
was especially so that morning. The upper class girls who teach in those little schools get great enjoyment from that bit of service.

Five girls went to the Y.W.C.A. Conference in the summer. It is held in a beautiful spot a long way from Iai Jo Gakko, but two of the girls (who were not from Christian homes either) paid all of their own expenses.

When two of the teachers were ill in September and October, the other teachers kindly took extra hours of teaching. Again this winter while the furnace man was unable to attend to his duties on account of sickness, Hoshino San, who was janitor in the school for forty years and is now retired because he is past seventy, came to our assistance and kept us comfortable during those two weeks. So the ready willingness of everyone to do his or her part, and to help out in emergencies has truly been evidenced in working TOGETHER.

Barbara M. Bailey.

HIROSAKI

Hiroasaki Jo Gakko—M. Helen Russell, Principal (to January)
Lois K. Curtice, Principal (from January)
Gertrude M. Byler (from January)

A report of Hiroasaki Jo Gakko! At first thought it always seems that there is nothing to report for the machinery has been in perfect order with no stops to repair damages. However, as we look back over the past year there are some outstanding events and blessings. Out of the abundance of applicants seventy were all we could take, and of course their classrooms were crowded. The class mother brings back interesting reports of these girls from her visits in the homes as to how quickly the little girls responded to the Christian influences of the school and how some of them could hardly wait to get inside the gate to give an account of the day.

In November we invited the parents to a "Parents Day". We began the program with the regular chapel exercises, showing them plainly that we considered the religious life of the girls important. After that, we had three lesson periods. The parents showed keen interest and were noticeably better educated than the parents of a dozen years ago. A simple lunch of rice curry was cooked for them by the fifth year girls. After that they listened to an exposition of what the school stands for. It was a great opportunity for unostentatiously sowing the seed.

The girls of the fifth year class, as last year, were anxious to do something toward the fund for Iwaki Hall and in November were fortunate in securing Lois Davis, Olive Curry, and Mrs. Iglehart to give a concert, with a little help from the school. This netted $165 besides putting the
school before the public.

The best of all was Christmas Sunday when 30 were baptized, two of them women teachers. The brightest girl in her class in the government school, who took one year's post-graduate work in this school, joining in the Christian life but not accepting Christ, was among them. The seed was sown and this time she voluntarily asked for baptism. Still another, a graduate from the same school, had been in a Bible class held by the woman evangelist of our church and came to this school for special English. It was a beautiful sight to see these girls and teachers together seriously taking upon themselves the vows of baptism and the church, and to hear the 250 girls and all teachers standing and singing together, "O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end."

We have felt disappointed these past two years that Miss Furuia has not been able to come to our school to give the girls special help and training in their Christian life, but it is very gratifying to be so sure of the spiritual zeal and earnestness of our teachers and girls. Eighty percent of our teachers and seventy-five percent of the girls are active Christians.

Today two graduates came to call, far from our most promising, we had thought. But we learned that one has been, and is, a successful woman evangelist; and the younger sister as the result of the good standing of the woman evangelist has a position in the prefectural government. She is doing active Christian work among her associates till now they are listening gladly and keeping the two sisters studying evenings to be able to answer their questions. They were talking about favorite Bible texts and remembered perfectly those we had talked most about during their school days.

Sometimes we get discouraged and wonder if it is worthwhile—but IT IS.

M. H. Russell.

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Evangelistic Work and Kindergartens:—Lois K. Curtice (to January)
Gertrude M. Byler (from January)

The Hirosaki kindergartens have completed another year's work. Wakaba had an enrollment of sixty-nine, and Aiko of fifty children. Our teachers, three in each place, are remaining with us. Daily, from 9:30 to 1:00 o'clock they have been working with the children. On Sunday they have had kindergarten children with others of the neighborhood in Sunday school. Mother's meetings have been held every month. Every other Saturday afternoon, there have been meetings with kindergarten graduates. There are books to read, there are some games, and they can talk to the teachers. Some of the children have been with us
for two years and enjoy coming back. We want them to come, and feel that we have a great opportunity for going on with the teaching begun in the kindergartens. They are learning about Jesus; they are learning to consider others as they work and play together. We have tried to help them form some health habits that will go with them always.

The new year brings us more applicants than we can take in our present buildings, and more than it does to the two Buddhist kindergartens in the city.

Gertrude M. Byler.

SENDAI
Evangelistic and Social Service Work and Kindergartens:—Mabel Lee Elizabeth Kilburn

It is our privilege as Japan missionaries to help build the roads that lead to the hearts and homes of these people and show them how they may find the “Path that leads unto Life.” This year there have been a few new “toe-paths” opened and some old ones re-opened.

In the little fishing-village of Matsushima, we felt the field was ripe for developing our long-established Sunday school into a broader evangelistic work. As a beginning, we wished to have our Sunday school Christmas in a larger place so that the families of the children might be invited. With some misgivings, we called on the principal of the government primary school with the suggestion of holding our Christmas in his school. He was not at home, but his son insisted on our waiting saying, “Father has taken the fourth and fifth year students to the temple as to-morrow is the festival for that god and the children are helping to get things ready.” This accounted for the children’s absence from Sunday school. Finally Mr. Sasamori appeared and we proffered our request. He was surprised. “I have never heard of having a Christian Christmas in a government school in Japan,” he said; “we can’t as a school have anything to do with religion.” “Yes, I see,” I answered, “but what shall we do? there is no city hall in the village.” After suggesting the crematory, which is in charge of the “eta,” or “outcast” class of Japan, he agreed to consider the matter and later he gave an affirmative answer. Our pastor, Mr. Ogawa, was appointed last year by the governor of the province on some educational committee which permits him to enter freely any primary school in the country; with his help, we worked up an interesting program to which the families of the children were invited. A Methodist Christian teacher, noted as a radio story-teller, came and told the story, while Mr. Ogawa gave the message to the adults. The rooms and corridors were packed with happy people; every child in the village was there; and no one was happier than Mr. Ogawa for two
reasons: "Here is our opening for evangelistic work," he said; and later, "The Department of Education feel the need of some kind of religious education in the schools: they need our help and suggestion."

Other beautiful paths are made by our two kindergartens here in Sendai with its four earnest Christian teachers. The graduates are encouraged to attend the church and kindergarten Sunday schools and the alumnae meetings as well as the Saturday afternoon neighborhood Bible classes. They, with the present kindergartners and an especially large number of parents, crowded into the kindergarten Christmas. With these mothers, contacts are later made through cooking and sewing classes and also through calling in the homes: the Airin Kindergarten in the Lee Memorial Building helps us to get into the homes of the teacher and official classes; while the Social Settlement Kindergarten reaches out into the homes of small shop-keepers, factory-workers, and so forth. This year, as the Christmas plans for all our work were shaping, we had the homes especially in mind. Each factory girl was allowed to invite one person in her family, and this party also was a success.

We are particularly happy over an invitation from Mr. Ogawa to assist him in a piece of indigenous work recently started in a small village some miles from here, and we expect to begin going this month.

At our request for suggestions, Bishop Uzaki had stressed the work on Sendai district, which includes five towns. Our women's missionary work in these struggling churches had to be dropped some years ago; moreover, we then had as many as five women evangelists working on the district, and now we have not one! The pastors had been begging us to help them but the missionary hesitated to begin the work without a woman evangelist. However, after meeting the women and young people of the churches, she felt that it must be done and since then she has gone to Yonezawa every month and to Fukushima twice a month. She found that only at Yamagata was there an organized woman's group in the church that met regularly, while in some places there was an organization only in name, and these little churches showed the lack of the inspiration of its women. Since there is no money for a district evangelist, and time for missionary travel is limited, we can go to only three places regularly; but from next year we hope to put a Japanese Christian worker in Fukushima and have her work out from there into two other towns. When on the district, the missionary is kept busy every minute. In the Yonezawa Church they have a kindergarten which we help to support and in this way the homes of these children are open to us. Also, we have been giving talks in the middle and commercial schools and the large night school there, these three being government schools for boys; and in the domestic science school for girls, lectures on foreign clothes. Besides reaching the students, this has given the pastor entrance into the homes of the teachers.
So paths of various sizes have been made to the homes and hearts of the people here in Sendai city and district. The paths are open on all sides. Please pray that we may more and more be able to help many find the Great Path that leads unto Eternal Life.

Elizabeth Kilburn.

TOKYO

Aoyama Jo Gakuin:— Alberta B. Sprowles, Dean
Pauline Place, Chiyo Kobayashi
Suye Shibata, Laura Chase (from December)
Mary E. Howey (to January) Sugi Hida

The outstanding event this year in Japan and also in our Aoyama School has been the Enthronement Celebration. We had long consultations as to the best way to show our joy over this wonderful event. The students had expressed their desires: some wanted to contribute toward a swimming-pool, others toward making our school grounds more beautiful with rare trees and plants, while still others wanted a prayer-room, a quiet place where they could meet in small groups for meditation and prayer. As this big school with a registration of a thousand has not even a chapel for school prayers, the last request seemed too precious to be lost. Accordingly, a statement was prepared for the parents asking for contributions for a small prayer room at Aoyama Jo Gakuin; a generous response brought us about three thousand yen. After much thought, we decided to use the open space leading to the roof garden on either side of the building, making two small rooms. They are not yet finished but the workmen, like those of Solomon’s temple, are hammering elsewhere preparing materials for the prayer-rooms. Soon we hope to have two quiet retreats for the students, each to accommodate fifteen or twenty.

The death of Count Chinda, the Lord Chamberlain of the Imperial Palace, brought a donation to us from Countess Chinda as their granddaughter is an Aoyama student, and this is to be used to make a plain screen for the front of each of the prayer rooms. So we feel like Samuel and we’re setting up our Ebenezers saying, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us,” and with faith reaching out to the future with a “henceforth.” Our God who has hitherto been our Leader will henceforth lead, we know, from our prayer rooms to a suitable chapel where our thousand students can meet with an uninterrupted reverent worship instead of in a gymnasium with various pieces of apparatus and gymnastic memories to divert the mind. Our Father’s “henceforth” must have a chapel in it somewhere for Aoyama.

Would Aoyama have a share in preparing for the sixtieth anniversary? A teachers’ meeting was held with a full explanation of what was in-
volved; if the Woman's Foreign Missionary friends and workers in America could have witnessed the enthusiastic support given to this enterprise, they would have been assured of the appreciation in Japan of the sacrifice and generosity of our women and girls at home. Sheetimg was bought to make the huge curtain Mrs. F. I. Johnson had requested, sixty five feet long by thirty five wide. A group of students sewed the long seams; the teachers and girls spread it out on the gymnasium floor. The subject of the painting had been selected with care; it was the autumn view of Miyajima, a sacred island, one of the "Three Chief Sights" of Japan. The Torii stands in the sea in front of the temple, which appears at high tide to float on the surface of the water. It took days and days to get it finished, but we felt quite repaid here to have the feeling of gratitude to the home constituency deepened and the bond of love between America and Japan strengthened. Now all this first term, students outside of school time are dressing dolls and making poem cards and various other things for the Columbus celebration. We have renewed our community of interest with the home workers and we feel that the Christ is being lifted up in an unusual way by the sacrificial work of the women and girls on both sides of the Pacific.

