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REPORT

Report of HERBERT B. JOHNSON, D. D., Superintendent
of the Pacific Japanese Mission.

Bishop and Brethren:

It is now my privilege to present my last report for the quadrennium, and in so doing I wish to acknowledge the continued mercies of our Heavenly Father and the courtesies of my brethren.

In view of the extra duties referred to in my last report, I began the conference year with the thought that in justice to all concerned I should lead a little less strenuous life, but, if anything, my time has been more fully occupied and my various duties have been more exacting than ever before. My daily motto has been, "Toil on, faint not, my joy to do the Father's will," and I have been conscious of his presence day by day during the entire year.

Our Field.

My parish includes these three great states of the Pacific Coast—California; Oregon and Washington, equaling in area the New England States and New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the eastern half of Michigan; or changing the direction, equaling in area New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. The State of California, alone, more than equals in square miles the entire Empire of Japan.

My Itinerary.

I have not felt it incumbent upon me to visit exactly four times, during the year, each of the places where we have work. To certain remote fields and to places where the need did not seem to be so great I have gone less frequently, and to other places, some of them quite distant, I have gone four to ten times. My itinerary has been as follows: Spokane, Tacoma, Long Beach and Winters, each once; Portland, Seattle, Bakersfield, Loomis and Palo Alto each twice; Oxnard and Santa Barbara, three times; Selma
and Riverside, four times; Los Angeles, five times; Fresno, six times; Sacramento, the same, including trips connected with the Anti-Japanese agitation; and Vacaville, ten times, many of them in the interest of incorporating the church and of plans for building. The average is about four times to each place, and the total distance traveled is 12,000 miles, not including work in the bay cities nor trips for missionary sermons and addresses at conventions and in our American churches, which aggregate considerably more than another thousand. While I have not, in trains, traveled over territory farther east, I have done so in thought and by correspondence as I have followed our people in their migrations eastward. I have rendered what assistance I could in opening work in two cities in Colorado to which reference will be made again, and have plans for other important fields as soon as the General Conference shall enlarge the bounds of our Mission, and the necessary men and money can be found.

The Continued Agitation.

The agitation against the Japanese on the part of the Japanese-Korean Exclusion League has continued, and the opinion seems to prevail in certain quarters that the opposition is general on the Pacific Coast. To correct this impression and to reveal the real situation, I prepared a booklet of one hundred and thirty-three (133) pages on "Discrimination against the Japanese in California," which President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University honored with an Introduction, and which has been very widely circulated and very kindly received. In this booklet particular attention was paid to the San Francisco School question and to its settlement in the restriction of Japanese immigration from Hawaii to the Coast. The recent demonstration in Vancouver, B. C., is misunderstood by some who do not realize that it was instigated by representatives of the Exclusion League from the American side. Plans have already been announced for a similar demonstration in Portland.

The effect of this unjust, un-American and un-Christian conduct on the part of a section of the labor organizations and their hoodlum followers have been twofold,—certain Japanese who have not thought the problem through hastily conclude that if this represents Christian civilization they do not want the Christianity which underlies it; on the other hand, the thoughtful are not slow to observe that
their defenders and their best friends are found among the ministers and members of the Protestant churches, and that most of the leading agitators are foreign born and are not real Americans or Christians at all.

Post Conference Changes.

Bishop Moore left the new and growing work at Bakersfield to be supplied. Miss Lydia Abplanalp was secured as teacher and manager, and Rev. K. Nagasaki has made regular monthly visits from Fresno. The report will be included in that of the Fresno and Selma circuit. At Conference, Oakland and San Jose were united, with E. Abiara in charge assisted by R. Tsushima. The latter was soon compelled to return to Japan on account of broken health, and K. Nasu, a student in the University of the Pacific, was secured and has done excellent work at San Jose. Later, brother Aibara was released from Oakland for general evangelistic work, especially for fields unworked by the pastors, and J. Shimasaki has carried on the work there most successfully with such assistance as Professor Vail and I could render. September 1st, K. Nagasaki resigned his work at Fresno, where he has labored most successfully for the past three years, to enter Drew Theological Seminary, and E. Aibara was appointed to take his work until this Annual Meeting.