Applications were opened January the fifteenth for new students. Soon the path between the gate and the school had many new eager folks crowding in. It was interesting to watch them, some with parents, sometimes groups of five or six little girls looking eagerly at the building and wondering if they could enter. When applications closed, we had seven hundred eighty four knocking at our doors for admittance. Interviews for late ones followed, but we were unable to place their names on the list for we saw that to yield with one would cause more hundreds to be added. Examination day came. Such a host of relatives, bringing their children! We had a student committee at the gate to bring the applicants into the school and to take the parents to the gymnasium. The results were sent out by mail and then our dreaded moment arrived when parents came pleading to let the girls in. For that week we had interviews till late at night and before breakfast. We accepted two hundred fifty; we are still wondering how the other students fared; if they were admitted to government schools and if the doors to a Christian education had been closed for them. We have accepted a heavy responsibility with this largest class we have ever admitted. We are comforted, however, in knowing that the responsibility is not ours alone for "He shall gather the lambs with His arm"; and we know that many in the home land will take their part in intercession that these new "lambs" may be numbered in the host of His own flock.

Alberta B. Sprowles.
Training School for Christian Workers:—Harriet J. Jost
Michiko Kataoka

As the first item of interest in regard to the Training School, we report with pleasure that the Educational Department which has been considering for so long the union of our men's and women's schools, has at last decided in favour of the union and that from April this year this school becomes the Women's Department of the Aoyama Gakuin Theological School.

The outstanding matter in the life of the school during the past year has been the absence of the Dean in America, there to appeal to the generosity of those who mothered the school in its infancy, for means to erect our much-needed new building. The rough barracks in which we have been housed since the great earthquake, are after these five years, almost uninhabitable. The prospect, therefore, of a new building more worthy of the work we are trying to do, fills our hearts with gratitude.

Another cause for rejoicing is the provision being made on this compound for a dormitory for our women students, who during these years of our affiliation with the men's school, have been living in rented houses a short distance from the school. For this new dormitory we must thank President Ishizaka who has generously given up his large, comfortable house for the purpose. A much smaller house is being built for the President by the school.

Every one who keeps in touch with things Japanese, knows how strongly the student body in this land has been influenced during the past few years, by the teachings of Marx. Even so we were surprised by the force with which this wave of materialistic thought struck some of our girl students this year. Nothing that has happened in the school has caused such anxiety as this did for a time. A few of them have gone so far that happily the reaction on the students as a whole has seemed beneficial. We think they have realized how far from the spirit of Jesus Marxism can carry one and have learned their lesson.

We have had this year a total of thirty-four in the school. Two of these are taking the one-year post-graduate course, six others have been taking special lectures, and the rest are in the regular three-year course. Nine of these will be graduated in March.

We are anxious to make our school attractive to women who want post-graduate work and are grateful that, during the time we have been in affiliation with the men's school on this compound, we have had twenty-five of them with us. All have professed to be well satisfied with the help they have gotten, and well they might be, for on our staff we have some of the greatest scholars in their line that Japan has produced. We have decided that a thesis shall be required from those taking the full year post-graduate work, which thesis will be honored by a certificate
from the school. We have the promise that this school certificate will be recognized by the Japan Methodist Church and will entitle recipients to full standing in the same, as women evangelists.

Harriet J. Jost.

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**Woman's Christian College of Japan:**—Dora A. Wagner

Eleven years! What has this youngest member of the Union College group accomplished for the cause of Christian education for women of the Orient? In enrollment it has grown from 74 to 425, and has sent out 419 graduates. A very gratifying aspect of its development is the ability of the students to carry on various activities with very little faculty supervision. This ability has received favorable comment from people outside, and has made the graduates desirable in positions where initiative and trustworthiness are essential.

One of the projects of the Y.W.C.A. this year was a Christmas party for a club of girls from a neighboring government school. The meaning of Christmas was explained to thirty eager listeners, some Christmas hymns were sung, and then all joined in merry games. The Y.W.C.A. finances all of its projects.

An enthusiastic group of girls with the Sophomore class leading formed themselves into a Mori-no-kai or Forest Club to get trees for the campus. Through various means they have raised about seven hundred dollars which they are very carefully expending on trees and shrubs so that future generations of students may walk through shady lanes.

International contacts are welcomed by the students. Mrs. Baker, a graduate of our sister college, Vassar, told them of a summer spent in work with Dr. Grenfell in Labrador; Miss Rutherford of Canada, returning from the Student Christian Conference in India, gave an account of student problems in other lands; Miss Derricotte, representing American negro students at the same conference, spoke in a most winning and tolerant way on questions of race discrimination.

The Alumnae Association though a very young body has undertaken the raising of ¥100,000 toward the endowment necessary for university standing. In all of their efforts they have a two-fold purpose. One is, of course, the raising of money. The other is that the college may become known as an institution standing for the highest Christian ideals in scholarship and in life.

This college, we believe, has more than fulfilled the hopes of its founders and is entirely worthy of the financial aid which is so much needed for buildings, equipment, and endowment.

Dora A. Wagner.
Social Service Center:—Mildred Anne Paine

Without the spirit's telescope and the imagination's magnifying glass, eyes can hardly read this brief summary: it claims only to be a further report of beginnings.

There have been three meetings of the Tokyo Social Evangelistic Policy Committee since September of 1928—stimulating and thought-provoking meetings. Eager cooperation has been constant among both Japanese and missionary members, and anticipation of great things awaiting us at every turn. At our first meeting, Mr. P. G. Price of the United Church of Canada in charge of East Tokyo Mission and chairman of the social department of the Japan Methodist Church, invited us to work with him while studying our problem. We accepted and moved at once to a Japanese house almost equidistant from the Negishi institutional church and the Nippori settlement. At this point also we were conveniently near our old stamping-ground in Asakusa.

Faster than it has been possible for us to grasp the background or to realize the full challenge of the opportunities, Mr. Price has turned over responsibilities for the direction of women's and children's work in both institutions. Meeting with the officers of a group of a thousand supporters of the Goodwill Industries, helping plan the religious work for the mothers of one hundred ninety unregistered children who attend the settlement school, counseling with the young Japanese in charge of the children's work, or one in charge of the women's work,—these experiences have opened the doors for an inside study of settlement problems. A kindergarten of seventy children, the mothers' association, English school for sixty grade-school children, religious and social activities for a sewing school of thirty young women, girls' clubs, women's cooking classes, a Bible class for young men and women, a children's library,—a hand in these activities has afforded a constantly deepening appreciation of the service of an institutional church.

To these advantages have been added rare opportunities for consultation with such government officials as the national chairman and director of the social welfare, the director of the social department of Tokyo Prefecture, director of children's welfare work in Tokyo, besides assemblymen and chief of police in particularly needy districts.

During the first four months of study we gave our thought to two widely different plans: one was to strengthen work in Asakusa, the other to enter upon some form of cooperation with the Canadian East Tokyo Mission. Gradually, however, because of changing social and economic situations, cooperation seemed to be wise and feasible and this plan is being developed. In such cooperation the Tokyo forces for social service supporting the Japan Methodist Church will be united to form one association. By associating these social service efforts it will be possible to command the advantages of a large united work and to retain the
advantages of a limited specialized work. That is, it will be possible to call specialists into service, to provide training for staffs of young workers, to put on heavy campaigns. On the other hand, we may avoid duplicating types of work. This is particularly desirable in Japan where right patterns are more valuable than stores of made-up material.

The Social Evangelistic Center has let down some vigorous roots. We depend on your prayers to help release the divine love and courage and wisdom necessary to its growth into full service.

Mildred Anne Paine.

YOKOHAMA

Yokohama District:—Winifred F. Draper

A most interesting feature of this year's experiences has been the realization of the growing social consciousness in the Japan Methodist Church. It was a privilege to attend the conference called by the social bureau of the church last summer and hear the intelligent presentation and discussion of problems, and see the development of the social creed which represents the attitude of our Methodist Christians. Of course there are many who will have to be educated up to the creed but it is gratifying to know that there is sufficient interest in these problems for such a stand to have been taken; we are the first church in Japan to have done this.

Mrs. Ninomiya has been working in the city in her own inimitable way. A new building has been put up for the Aizawa Day Nursery, the government having granted a little more than half of the amount required already and promising more. She finds that the Kanagawa Kindergarten Building fund is growing slowly on account of the present financial depression, but with "white elephant" bazaars and evening entertainments carried on by graduates of the kindergarten, and gifts here and there, the fund is increasing. Her wide influence in the social service work of the city—the W.C.T.U., the campaign for abolishing licensed prostitution, the two day-nurseries and so on—brought her another recognition from the government in the form of the purple ribbon badge from the Emperor at the time of the Enthronement.

The evangelistic work of the district has been progressing very well, by the efforts of our seven workers. Fuchiwaki San is doing most faithful work in the Kanagawa church; it shows in the splendid women's meetings there. Mrs. Kimura's husband died during August and so from October she became a full-time worker in our big city church, Horaicho.

Tanita San, who has been sick for over a year, has started in Honmoku with a new consecration and humility of spirit; and Sato San
has developed well the work in Tobe and Hodogaya. These two women's meetings are as different as they can be: the well-organized meeting in Tobe is full of experienced Christians, but the meeting in Hodogaya is made up mostly of non-Christians who listen so eagerly to this new message of a loving Father and a saving Christ. These workers are in the city of Yokohama.

On the district, Kudo San held a summer vacation school for the children in Oiso and found it a very worthwhile work. Kinugasa San has been acting almost as pastor at the Odawara Church, as the pastor became sick and died during the year. It has been a great responsibility but the church has grown in its activities and in spiritual strength. Sannomiya San has her many lines of service in Kamakura. One day I went with her to a meeting at the home of a sick girl. She has been on her back for about three years, but a more radiant Christian it would be hard to find. She cannot work with her hands for long at a time but she was overjoyed when she found that she could help by making things for the bazaar, and always she is thinking of others and doing things for them.

One day a woman came to me to learn something about knitting and I was so happy to find that she was earnestly seeking God. In her longing for religious help she had been an earnest believer in the "Tenrikyo" sect. She was taught that if she really wished to receive help or virtue in that religion she must purify her body before she worshipped the sun in the morning; so every morning she arose early while it was dark and poured forty handbuckets of ice-cold water over her body. She knew her husband would not allow her to do it if he knew, and so she did it secretly. Some constitutions might be able to stand this treatment but hers could not and she was taken seriously ill. It was over a year before she began to get better, but now she was gradually recovering her strength. She had heard a little about Christianity from her son and she came asking to learn more about this religion which she was sure could give her the satisfaction the former could not. What a joy it is to be able to share with others the precious truths of our faith.
Forty nine years ago Miss Elizabeth Russell founded Kwassui and since then had given forty years of her life to Japan. On September sixth of this year, she died at her home in Delaware, Ohio, at the ripe old age of ninety-two. On December first, our Founder’s Day at Kwassui, we had a rather informal Memorial Day with just the teachers and students present. A few of the old alumnae reviewed the old days and renewed the old spirit by giving us many personal reminiscences of former contacts with Miss Russell. Some of them were amusing, some pathetic, but all revealed her indomitable spirit and inspired in us all greater courage and hope for the future. On the sixth of December we had our formal memorial service, the pastors of the three Methodist churches presiding. Graduates even from Kobe came and took part. Miss Young, who had been a colleague of Miss Russell’s for so many years, paid a beautiful tribute to her life and work. The governor of Nagasaki prefecture came to offer his words of appreciation in person.

One of the outstanding advances of the year has been the organization of the Parent-Teachers’ Association which we feel has much of promise in it for the best interests of the school. One of the benefits already realized has been the securing of a school nurse. We feel that the parents are understanding the problems and purposes of the school better than formerly, and we, on our part, are realizing as never before from what really fine homes some of our girls come to us.

Kwassui has been able to serve the community in a new way this year. A big rally of the three Methodist churches of the city met in our “half of a gymnasium” for supper and later in the chapel for a union service. Again this fall when Nagasaki entertained the District Preachers’ Meeting, we were glad that they could use our building for some of their sessions. It was at this time too, that we had the privilege of welcoming Bishop and Mrs. Baker to our midst and of introducing them to our Nagasaki community. Our dormitory, too, has served. Some of the girls and teachers from the Woman’s Government College at Fukuoka, went away loud in its praises, after spending two days with us.
We have had some good chapel speakers and they, together with some of our alumnae, have inspired us to greater endeavor. Our high school has this year been awarded by the government higher recognition than formerly.

We have been especially pleased with the way the girls are accepting more and more responsibility in the religious work of the school. The eleven city Sunday schools with an enrollment of five hundred eighty-six children are practically in their hands, now that Miss Tokunaga and Miss Davis have gone. Through a request from one of the girls on the Y.W.C.A. cabinet, it has come about that the two Y.W. associations with their advisors and Mr. Murata, the pastor, are planning for a series of meetings in January. As it has come from the girls themselves we are hoping that it will be especially helpful.

The last Sunday of the year six of our first-year college girls were baptized. One of them came to the school very much opposed to Christianity, but to-day she has a strong faith. A girl in the Music Department asked to be baptized on Enthronement Sunday, and brought others with her. Her father had died during the summer but had given permission for her baptism in his will. Others have come from time to time as they have come to feel their need for Christ. Many are Christians at heart though not yet baptized. Because of the bitter persecutions in Nagasaki years ago, many families are very conservative, and some of our girls go through terrible struggles which we know nothing about. A little school visiting in the homes done by Miss Eto, one of our Christian teachers, this spring has confirmed our conviction that such cultivation of the homes would yield much fruit. We wish we might have a school evangelist for just this kind of work.

Four years ago a little lame girl entered Kwassui on crutches. From the first her classmates carried her books upstairs and opened the swinging doors for her. As the years went by, her smile became sweeter and her face more radiant till every teacher instinctively turned her way on entering the classroom. This fall when we came back to school, her seat was vacant. When her mother, not a Christian, came to tell us of her death, she said with tears of joy and gratitude in her eyes: "Chizuko San died very happy, and I am sure it was the faith she received in your school which made her so."

Helen Couch.
Nagasaki Evangelistic Report:—Mariana Young

In January the Dorcas Club rented a small Japanese house to be known as the Dorcas House for the proposed dispensary and for evangelistic and welfare work. In March the dispensary was opened and through the kind assistance of Dr. Hara of the Imperial Medical College it became affiliated with the university hospital so that especially severe cases could be treated there. Thru his efforts other university hospital physicians were secured who donate their services for this work among the destitute poor. The Dorcas Club has only 24 regular members, but there are over 50 patrons who make monthly contributions for the support of the work.

By the end of October, 1996 treatments had been given. One patient, unable to walk, crawled on his knees to the dispensary. Now he can walk. His wife seeks work outside the home, while a young daughter who should be in school looks after the younger children and the house duties. One small child in this family was about to lose her eyesight, but received treatment at the hospital thru the kindness of specialists. The mother in her deep gratitude walked a long distance with a baby on her back and leading two other children to thank us for the Christian kindness shown her family. The expenses of such work are about 70 yen a month. In some months we wonder if we shall have enough to pay the bills, but our Heavenly Father thru His great goodness, always makes the way possible.

A friend and former Kwassui teacher on a round-the-world-trip visited Nagasaki, and while here attended the Dorcas Club and visited the dispensary. Just then the question of renting the house next door was at hand, the present house being inadequate to care for all the patients. When our visitor heard of this, she volunteered a monthly gift that enabled the Club to decide immediately to rent the adjoining house.

In December the “poor folks” dinner was again prepared and given to nearly 100 of the needy folks, including the aged and very young. Their dinner was all donated, the children of the Migiwai Kindergarten giving enough money to pay for the cakes and fruit as their Thanksgiving offering. Such happy children as they were would be hard to find.

The Tamanoya mothers are still bringing in gifts for their kindergarten building. Many of these women are non-Christian and it is difficult to keep up their morale with so little coming from the home side to help on the cause. So we are praying earnestly that this Nagasaki plant can be established in the near future as the Mary E. Melton Memorial, which is to include the evangelistic home and kindergarten. The Y.M.C.A. will be sold as soon as a satisfactory bargain can be made—then we shall be without a place.

Country Work—Monthly meetings have been held with the women at Omura and Sasebo; at both places new women keep coming from time
to time. At Haiki where we formerly visited, the Christians are so scattered that it is now difficult to do anything but make calls. We found here a lonely teacher who was a graduate of Kwassui—a noble witness as a Christian in a school where Christian ideals were not known. She said that she could never forget the Kwassui chapel services, and that Paul's experiences had helped her very much to stand firm in her convictions. There are many Christians in heart having similar experiences in lonely places throughout the country.

The Omura Jo En, or Children's Home—To erect a new building as soon as possible is the great hope for Omura. The little three-room rented house is full so we have to decline all requests that come for others to enter, even though the cases are exceedingly pitiful ones. The old ant-eaten house is likely to fall at any minute, which would render useless much good roof material. At the advice of the architect who examined it, we have left it standing, as that was the best way to preserve the material until we could build.

Recently, a former member of the Home, who is now a kindergarten teacher in Manchuria, sent a gift of 100 yen for the building fund. We have faith to believe that we can build half a house this year if gifts continue to come in as before. It is necessary to build, if possible, in order to use old material before the house falls. A few hundred yen are still lacking on the amount that we thought of expending for half the house viz, 4000 yen, but faith is strong for the balance, so we think we shall have a new home for the children by the end of the year. As an Enthronement gift, the Omura pastor and Jo En matron, with other friends, put on a concert in the Isahaya High School auditorium, for the benefit of the Home. Miss Davis, vocal teacher at Kwassui, and a gifted Russian pianist gave a fine program to a packed house of appreciative students and teachers. Not a large profit was realized but we appreciated the spirit and the audience had a cultural program.

In November the second district woman's meeting was held in my house, with attendance reaching 80, with fine co-operation, good program and spiritual refreshing. For the privilege of service, for good health, for spiritual fruitage, we praise and thank our Heavenly Father.

Mariana Young.

FUKUOKA

Fukuoka Jo Gakko—Harriet M. Howey, Principal
Helen R. Albrecht, Shino Shiokawa
Masa Noda

Fukuoka Jo Gakko is indeed a hill full of happiness for the very unusual blessings we have had during the past year. It has brought to us blessings that are more permanent than the material foundations of
our buildings. The cheerful co-operation of every organization or group connected with our school, in the completion of our new chapel and classroom wing, is an influence that will abide as a tradition. We knew we needed a chapel but little did we realize how great a blessing to every phase of the school life a quiet and beautiful room of worship would be. It makes possible the forming of contacts with larger groups of our constituency and community. It has created an entirely new spirit in our daily chapel services. It has become the center of the religious life of our school. It is a source of inspiration.

Two factors stand out as distinctive features of the student life of the year. For a number of years we have felt that the students were not being given the training for leadership gained through the assuming of definite responsibilities. In an effort to accomplish this thing the Koyukwai and the Y.W.C.A. were merged and a new organization of the student body was inaugurated. This *Fukoku-jo Gakko Joshi Senenkwai*, or as we may call it, the Student Government, comprises ten departments, namely: school demeanor, religious activities, social life, athletics, cleaning and care of buildings, health, matters relating to art and literary activities, the care of the library and reading matter, publication of school magazine, and finance. The names of these ten departments will indicate how thoroughly the activities relating to the student life are now under the student body. Every girl in school is a member of one department and it is most satisfying to see how the girls of the fifth and fourth year classes who are officers, are responding to the demands of their work. It is a new venture, and there are many details yet to be worked out. However, the few months of its life indicate very clearly that the organization of Student Government in our school, as a memorial of the Imperial Enthronement, has been a real forward step.

The second factor that has so deeply influenced our school was the spiritual evangelistic meetings held last autumn. The chapel was a reality; the dedication was over, and the school seemed ready for a harvest. Rev. Mr. Saito of Shizuoka, assisted by Messrs. Saijo, Sasamori, Spencer, and Toyofuji, gave themselves completely, and God used them in a very wonderful way in reaching the hearts and minds of our girls. 126 girls made known a definite determination to follow the Christ-like life. The decision of two teachers at this time makes the faculty of full-time teachers one hundred per cent Christian. We are trying our best to follow up this harvest time so as to conserve its results for the Kingdom of God here in Japan.

Harriet M. Howey.
Recalling my first impressions of things Japanese, there is one which stands out most vividly in memory, and that is the music of Japan, especially the singing of Christian hymns. Never shall I forget the nerve jar at hearing minor notes in “There is Sunshine in My Soul Today.” The dislike for such an Oriental interpretation of Western music has remained; but at the same time I am full of joy at the present progress of music in Japan, and am filled also with hope for its future evolutionary course.

A modern mission school is a splendid laboratory for the observation of musical progress. One has only to listen to a first year chorus class and then to a fifth year one, to see this progress. After five years of careful training, a modern class deserves unlimited praise for its attainments. Not all schools have foreign music teachers, so when we behold the ability which young Japanese music teachers have, there is much to praise, and much to be thankful for.

The two young music teachers at Happy Hill School are graduates of Kwassui. They are putting their whole heart and effort into the work of training the Happy Hill girls, and bringing their young pupils into a respected position before the critical eyes of Fukuoka’s musical community.

A chorus of six Happy Hill girls recently sang “The Lord is My Shepherd” at the International Day of Prayer meeting. So beautifully was it sung, and so dignified and sweet were these high school girls as they sang, that their teachers wanted the whole world to see and hear. Later, they were asked to broadcast the same song from the Fukuoka Radio Station, and as their sweet voices went out over the air many friends heard and were glad. Not to be outdone by the Occident, Japan has fervently acquired the radio fever. But it is a new way in which the message of Jesus may be spread over Japan. For that, we rejoice in this innovation.

Helen R. Albrecht.

Fukuoka Evangelistic Work:—K. Grace Wythe

Do we see any results from our work? Here are just a few of the encouraging things which have taken place during the last few months:

In the village of Akama where we have a Bible school for primary school children, there is a Chinese tailor whose little daughter had been attending the weekly meetings. When the two teachers went out for the first meeting after the New Years holidays they heard that this little girl had died. They at once went to call in that Chinese home, taking their message of faith and hope. This so impressed the mother in the home where the children’s meeting is held that she asked Taka-
mori San and Yoshizumi San if they would visit another home where death had come. Of course they consented, and that evening they returned to Fukuoka rejoicing that they had been able to tell some sorrowing hearts of the Great Consoler. But that was not the end. The next week they were told of other homes where the shadow had fallen, and since some special meeting at the primary school made the regular meeting impossible, they were able on that afternoon to visit five homes. Though Akama has the reputation of being very much opposed to Christianity, these families welcomed them gladly, and the messages of the Father's love and the beautiful Christian hymns brought the light of a new hope to those lonely hearts. So through the home-going of one little Chinese girl the Comforter is coming into these Japanese homes, and sorrowing hearts are learning that losses and afflictions may be messengers of peace and hope.

The managers of the great cotton spinning factory in Fukuoka have seen the advantages of up-to-date machinery, and consequently the working force has been reduced from six hundred to two hundred and fifty; and where there used to be five dormitories for girl operators, now there are only two. As a result, the attendance at our Christian meetings has decreased so that the average is only ten. Then, for some reason which we do not understand, some of the girls who have been baptized seem to have lost interest. And as if these things were not enough to make our work difficult, after the big Christmas meeting all extra meetings and classes were discontinued during the cold weather. In spite of all these hindrances, Takamori San has gone to the factory regularly every Wednesday evening, consulting and praying with the two members of the office force who are Christians, and visiting the girls in their rooms when they were off duty. This faithful work is bearing fruit, and five or six of the girls are asking earnestly, “How may I know the one true God?”

Our Working Girl's Club has taken a big step forward: they have organized at last. We have been hoping for this for a long time, but it seemed as if the girls were so shy that they would never be willing to accept responsibilities. But now, what a difference! With happy faces and much laughter they decided that they would be "strictly business", and that group was an interesting study as they proceeded with the election of their first officers. The president is a fine Christian girl who holds a responsible position on the household staff of the present head of the family of the old feudal lord of Fukuoka; the secretary is the busy oldest daughter in the home of a retired railroad engineer; the treasurer is a housemaid; another maid is chairman of the handwork committee; a fine girl who works in a fish shop has charge of the social committee; while our own worker, Takamori San, was requested to take charge of the religious meeting department. Surely these girls have
caught something of the spirit of the great Master Workman of them all, whose love alone can lift all men up into the dignity of sons of God.

K. Grace Wythe.

KUMAMOTO
Kumamoto Evangelistic Work:—Carolyn Teague, Margaret Burmeister
Yasuye Okubo, Michi Yokomizu
A Few Days from the Log-Book of Kumamoto Station

April 10: The cherry blossoms are at their best. Such a cloud of beauty! The kindergarten opened to-day, the "King's Glory", with four teachers and ninety children. Such an uproar! sixty five new children, leaving mother and home for the first time, kept us all busy.

May 11: The annual kindergarten picnic. Every child spic-and-span in a clean white apron, proudly carrying a lunch box or basket. Two street-cars carry this hilarious pack of squirming children to the wide green stretches of the park.

May 26: Sale day. Cloudy this morning. Will anybody come to buy the products, which represent a year's work? When twelve o'clock arrives there is no doubt that it is a success. Piles of cake: bushels of strawberries: the dresses are going like hot-cakes. At five o'clock everyone is tired but happy.

June 5—7: Sewing institute at Yamaga Kindergarten; from nine o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon for three days, all working to finish the dresses, suits, and underwear. (We aimed to teach more than mere clothing construction, and I hope we succeeded).

June 11: Flower Day at the church, which is absolutely packed this morning. Children, parents, and beautiful flowers; the children from the kindergarten Sunday school, the street Sunday schools, and the church Sunday school. All go together to the Military Hospital afterwards with the flowers. It is wonderful to see how a few flowers and some bright children's faces change the atmosphere of that gloomy old place.

July 1—20: One long campaign to work up enthusiasm and to prepare us spiritually for the Kyushu Girls' Conference of the Japan Methodist Church in the foot-hills of Mount Aso.

July 20: The day arrives with pouring rain. How disappointed we all are! But very few fail to arrive at the station and we set off with high spirits, quantities of baggage, and a determination to reach our destination in spite of the elements. The sky seems to be smiling serenely as we de-train and prepare to ascend the mountain; we're a funny looking group: baggage strapped on cows; our shoes and "geta" exchanged for straw sandals; our guide going ahead in a most picturesque straw raincoat and hat. We have not gone far before a sudden mountain
storm strikes us with full force; four miles of up-hill road in the face of driving sheets of rain, and it is a sorry-looking line that files into the hotel after two hours of most difficult going.

July 21—25: Three days filled with spiritual food, good fun, and a closer fellowship with each other, and a growing knowledge of the problems presenting themselves to girls in Japan to-day; days of beautiful sunrises, gorgeous sunsets, and true mountain-top experiences.

September 8: Back at work. Hot!! but there's enough coolness and strength stored up from the mountains to carry us over this hot spell into the cool weather.

September 31—October 3: Adventures in union social evangelistic meetings, with Mr. Kagawa as the speaker. The days are not long enough for this embodiment of energy and spirit-filled personality; he works far into the night and is up before dawn; the Bible instruction is at six o'clock in the morning. Kumamoto is having a spiritual awakening; I pray we may be able to conserve the results of this man's fine message. Three hundred people in Kumamoto earnestly seeking to know Christ should make themselves felt in every walk of life.

November 21: Just an ordinary cooking class to-day; fifteen members present making chicken salad. The girls like the Bible talk very much; such a fine group of girls! I am sure many of them will follow in the footsteps of some of their number who have learned the way of the truth and the light.

December 26: Christmas at the Nakashima barracks. Our preparations for the festivities go ahead by cart and about fifteen of us bring up the rear. The people come out to welcome us and we set to work to help the two day nursery teachers. The rough wooden building is flooded with sunlight and decorated with a scene of the first Christmas (It was indeed the first Christmas that any of these five hundred people had ever witnessed). The children perform their part of the program with remarkable skill, and they sit spell-bound listening to the pastor's story.

Memorandum:

These are only a few days out of the year's work. Every day brings new and interesting problems; opportunities for special acts of service come and we try never to have our days so crowded that we cannot meet these.

Carolyn Teague.
KAGOSHIMA

Evangelistic and Kindergarten Work:—Alice Finlay

Teru Yoshizaki

We have had many happy experiences during the year. Our Kakizono San, who had been trying for a year to recover her health in Kagoshima, was led to Seoul where she was tenderly cared for at East Gate Hospital by Korean doctors and nurses, missionary and Japanese friends. She has come back to us greatly benefitted in health, while the faith of many of our Christians has been strengthened, seeing her so well and hearing of the beautiful spirit of love shown her in Korea.

Mrs. Yoshizaki has done deep and lasting work with the women in our Bible classes, especially the group of kindergarten mothers. One of these is a lawyer's wife, having a good home, a husband respected by every-one, and three beautiful children; but in a visit there one day, I found her heart hungry; we invited her to this class, and now her heart is satisfied in Jesus.

A happy group of young women went with us to the summer conference the last week of July. We met with the girls from Kumamoto, Fukuoka, and Nagasaki on Mt. Aso, a long day's trip from here. Among the girls was Tatsuko San. Her older sister, Yaeko San, became a Christian ten years ago against very strong opposition at home. Later she was married. Influenced by her beautiful life, the young man soon became a Christian. But a few years later the young husband died and Yaeko San came back with her two beautiful children to her home. Next her little girl of six went to be with Jesus. The grandparents were stricken with grief, but Yaeko San's calm trust in God and the kind sympathy of Christian friends convinced them. Not only did they permit Yaeko to attend church, but asked us to lead Tatsuko and freely gave their consent to her going to the summer conference; on this quiet mountain God spoke to her heart; later she was baptized and is one of the active workers in our King's Daughters group. Yaeko San is a teacher in our kindergarten, loved by all.

A kindergarten graduates' meeting was held in the autumn when over one hundred fifty of our graduates met for a happy afternoon. The first graduates, now high school students, did all the writing, and through the preliminary meetings for plans, a number were drawn to the church and are now faithful members of the Christian Endeavor. The kindergarten fathers helped us royally in giving a big concert on the eve of the Enthronement the profits of which are deposited toward the much-needed bigger play-ground. We are very thankful to the King's Heralds at home who sent us one thousand yen which we were praying for to make some very necessary repairs.

Kimotsuke San, who was baptized three years ago, began working soon after as my secretary. She had desired very much to prepare for
Christian work but for family reasons could not go away to school. Ambitious and faithful, she studied here, and at our last District Conference passed the examinations giving her a Bible Woman's standing in the conference.

At Sendai (Kyushu) we were entertained in the home of a young woman, a school-mistress, who had visited our kindergarten. We have been sending her Christian literature, and to my great joy, we found her a happy Christian. She sends her Christian papers on to other teachers. Each one of these primary teachers has fifty or more children among whom she sheds the light. In Kokubu the women's work all centers round them. Several have been baptized during the year, and two of these young women keep up the Sunday school, tho Sunday is their only free day.

There are many opportunities and rich rewards in the country work, but with only one missionary for all this work in Kagoshima, we must leave much of it undone.

In Loo Choo, Yamashiro San, one of our women evangelists, was married during the year. She possesses a wonderful spirit of service, and to an unusual degree sees and meets the needs of others. This quality, and her strong faith in Christ fit her for the big responsibility she has—she married a man with five small children.

Tokeshi San at Yonebara and Higaona San at Naha are happy in their work among the women and children. An unusually promising girl from the Shuri church is entering our Training School for Christian Workers at Aoyama this spring hoping to return to Loo Choo as a woman evangelist.

The Naha Christians are greatly encouraged by a generous gift that came through Mr. and Mrs. Bull, making it possible to begin their building this year. The old missionary residence was sold. With this, the money from America, and what they have raised among themselves, they look forward to having their much-needed church within another year.

I am thankful indeed for this last year with all that it has brought to us. I have been deeply taught by the faith of Japanese Christians. All about us are young hearts throbbing with life and eager to be taught, and mothers who are burdened and welcome us heartily to their homes.

Pray with us that we may be strong to meet the opportunities, and win many souls for Christ and His Kingdom.

Alice Finlay.
KOREA

City and District Evangelistic Work—Bertha Starkey

Tsuya Kitajima

First among the many blessings God has given us on the Chosen District the past year is that of our two fine new workers. The prayers of the Fusan church were answered when the Canadian Mission through Miss Jost gave us Kazanami San, a graduate of the Aoyama Theological Department. Her desire to be of service to the Korean people as well as to her own makes her doubly welcome to our Chosen field. Both pastor and people at Fusan are pleased with the service she is rendering.

Sudeya San's successor in the Seoul Church is Tagawa San, who graduated from the Kwassui College course two years ago. Her father, a wealthy mine owner, was strongly opposed to Christianity; but through the faith, fasting, and prayers of his daughter and her Christian friends, he was led to give his consent for his favorite daughter to become an evangelistic worker in Chosen. This victory is truly a modern miracle. She came to us at the end of February, and in May passed the Conference examinations and received her certificate as a regular woman evangelist.

Our second great blessing is that of the splendid co-operation of the Korea missionaries and Korean Christians that has made possible the opening of many new avenues of service. For example, Miss Bording of Konju began devoting one day of each week in her Korean baby clinic to Japanese babies and their mothers, having as her interpreter the wife of the minister of education of the province, a beautiful Korean Christian young woman who understands Japanese well. Before Miss Bording left for America in June, she invited us to be present at a special Japanese mothers' meeting, asking Kitajima San to interpret her wonderful Christian message to those non-Christian mothers. Following this, Kitajima San gave a second talk which made clear to every mother the source of Miss Bording's Christ-like love and service. Thus a new group was added to our work among the Japanese women of Konju. This fall, at the urgent request of Miss Erwin of the Southern Methodist Mission in the increasingly important rail-road center of Tetsugen, went there for the first time. She and her Korean co-workers had arranged for the first Christian meeting ever held for the Japanese in that town, and had sent announcements to all the Japanese homes. The meeting was held in the Korean church and as a result we have been requested by the Japanese themselves to come regularly from now on. At Genzan, where, in November, Kitajima San spoke for the first time in the Mission High School for Korean girls, we found a dear little Japanese teacher who had been an earnest inquirer for some time. In the hour and a half which she was given by the principal after chapel to have a personal talk with Kitajima San, she was most gloriously converted and came out of the room with one of the most radiant faces I have ever seen. These are
only three of many such precious experiences in cooperation with our Korea missionary sisters.

How blessed it has been to receive so many calls from Japanese in influential circles who want Christian teaching. For example: at Suigen, where last May the wife of the manager of the Mitsui experiment farm invited us to come to her home to teach the Bible to her and thirteen neighboring women, which has led to a monthly Bible class there; at Chinampo, where in July we spoke to groups of non-Christian women in the home of the manager of the tobacco factory, and in the club house of the government smelting plant; in Taikyu, where in November we were invited by the wife of the leading lawyer in the city to come to her home and to give Christian messages to the non-Christian women whose husbands are lawyers or judges connected with the supreme court of the province. In Naiko, where there is an immense new hydro-electric plant, we spoke for the first time to a group of eighteen in the home of one of the leading men. In Joshin, where the only Japanese Christians in the town are the postmaster and his wife, they had us speak one night in their home to a group of twenty friends, and the next morning to thirty of the post office employees in the new post office building. At Rigen, a county seat, another place where there is only one Japanese family, we spoke to a group of forty Japanese who had gathered in the Peoples' Bank for the first Christian meeting ever held in the town. Among them were the leading county officials and their wives. So, on and on all over this vast district, souls are hungering for the Bread of Life.

Kitajima San and I have visited only twenty-one places during the year, besides going every month to Suigen and Jinsen. Moreover; we could not make our usual trip to Manchuria before Conference because of the heavy work in Seoul, and because Tagawa San was so new in the work.

Not the least of our blessings is the growing spirit of unity among the womens' societies of the churches of the district. Last May at District Conference we had a special woman's day which culminated in the formation of a district organization to promote the interest and progress of the women's work all over the district. One of the definite things they are doing is to unite their hearts in prayer when they hear the noon signal each day. Another is to send to me at the end of each quarter a report which is printed in the "District Quarterly News," so that each one may know and be helped by what all the others are doing. Kitajima San, as District Superintendent of The Missionary Society, has succeeded in enrolling the women's organizations of the three churches in The Woman's Missionary Society of the Japan Methodist Church.

Bertha Starkey.
SISTER SOCIETIES

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE JAPAN
METHODIST CHURCH

The growth of our Society has not been very rapid but year by year it is making a steadier growth. We have to consider carefully and wisely in order to make the organization the most efficient and able society of Methodist women in the country.

Our Japan Methodist Church is not having an easy time financially but it is taking a brave step; so we women of the Church would like to help it in every way we possible can.

This year we are making our budget a little larger than last year and are taking up as a new work Okinawa, that is to help one of the churches with a certain amount of money yearly for its support. We also continue giving $500.00 for Manchuria work this year. We took one new student to support in the Training School for Christian Workers. Another old retired Bible woman is added to our list to give some help monthly toward her support. Hence we have now four retired old Bible women whom we are looking after to make them a little more comfortable in their old age. Last year there were many, many cases of death and sickness in pastors' families and Bible women to which we had the privilege of expressing our sympathy and love, giving them gifts of money.

We had our Conference last March with the fulness of blessing from on High and with zeal and earnestness of the sisters in Christ from all over the country; so we are entering now into our new year of work.

Truly, our Society has been accomplishing its mission in two ways: one is that we are helping others, working for others; and another thing is that our Methodist women are getting their own education through the Society which means that by working for others they are making growth in the Christian life and are learning how to work for others and finding out the joy of working for others. So the members of the Society are getting much by giving a little money, time, and labor, and prayerful thoughts for others. The working for others, serving the Maker, is indeed the great practical education to mankind, is it not?

Tomi Furuta

NATIONAL MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

During the thirty years since the Mothers' Meetings were started the burden of leadership has fallen about an equal number of years upon Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Alexander. We never could have done the work, however, without the efficient and sympathetic help of
our Japanese co-workers. Once a month a committee of ten meet with us for prayer and consultation.

It was early felt that we must have something to bind all of the different Mothers' Meetings together, and in 1918, at Mrs. Draper's suggestion, we started sending to each member a monthly leaflet on some topic helpful to the mothers. At first only 600 were sent out each month, but during the past ten years the membership has grown to over 6000, to all of whom we send ten different leaflets each year. Although the individual membership fee is only 50 sen a year, yet our work is self-supporting and we have a few hundred yen on fixed deposit in the bank.

Besides the leaflets sent regularly to members we receive extra orders continually that bring the average monthly number sent out to 15,000.

We have published two booklets, "Mother" by Mr. Imai, and "Health Stories" by Dr. Oka. "Mother" was presented, with a basket containing twenty-five beautiful carnations, to the present Empress Dowager at the time of her silver wedding. This year we have published a book "A Mothers' Friend" of 550 pages containing the most important of our leaflets. A copy of this, bound in white kid with gold lettering and a bunch of gold carnations on the cover, is being presented to the Empress as an Enthronement gift.

We receive very encouraging letters from our members. A recent one says, "I wait eagerly each month in this lonely place for the coming of the leaflet which brings with it inspiration and comfort. I pray God's blessing upon all of you in your work." Our leaflets are written by doctors, educators, preachers and mothers, and therefore seek to help build up the spiritual, mental and physical life of the homes of this land.

The celebration of the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in Japan was started by Mrs. Draper in 1913, and it is now celebrated from one end of the country to the other in churches and in many schools. This year, besides those sent to regular members, we distributed 54,000 extra leaflets in connection with Mother's Day.

Mrs. Draper is now our Honorary President but she has not, by any means, lost her interest in the work. She upholds the hands of the younger workers by her prayers and wise counsel.

Japan was greatly honored at the International Federation of Home and School, (the successor of the International Mothers' Association) held last year in Canada by having Mrs. Draper elected Second Vice President of the organization.

Mrs. Alexander leaves Japan on furlough in February and Mrs. Heckelman will take up the work in her place. While in Europe during the summer Mrs. Alexander hopes to represent the Mothers of Japan at the International Federation of Home and School to be held in July in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mrs. R. P. Alexander, President.
Miss Elizabeth Russell—"Queen Elizabeth," as she was often called,—and Miss Jennie M. Gheer were the pioneer leaders of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in West Japan. They arrived in Nagasaki in November, 1879, and on December first Miss Russell opened school with one pupil. She was a genuine pioneer and in the higher education of Japanese women she had undaunted courage, conquering faith, untried perseverance, a strong constitution for enduring the hardships of a pioneer, and a personality that won over almost insuperable barriers. Miss Russell was a versatile woman and deeply spiritual. Those who lived and worked with her felt that to be her co-worker was a liberal education, and for many years she was called the Bishop of Kyushu because all classes came to her for counsel. She loved Japan and the Japanese and they trusted her to help them in time of need, for she had a tender heart toward any who appealed to her.

Kwassui was truly her child; to bring this child to maturity she toiled, suffered, and sacrificed. She was justly proud of her girls and their loyalty and devotion to her were beautiful. Her continued presence in the school was a source of great strength: Kwassui is great because it had a great founder. Other monuments of her faith and works are: the Fukuoka Jo Gakko, the Omura Children's Home, the Nagasaki Seamen's Home, the Kumamoto evangelistic home.

In May, 1919, in her eighty third year, she returned to America to retire from active mission work. Upon her retirement from Japan she was honored with the decoration of the Order of the Blue Ribbon by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan for “work of inestimable value in the education of the Japanese.” Into her last years came the great sorrow of the death of her adopted daughter, May Russell, and the hardships of failing sight and hearing. On September sixth, in the home of her niece in Delaware, Ohio, she quietly entered into her rest. But she is not dead for she still lives in the lives of her Kwassui girls, who constitute the real monument to her work.

M. Y.
FURTHER INTRODUCTIONS

What becomes of them—the graduates of our schools and kindergartens, the girls in our clubs and hostels and in the other avenues of our missionary interest? The following nut-shell descriptions give a glimpse of some of the Methodist women who, with the pastors and laymen, are the inspiration and indispensable upholders of the churches. Mrs. Shinjo of Hakodate, daughter of an earnest Buddhist, left a widow with five children, is leading a victorious Christian life. From Monday morning till Saturday night, and often far into the night, she is busy teaching Japanese to make the comfortable and strength-promoting European clothes for their children. But Sunday always finds her in her place at church; and twice a month on Friday evenings her home is open for a neighborhood meeting led by the pastor. She has found Christ and is eager that others may know the source of that which is dearest and sweetest in life to her. No one has heard her complain of her lot—rather she tells of God's goodness to her.

In Hirosaki the name of Mrs. Yoshi Yamaka is a synonym for devotion. To the twelve children of the parsonage she has been a devoted mother—equally so to her own four children and her husband's eight children by a former wife: an interesting article could be written about the Christian step-mother in the Orient. Mrs. Yamaka has been devoted also to her pastor-husband, now retired; to the work of the local and the larger church; to the community interests, and to every soul who needs the ministration of her loving sympathy.

Mrs. Ikeda, of our Sendai Church, is a higher normal school graduate. Those are commanding words in Japan—commanding of respect and high salary. Converted in a mission school, after graduation from the higher school she chose to give her life to her family and the work of the Kingdom. She is putting her efficiency and her love for Christ into three exacting enterprises, being president of the Sendai Church Woman's Society, an officer of the National Woman's Missionary Society, and an untiring Woman's Christian Temperance Union worker: the latter in Japan means not only working against the use of alcoholic liquors but against licensed prostitution. She has seven children of whom two are college graduates, now teaching.

As wife of the pastor of the great Ginza institutional church in Tokyo, Mrs. Yoshioka does more than one woman's work. Besides, she is a director of the Woman's Missionary Society of that church and chairman of its finance committee; she is on the Board of Counsellors of the Aoyama Jo Gakuin Alumnae Association; she is a devoted and ambitious mother; a conscientious friend in all the human contacts of her position; and socially in demand among both Japanese and foreigners because of her gracious and interesting personality.
Mrs. Hirata, a pastor's wife for fifty years, more than half of which have been spent in a Yokohama church; an efficient helper to her husband; an inspiring leader to the women; a wonderful mother to her eight children—it is no wonder that when Mr. Hirata was honored in a most unusual way by the people living in the section around the church Mrs. Hirata was included significantly. They received a letter from their neighbors stating their appreciation of their kind, untiring efforts for the city and the fine influence they have exerted in all that section; also a gift of two fine “hibachi”—fire-boxes—was made: “One for Mr. Hirata and one for Mrs. Hirata,” they said. Not only the Christians but all those around her call her “Mother” and “rise up to call her blessed”.

A close connection with American missionaries in their homes, and some years spent in America have given Tanaka Sensei such a background of efficiency that she is now invaluable to the people of Kwassui whom she loves and serves. She studied in the Bible Department of Kwassui Jo Gakko for awhile, and for many years now has been matron in the dormitory there. Her gracious yet unassuming manner, and her executive ability in managing social affairs, her contacts with many kinds of people have made her contribution to service great indeed.

Six months after her graduation from the Kindergarten Department of Lambuth, Ichikawa San’s mother died, and then the family responsibility of nine persons fell upon her young shoulders. Since then she has not only kept the family together but has become a most valuable worker in the kindergarten at Kumamoto. During her days there the kindergarten enrollment has grown from thirty to ninety children. The father of this family is janitor in the kindergarten, which is a rather unusual type of thing in Japan. One of Ichikawa San’s sisters is now in high school, leading her class. Another has graduated and is in training to be a Bible woman. A brother has recently graduated from the Higher Commercial School in Osaka. The attainments of these young people are due to their sister’s unflinching courage and faith.

Mrs. Mizoguchi is the wife of a leading physician in Fukuoka. She is an active member of the alumnae association of Fukuoka Jo Gakko. Being the wife and mother in a Christian home of wealth, her doors have been wide open to the help of students, and always her home is full of them. Mrs. Mizoguchi’s work in connection with the Women’s Club of Fukuoka has drawn wide attention and recognition in the city and province, for this lady is without fear. Once she was knocked down in her own doorway by several ruffians who wanted a girl she had rescued from their evil clutches. Such has been her life—rather dramatic in its Christian and social service, but intensely influential for good.

Ten years ago Kakizono Yaeko San was turned out from home for becoming a Christian. Her father owned a public restaurant with geisha or dancing girls, and Yaeko San was very unhappy because she disliked
this kind of life. Seeking for something to satisfy her heart, she was led by her friend to the missionary's home where she first heard the story of Jesus. Thus the light dawned in her gloomy heart, and gradually this hope brightened until she made a full surrender, and gave up everything for Jesus. But God gave her friends in Japan and America. With their prayers and her earnest effort she studied hard, graduating from the Women's Christian College in Tokyo. She now gladly gives her life for the women and girls in Kagoshima, sharing generously the gifts of His love that have come to her through her faithful obedience to Christ Jesus.

Their heavenly vision is in works of love,
A new age summons to new saintliness.
Before the uncloistered shrine of human needs
And all unconscious of the worth or price
They lay their fragrant gifts of gracious deeds
Upon the altar of self-sacrifice.
MARTHA HELEN RUSSELL'S FAREWELL
to Japan

Miss Russell first came to Hirosaki in the fall of 1915 and when she left to retire in January of this year not only those directly connected with the school but many everywhere in the city were eager to show their appreciation for the fourteen years of generous, untiring, devoted service. There was recognition of the growth of Hirosaki Jo Gakko in the number of students, the addition of land and buildings and the general raising of the standard of the school; but there was at the same time a true understanding of the unstinted giving of time and thought and strength which had made possible these achievements. At a public farewell gathering attended by city officials, representatives from the various schools and other prominent people, deep gratitude was expressed for the years spent in behalf of the education of girls in this part of Japan. At the time of the Enthronement when the city made recognition for special service, Miss Russell was among those honored.

But the never-ending memorial to Miss Russell and her life and work in Hirosaki is the impression made upon the teachers and girls who daily worked with her and caught the spirit which dominated this strong, outstanding personality. Not only here in the school now but in the hearts of those who have come and gone during these last years is the thought, "She loves us. We must never forget the words she so often repeated: 'Imitate Jesus Christ.'" And day by day the knowledge that this friend thinks of them, prays for them, believes in them, spurs many on to loving service, nobler living.

After the good-byes in Hirosaki, Miss Russell went to Tokyo to spend the month before her sailing; and there again her old students of Aoyama flocked around her, the different groups vieing with each other to do her honor knowing that because of her whole-hearted friendship with them and her message to them their lives have been enriched and their hearts inspired for Christian faith and service.
DEDICATION OF FUKUOKA CHAPEL

"Happy Hill Girls's School," the English translation of Fukuoka Jo Gakko, is the keynote of the spirit of this school in these days. Dreams have become reality: we have a place for our school worship; there is a center for the religious life of the school—because we have a new chapel.

Over a thousand of the friends of Elizabeth M. Lee made this chapel possible. Gifts of from fifty cents up were given; sacrifices were made cheerfully; friends in America and friends in Japan joined in this beautiful gesture of love and devotion. Who can measure the permanent value of such a campaign in the lives of the individuals and the life of the school? We were drawn together in our efforts—in the hours and hours of planning and the long, hard work of carrying through those plans. Now our goal is achieved.

On October 16th, Bishop Uzaki and Bishop Baker were present for the Dedication of this building. The day was a real benediction; to have had a share in the completion of such a project gave soul satisfaction to every one present; and we were thinking of the dear friends in America, who were the unseen sharers. We waited long, but we have received a hundred-fold. Our belief in God, in each other, and in ourselves has been strengthened by this adventure in faith.

Harriet M. Howey.
CURRENTS IN THE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT IN JAPAN

The Social Creed of the Japan Methodist Church and the National Christian Council:

"Setting up as our ideal a Christian social order in which God is revered as Father and humanity is inter-related as brothers we purpose to realize the love, justice, and fraternal oneness manifested by Christ. We maintain that making the life of Christ a living force within organized society is the only salvation for the present distress. In conformity with these ideals we advocate the following matters: Equal rights and equal opportunities. Non-discriminatory treatment of nations and races. The sanctity of marriage with equal responsibility of both men and women regarding chastity. The improvement of the home life. The betterment of the status of women in the educational, social, political, and industrial world. Respect for the personality of the child, and the prohibition of child labor. The enactment of a law making Sunday a public rest day (with the expectation that wages will be paid). The abolishment of the system of public prostitution and the complete regulation of all similar trades. The promotion of national prohibition.... the limitation of armaments, strengthening of the World Court of Justice, and the realization of a warless world."

The Nation Wide Evangelistic Campaign:

"Everywhere the meetings are characterized by a large attendance and a profound interest. The high tides of material civilization which during recent years have swept across the nation have left the soul of Japan starved and oppressed by an overwhelming sense of loss. The Japanese heart is hungry; the minds of the masses are restless. On every hand there is a new turning of the people to some form of religion. The inroads of communism and the spread of false and heretical faiths have shocked the government and the thoughtful leaders into a great awakening. They have abandoned their erstwhile no-religion attitude and are making frantic appeals to religious organizations to come to the rescue." (National Christian Council Bulletin).

Enthronement Honors:

Forty-five Christian men and women representing every field of activity were numbered among those who were honored by some sort of recognition during the Enthronement Exercises. When compared with the total of those thus rewarded for conspicuous service rendered the nation this is a percentage far above the ratio of the number of Christians to the total population.
PERSONAL MENTION

His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Hirohito, formally ascended the throne of Japan on November tenth, nineteen hundred twenty eight. His Enthronement was the occasion of great rejoicing on the part of his subjects as well as of all friends of Japan and was observed by signal honors to many people, especially to those who in various ways have contributed to the welfare of Japan. "Showa", the name given to the era of his reign, has the meaning of "Enlightened Peace".

In September, 1928, Bishop and Mrs. James C. Baker came to take charge of the Japan-Korea area. The Tokyo-Yokohama community were invited by the mission to meet them at the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society home.

The newest additions to the mission personnel, Miss Ella M. Gerrish and Miss Mary D. Collins, are appointed respectively to Kumamoto for evangelistic work, and to Hakodate for educational work.

Miss Tokunaga is doing excellent work at Boston University where she is studying for two years under the McDowell Fellowship.

Dr. John R. Mott has been spending some weeks in Japan having come for the especial purpose of reporting the Jerusalem Conference. As the world's greatest present-day religious leader, he has been awarded the First Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor.

Miss Suye Shibata's mother at the time of the Enthronement received a silver cup from the Emperor in honor of her having reached the age of eighty five years. It is a custom to honor in this way at certain times all who have attained the age of eighty.

Bishop and Mrs. Leonard stopped in Japan on their round-the-world trip; they left behind them a warm friendliness, having given unsparingly of their time and energy to both Japanese and foreigners.

Miss Alexander, with her brother's family, sailed in April via the Ports. They spent Easter Day in Jerusalem and attended the sunrise service in front of the "Garden Tomb".

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EAST JAPAN

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Recording Secretary ......................... Miss Wagner
Official Correspondent ................. Miss Sprowles
Treasurer ......................... Miss Daniel
Statistical Secretary ................. Miss Daniel

STANDING COMMITTEES

Field Reference
Misses Sprowles, Bailey-Cheney, Curtice, Daniel, Draper, Furuta, Lee,
Paine, Shibata, Taylor.

Field Property
Miss Daniel (ex officio), Misses Curtice, Draper, Paine, Sprowles.

Evangelistic
All evangelistic workers and Miss Kobayashi, educational representative.

Membership
Misses Lee, Chase, Furuta, Taylor, Mrs. Kataoka.

Language
Miss Wagner.

Publishing
Misses Chase, Wagner; Adviser, Miss Daniel

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Conference Program (for 1930) . Sendai Station
Resolutions ......................... Misses Bassett, M. Howey, Hida
Nominations ......................... Misses Daniel, Curtice, Kobayashi
Conference Travel ......................... Miss Byler
Constitution  ......................... Miss Daniel, Draper
Student Aid for Training School . Misses Curtice, Draper, Daniel (ex officio)

Future Relations of our Schools to the
Japan Methodist Church . . . . . . Jo Gakko Principals
Tokyo Social-Evangelistic Policy . Misses Daniel, Draper, Furuta, Paine;
Messrs. Abe, Akazawa, Draper,
Iglehart, Manabe, Price.
Sixtieth Anniversary ..................Misses Paine, Couch, H. Howey, M. Howey, Place.

Correspondent for Retired and Furloughed Missionaries ..........Miss Taylor

DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Conference of Federated Missions........Misses Lee, Byler; Alternates Misses Bailey, Paine

East Conference, Japan Methodist

Church .........................................Miss Draper; Alterante Mrs. Ninomiya

National Christian Council...............Miss Finlay; Alternate Miss Draper

Teological School Council.................Misses Furuta, Sprowles

Woman's Christian College Board of Trustees .................Misses Sprowles, Chase

STATION TREASURERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

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Hakodate.................Misses Bailey, Cheney, Misses Howey, Collins

Hirosaki.........................Miss Byler .......................Miss Curtice

Sendai.........................Miss Lee .........................Miss Kilburn

Tokyo.........................Miss Daniel .................Misses Place, Bailey, Paine

Yokohama.................Miss Draper .....................Miss Draper

APPOINTMENTS 1929

East Japan

TREASURER FOR JAPAN: N. Margaret Daniel

SAPPORO:

Evangelistic Work (City) ...............Erma M. Taylor

Mothers' Meetings .......................Mrs. T. T. Brumbaugh (until summer)

HAKODATE:

Iai Jo Gakko .........................Alice Cheney, Principal (from Sept.)

Barbara M. Bailey, Acting Principal (until Sept.)

Mary E. Howey (until summer) C.T

Mary D. Collins (from Sept.)

Yukie Ogawa

Yoshi Fujino
HIROSAKI:

Hiroasaki Jo Gakko.............. Lois K. Curtice, Principal
Mothers' Meetings ............... Mrs. C. W. Iglehart
Mrs. E. W. Thompson

SENDAI:

Evangelistic and Social Service Work .................. Mabel Lee
Elizabeth H. Kilburn

TOKYO:

Aoyama Jo Gakuin.............. Alberta B. Sprowles, Dean
Suye Shibata
Chiyo Kobayashi
Sugi Hida
Laura Chase
Pauline Place (until April)
Barbara M. Bailey (from Sept.)*
Harriet J. Jost
Mrs. Michiko Kataoka
Myrtle Z. Pider
Dora A. Wagner

Union Training School........... Tomi Furuta (Superintendent of Women Evangelists)

Woman's Christian College....... Myrtle Z. Pider
Dora A. Wagner

City and District Evangelistic Work and Conference Evangelist .........

Evangelistic and Social Service Work ..................... Mildred A. Paine
Mother's Meetings ................. Mrs. F. W. Heckeiman
Mrs. F. N. Scott

YOKOHAMA:

Day Nurseries and Kindergarten.. Waka Ninomiya
Evangelistic Work ................. Winifred F. Draper
Mothers' Meetings ................. Mrs. G. F. Draper

ON FURLOUGH:

Leonora M. Seeds, H. Louise Perry, Carrie A. Heaton, Azalia E. Peet,
Alice Cheney (until Sept.), Olive Curry, V. Elizabeth Alexander,
M. Helen Russell, Pauline A. Place.

RETIRED:

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

*United Church of Canada
APPOINTMENTS OF WOMEN EVANGELISTS, EAST JAPAN

(Not Members of Conference)

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

HIROSAKI (NORTH OU) DISTRICT:
Hirosaki .............................................. Kikuyo Yamagata
Fujisaki and Kuroishi. .............. Sakae Mano
Akita .............................................. Yaye Narita

SENDAI (SOUTH OU) DISTRICT:
Sendai .............................................. Moboi Mano

TOKYO DISTRICT:
Tokyo, Ginza .................................... Ryo Hiraoka
,, , Aoyoma .................................. Chiyo Toriyama
,, , Asakusa .................................. Ume Tamura
,, , Mita ........................................ Naoya Aizawa
,, , Nakano ...................................... Matsuyo Murata

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

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Vice-President ............ Mrs. Baker
Recording Secretary ........ Miss Burmeister
Official Correspondent ...... Miss White
Treasurer .................... Miss Daniel
Editor and Publisher ......... Miss Albrecht
Statistical Secretary ......... Miss Oldridge

STANDING COMMITTEES

Field Reference

Misses Young, White, Finlay, Teague, Principal Fukuoka Jo Gakko, Oldridge, Starkey, Takamori, Burmeister.

Field Property

Misses Teague (chairman), Finlay, Principal Fukuoka Jo Gakko, White, and Hagen

Evangelistic

All evangelistic missionaries, Mrs. Yokomizo, Mrs. Matsuo, Miss Kitajima, Mrs. Yoshizaki, Miss Fehr.

Membership

Misses Starkey, Takamori, Hagen, Kitajima, Shiokawa.

Publishing

Miss Albrecht

Correspondence and Publicity

Station Correspondents.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nominations ................ Misses Hagen, Ashbaugh, Eto, Burmeister, and Mrs. Sasamori.
Program ...................... Kagoshima Station.
Conference Travel ............. Miss Albrecht, Miss Kitajima.
Resolutions .................... Miss Couch, Miss Totsuga.
Student Aid for Training School.. Miss Fehr, Miss Teague.
APPOINTMENTS 1929

West Japan

FUKUOKA:

1 Evangelistic Work ............
K. Grace Wythe (on furlough from June)

3 Fukuoka Jo Gakko .............
Carolyn M. Teague (from Sept.)
Harriet M. Howey, Principal, (on furlough from July)
Caroline S. Peckham, Acting Principal (from Sept.)
Shina Shiokawa
Helen R. Albrecht
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
Maju Takamori
Helen Couch (on furlough from June)
Mary Belle Oldridge
Vera J. Fehr
Olive I. Hagen
Ayako Totsugu
Jino Eto

KUMAMOTO

2 Evangelistic Work .............
Carolyn M. Teague (until Sept.)
Ella M. Gerrish (from Sept.)
Yasuye Okubo
Margaret Burmeister
Mrs. Michi Yokomizo

KAGOSHIMA:

2 Evangelistic Work .............
L. Alice Finlay

SOUTHERN ISLANDS DISTRICT (Loo Choo):

Evangelistic Work .............
L. Alice Finlay

CHOSEN DISTRICT:

1 Evangelistic Work .............
Bertha F. Starkey
Tsuya Kitajima
ON FURLOUGH:  
Elizabeth M. Lee  
Lois L. Davis  
Caroline S. Peckham

RETIRED:  
Mrs. Masa Kato

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

NORTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:  
Nagasaki ................................. Mrs. Sueko Furuzawa, Kaoru Taka-mori, Michi Kaoda  
Fukuoka ................................. Masaye Naito
Kokura .................................

SOUTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:  
Yatsushiro .................................. Mrs. Seiko Kawano  
Kumamoto ................................. Tatsu Kojima  
Kagoshima ............................... Yoeko Kakizono

LOO CHOO DISTRICT:  
Naha ........................................... Sumi Higaonna  
Yonabara .................................... Michi Tokeshi

CHOSEN DISTRICT:  
Keijo ......................................... Takaye Tagawa  
Hefjo ........................................... Sen Takeno

DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

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

Korea Woman's Conference..............Miss Albrecht; Alternate,  
Miss Starkey.

Kyushu Bible Institute......................Miss Teague.  
National Christian Council...............Miss Finlay; Alternate,  
Miss Draper.

West Conference of the Japan  
Methodist Church (1929).............Miss Eto; Alternate, Mrs. Noda.  
Committee on Reorganization..............Misses White, Teague, Hagen, Oku-bo.

Joint Committee on Co-operation with  
Japan Methodist Church.............Miss Starkey; Alternate Miss  
Teague.

Aoyama Theological Seminary Council. Miss White, Miss Kitajima.
OFFICIAL MINUTES
JOINT SESSION
EAST AND WEST JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCES
Tokyo, January 5-8, 1929.

Afternoon session, January fifth.
Devotions: Mrs. Baker conducted a short devotional service.
Music: The Alexander Trio graciously sang for us.
Forum: Miss Furuta opened the discussion on the subject of the future relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the Japan Woman's Missionary Society. The growing importance of the young society is shown by the fact that it has been officially recognised by the Japan Methodist Church. The consensus of opinion in the discussion was that the best way for the foreign society to aid the local organization is to give loyal and sympathetic support while they are overcoming obstacles of misunderstanding and indifference necessarily connected with the establishment of a new organization.
The Sixtieth Anniversary: Miss Paine reported general plans for our cooperation in the celebration at Columbus. It was moved and carried that the nominating committees appoint a joint committee to take charge of plans for our participation. Adjournment.

Morning session, January seventh.
Devotions: The East and West Conferences joined with the Japan Mission Council in a devotional service led by Bishop Baker.
Mrs. Baker presided over a joint session of the two conferences.
Welcome to new and returned members: Miss Lee spoke words of hearty welcome to two new missionaries, one new Japanese member, and four returned missionaries. Each responded, expressing her happiness in entering or reentering our happy fellowship. Greetings were read from Miss Peet and Mrs. Keedy.
Future relation of our work to the new social plans of the Japan Methodist Church: Miss Draper gave us the Social Creed of the Japan Methodist Church and the National Christian Council. She mentioned ways in which we may cooperate in helping to make it an actuating force.
Music: A double trio sang for us.
Evangelistic reports: "Wide open doors" was the keynote of the reports of the evangelistic workers. Many of these doors have been entered, others invite entrance but the laborers are too few to realize these opportunities. It was voted to have the remaining reports the first thing at the next session, and the meeting then adjourned.
Morning session, January eighth.

Devotions: Led by Bishop Baker.
Minutes: Minutes of the last session were read and approved.
Music: Mrs. C. W. Iglehart delighted us with a beautiful solo.
Communications: Letters of greeting from Miss Bender and Miss Fujino were read by Bishop Baker.
Introductions: Mrs. Chaffin of the Seoul Woman's Training School was introduced as a visitor.
Unfinished business: The remaining evangelistic reports were given. Bishop Baker's presence being required elsewhere Mrs. Baker graciously presided over the remainder of the session.
Future relation of our schools to the Japan Methodist Church: Miss Curtice moved that the nominating committees appoint a committee* with one representative from each school to consider this subject with representatives from the Japan Methodist Church. Carried.
Educational reports: All were impressed by the contribution the schools are making to the spiritual life of Japan's growing young womanhood.
Nominating committee: Miss Daniel presented a supplementary report which was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

Afternoon session, January eighth.

Devotions: Bishop Baker led in a short devotional service.
Reports of committees: (See detailed reports of all committees.)
The Sixtieth Anniversary: Miss Paine reported the request of the committee that one person in each station be responsible for the Sunrise Prayer Service. Japanese members volunteered to send the communion table to Columbus. They also kindly offered to help in collecting articles for the Japan exhibit. Miss Harriet Howey was asked to be responsible for the exhibit. It was voted that the missionary members of the two Conferences make a voluntary contribution to help the committee meet necessary expenses.
Reference committees: The reports of Miss White and Miss Sprowles were adopted.
Language committee: Miss Draper's report was adopted.
Publishing committee: Miss Daniel's financial report for the 1928 issue was adopted. The new committees were authorised to publish a joint report. A project for joining with the Japan Mission Council in getting out a special type of publicity material was discussed and referred to the publishing committees for investigation.
Evangelistic committee: The report adopted.
Nominating committee: Recommended that the publishing committee be the publicity committee also. Adopted.

*The principals of the girls' high schools were appointed to form this committee.
Tokyo Social Evangelistic Committee: On motion this committee was asked to continue for another year.

Hostel in Sendai: Changes in constitution were referred to the constitution committee acting with Miss Kilburn.

Japan Christian Council: Miss Finlay was elected delegate, Miss Draper alternate.

Resolutions: The report was adopted.

Appointments were read, and then Bishop Baker conducted a short consecration service, and the joint conference stood adjourned.

**FORTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EAST JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCE**

The opening session was held at 4 Aoyama Gakuin on the afternoon of January fifth, Mrs. Baker presiding. Miss Furuta led in prayer. Miss Sprowles, Chairman, presented the Reference Committee nominations and reported the ad interim business. (See lists) This report was adopted as a whole. At the close of the Joint Conference a short session of East Conference was held for the election of the Reference and Property Committees, delegates, and station treasurers and correspondents. (See lists)

**THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE WEST JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCE**

The opening session was held on Saturday afternoon in the parlors of 4, Aoyama Gakuin, with Miss White presiding and fifteen members present.

By common consent the routine business, the election of officers and committees, was proceeded to at once. Misses Hagen, Teague and Kitajima were elected from the floor to fill the vacancies on the nominating committee, caused by the absence of three of the members.

The matter of a delegate to East Japan Woman's Conference was voted to be decided by correspondence later.

Delegates and representatives were elected as follows:

- Federation of Christian Missions: Miss Burmeister (two years) Miss Teague, alternate (two years).
- Kyushu Bible Institute: Miss Teague.
- Aoyama Theological Seminary Council: Miss White, Miss Kitajima.
- Korea Woman's Conference: Miss Albrecht, Miss Starkey, alternate.

The nominating committee then brought in their report which was read and accepted. (See list of officers and committees).

The meeting adjourned.

Following the close of the joint session of the two Japan Woman's Conferences, West Japan met and transacted the following business:

Miss White was elected Official Correspondent. The Field Reference Committee was then elected. (See lists of Committees) Station Correspondents and station treasurers were elected:
The newly elected Reference Committee then met and elected the Field Property Committee. (See lists of Committees).

It was moved and carried by a three-fourths vote to discontinue the Educational Committee.

An invitation was extended by Kumamoto Station for the Conference to meet there next year. The Conference accepted the invitation. The program for next year is to be in charge of Kagoshima station.

**Margaret Burmeister, Secretary.**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolved,—

That we express the gratification of the members of the two conferences at having a second time the privilege of meeting in joint sessions with the Board of Foreign Missions and our joy in the pleasant association with these fellow-workers.

That the Conferences extend to Bishop Baker and to Mrs. Baker the warm welcome that each member has for them and that we express our appreciation of the sympathetic and genuine understanding with which they have entered into our problems, making us feel their essential oneness with us. That we appreciate the keen insight and sympathy with which Mrs. Baker so graciously and skilfully presided at the sessions which the Bishop was unable to attend.

That we rejoice in the addition to our group of the new members, Misses Ogawa, Fujino, Collins and Gerrish, and in the return of Misses Wagner, Paine, Albrecht and Chase.

That we have heartily welcomed to our Conference sessions Bishop Uzaki and the Japanese pastors and friends who have honored us with their presence and interest, and also Mrs. Chaffin who has come to us from Korea.

That we express to Miss Russell the deep appreciation we feel for her long years of valued service in Japan and the heritage of her enduring influence upon all who knew her, regretting that she is not here to receive the personal expression of the regard we feel for her.
That the conference take this opportunity to express to Miss Kilburn our deep feeling with her in the recent loss of her mother and our appreciation of her courageous spirit in carrying on in the face of this great sorrow.

That we show in this way our most sincere sympathy with the one member, Miss Curry, who has been so recently called home because of the serious illness of her mother, and that we follow her with our prayers through this severe trial.

That we voice our regret at the absence from our sessions and truly miss the inspiration of our members who are ill—Misses Ashbaugh, Wythe and Fehr and Mrs. Sasamori, and of those others who found it impossible to attend conference—Miss Russell, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Matsuo, Mrs. Yokomizo, Miss Okubo, Mrs. Noda, Miss Fujino and Mrs. Yoshizaki, Mrs. Takaya and Mrs. Uzaki.

That we express our gratitude to Miss Howey as chairman and the entire music committee for the splendid special music of this session and the fellowship through the singing at meal-time.

That we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Jo Gakuin family and to the other hostesses of the Compound for their very efficient and thoughtful provision for all our needs and the generous sharing with us of their home life which has made our stay here so delightful.

That we here give expression to the joy and pride we feel in the Imperial honors which have recently come to two of our members, Mrs. Ninomiya and Miss Finlay.

Bernice Bassett, Helen Couch, Chairmen

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

The Evangelistic Committee wishes to present as its report the account of the meeting of the Union Committee of the Japan Methodist Church and the three participating missions which marks a new era in the evangelistic work of our church.

On February third, 1928, in Kobe, Bishop Uzaki, The Dean of the Woman's Department of the Theological Seminary, twenty missionaries who are District Superintendents of Women Evangelists, and fifteen District Superintendents of the Japan Methodist Church met during the joint session of the East and West Conferences of the Japan Methodist Church for the first meeting of the Union Committee on Woman's Work.

The purpose of the committee is to deal with all matters concerning the Women Evangelists such as employment, appointment, salaries, relation to the churches, pensions, and scholarships. At this meeting salaries were made uniform throughout the church. Regular graduates of the Theological Seminary shall receive Yen fifty five at first, to be increased
to Yen sixty five in ten years. Graduates of the special course shall begin on Yen forty five. College graduates or those not having higher training should have their salaries decided separately.

It was also recommended that this Union Committee should meet during the last two days of Annual Conference, East and West, and prepare a complete list of Women Evangelist's appointments, both church and mission, and that this list be read by the Bishop in Annual Conference after the ministerial appointments have been announced.

Due to this Union Committee the status of the Women Evangelists in the Japan Methodist Church is more clearly defined, and the cooperation of the missionary and the Japan Methodist Church is greatly advanced.

Alice Finlay, Winifred F. Draper.
Secretaries.

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EAST JAPAN CONFERENCE
REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Ad Interim Actions

Hirosaki Property Committee:

The property committee for the Hirosaki Building was approved. Committee.—Miss Curtice, Mr. Yamaka, Dr. Charles W. Iglehart.

Hirosaki Jo Gakko Building Plans:

The Hirosaki Jo Gakko building plans were approved and sent to the General Executive Committee at Los Angeles for action. A cable of approval of the plans for Hirosaki Building was received from Mrs. Norris.
Tokyo Social Service:

Conference action was cabled to Mrs. Norris requesting the use of Tokyo Social Service and Evangelistic accumulated balances for the Tokyo Social Service Building. An approval was received from the General Executive.

Hirosaki:

A request was received from the Hirosaki Methodist Church, Hirosaki Girls' School graduates, and certain members of the Board of Managers requesting an extension of Miss Helen Russell’s term as principal of the school for a few more years tho her time for retirement had come.

This was forwarded to the Conference, Bishop Welch and Mrs. Norris.

Conference Session Actions

Appropriations:

As we have been informed that there is no likelihood of increased current appropriations, we have made no change in our estimates. There are some stations such as Sendai and Hirosaki not adequately supplied, but this time we simply repeat the estimates as for 1928.

Yokohama:

Plans have been brewing during the year for securing a kindergarten building on the Tobe lot. Japanese have promised to raise ¥1500. This with an additional ¥1500 added to the balance of the earthquake fund will be sufficient, it is thought, to erect the building. It was therefore unanimously resolved by both East and West Japan Conferences that we grant the interest on the earthquake fund, ¥900, and ¥600 from local funds for the Airin Kindergarten building. Mrs. Ninomiya expressed her gratitude for the timely aid with deep emotion.

Hirosaki:

The Building Plans were once more studied. It was voted that any balances that may come from the evangelistic and kindergarten funds could be used in the school and home as seemed best to the building committee.

Furloughs:

The conference voted on furloughs as follows:

Miss Daniel—Nov., 1929.
Miss Place—April, 1929.

Both of these are to take place at this earlier date according to the convenience of each.

Treasurer of Japan:

While the treasurer of Japan is appointed by the Foreign Department,
a unanimous request is sent to the Foreign Department for the appointment of Miss Peckham as treasurer.

New Missionaries:
The following new missionaries are requested as in 1928:
For educational work:
Aoyama — 1 domestic science missionary.
4 contract teacher (English).
Hirosaki — 1 missionary (English).
Hakodate — 1 missionary (English).
For evangelistic work:
Hakodate — 1 missionary.
Hirosaki — 2 missionaries.
Yokohama—1 missionary.
Those who have training in home economics or club work are specially desired.

Alberta B. Sprowles, Secretary.

FIELD PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Ad Interim Report
The following recommendation was approved:
Hirosaki. To make the local building committee of the Board of Managers of Hirosaki Jo Gakko, namely Miss Curtice, Rev. Yamaka and Dr. C. W. Iglehart, the sub-committee of the Property Committee.

N. M. Daniel, Chairman.

TOKYO SOCIAL-EVANGELISTIC POLICY COMMITTEE
Seven meetings have been held during the year and various possibilities of cooperation considered, the one with the “Kobokwan”—the settlement supported by the foreign auxiliary of the W.C.T.U.—being finally declined. Miss Paine arrived Sept. 21st and on Oct. 9th moved into a rented house in Negishi and has been continuing the study of possibilities while cooperating with Mr. and Mrs. Price in their settlement work in that section of the city.

N. M. Daniel, Chairman.

LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
Miss Olive Curry has finished the third term of the second year and is working on the first term of the third year of the Language School Correspondence Course.
Miss Mary Collins and Miss Ella Gerrish are studying in the first term of the first year of the Language School.

Winifred F. Draper, Chairman.
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Changes suggested in the By-laws were submitted to the members of Conference after adjournment of the 1928 session, approved and incorporated in the Year Book. The following changes in the Constitution were submitted at the same time and adopted at the 1929 session.

Article III. Membership. “Wives of missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions who are not in charge of work for the Society may be honorary members.”

Addition to By-laws as adopted, 1929

Standing Committees: Student Aid for Training School. In addition to the Mission Treasurer there shall be one evangelistic worker and one educational worker in each conference, appointed by their respective Reference Committees.

N. M. Daniel, Chairman.

WEST JAPAN CONFERENCE
REFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Furloughs:
Miss White ..........November 1930.
Miss Teague..........July 1930.
Miss Ashbaugh .......July 1930.
Miss Starkey .........Furlough to be postponed until April, 1932.

Recommendation to the Foreign Department:
That Miss Young's furlough be postponed one year, this action subject to the approval of the Society.

Treasurer of Japan:
It was moved and carried that we send to the mid-year meeting a recommendation that Miss Caroline S. Peckham be appointed treasurer as the successor to Miss Daniel, to take effect when Miss Daniel goes on furlough.

Nagasaki:
That we endorse Miss Young's asking for any help for her building proposition that she may be able to secure from the Sixtieth Anniversary funds.

Fukuoka:
That as a joint Reference Committee we most heartily endorse the possibility of securing the Rowlands property in Fukuoka as a permanent location for our Evangelistic Center; and that we authorize the Fukuoka Station to investigate the matter thoroly
and present it again to the Reference Committee of the West Conference for the necessary actions.

Kagoshima:
Miss Finlay presented an item concerning the possible purchase of additional land for the Kindergarten in Kagoshima, this matter to be presented at a later date, when Miss Finlay would think it wise to do so.

Election of the Field Property Committee, January 8, 1929.
Miss Finlay.
Miss Teague.
Miss White.
Miss Hagen.

Harriet M. Howey, Secretary.
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 as are 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. Wives of missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions who are not in charge of work for the Society may be honorary members.

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, Statistical Secretary, 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, Recording Secretary, and Statistical 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

I.—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.
Statistical Secretary to collect and compile all required Statistics.
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 the 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 Committee on Student Aid for the Training School shall consist of one evangelistic worker and one educational worker from each conference appointed by their respective Reference Committees; the treasurer shall be ex officio a member of this committee.

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. Election 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-President, 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 Foreign Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and the Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Editor and Publisher, and Statistical 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 at such place as shall be fixed by the Conference and 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.

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 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 sessions.

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

4. The Official Correspondents 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, 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 Women'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 a 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 evangelistic 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 a member of the committee.

f. 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 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.

e. 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.
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