It seemed best, also, to again divide the Sacramento and Vacaville charges and brother G. Tsurda removed to Sacramento and has confined his labors to the east side of the Sacramento River. The work in Vacaville and Winters has been well cared for by K. Masuda. In view of his growing work at Seattle and of quite an extended trip to Japan, S. Yoshioka has not been able to supervise the work in Spokane, and as last year it has been carried on by E. Kofude and S. Uemura, assisted by Mr. Fried, an American local preacher, to whom we owe much for what has been accomplished and the hopeful outlook. During Brother Yoshioka's absence in Japan, the work in Seattle was placed in charge of T. Kanno, of Oakland, who was ably assisted by local workers. We were fortunate in having Brother Yoshioka in Japan to represent us at the organization of the new church, and we shall listen to his report with deep interest.

The General Missionary Committee not being able to make adequate provision for our Korean work in San Francisco, an exchange was arranged with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the consent of our Missionary authorities, they turning over their Japanese work in San
Francisco to us and we our Korean work to them. The plan has been generally approved and has worked to the advantage of both Missions. This arrangement does not change the status of our Korean work in Los Angeles under the supervision of Mrs. Sherman.

Other Charges.

The work in Fresno, Los Angeles, Portland, Riverside, San Francisco and other places not mentioned above has been strongly maintained. It would give me pleasure to speak in detail of the work of each pastor and church, but it seems best that this report should be confined to the general situation. The pastors in their reports will give the particulars, and many of the items of interest will be found in the table of statistics. However, no summary or statistical showing can adequately reveal the labors, trials and encouragements of the pastors and their associates. There has been much to encourage and the outlook is hopeful.

Through lack of men and money, it has not yet been possible to take up work at Missoula, Montana; Pocatello, Idaho; nor Reno, Nevada; which were left to be supplied in the appointments.

Some Results.

Our pastors have labored loyally and faithfully during the year, and the net results as shown by conversions and baptisms are as follows: Fresno, including Selma and Bakersfield, 16; Los Angeles, including Long Beach, 11; Oakland, 6; Oxnard and Santa Barbara, 6; Riverside, 5; Sacramento, including Loomis, 19; San Francisco, 32; San Jose, 13; Vacaville, 1; Portland, 9; Spokane, 2; Seattle, 13; total, 133, of whom 12 are children.

As in Vacaville and Los Angeles last year, the church records on several charges have been carefully revised this year with the result that there appears to be a loss in certain places. For example, San Jose reports less members than last year, notwithstanding the fact that thirteen have been baptised. Some have returned to Japan, but many have gone to places where we have no organized work, particularly East, and appear for the time to be lost. But my observation indicates that the Japanese who really backslide are comparatively few. Our Christians represent a high standard, whether considered from the standpoint of intelligence, faithful attendance upon the appointed means of grace, or willingness to support the church, including
its organized benevolences. We report this year 158 probationers, a net loss of 15; and 706 full members, a gain of 80.

Financial Showing.

The churches have made a fine showing this year in the line of contributions for pastoral support, benevolent collections, and church building. In benevolences they are far ahead of anything hitherto reached. The aggregate of benevolent collections last year was $813. This year the aggregate for Home Mission and Church Extension alone will almost reach this, and will far surpass it if we include subscriptions already paid toward the Rehabilitation Fund. The various charges have also collected about $300 for Foreign Missions, Education, and Bible cause, and about $400 for their local Missionary organization, which money is used for pastor's travel and aid.

Perhaps the most astonishing giving has been toward church property;—at Fresno in closing up the subscription for building; at Los Angeles in paying off the debt and in improvements in preparation for the recent dedication; at Oakland in securing a very choice property on the corner of West and Tenth streets, costing $8,000, a part of which will be carried on mortgage; and at Vacaville, where we hope soon to begin the erection of a new church. The figures are as follows: Fresno, $786; Los Angeles, $1,810, not including the Church Extension Grant; Oakland, $2,000; Vacaville, $800. Total, $5,396.

The Portland Church, with the aid of an appropriation of only $20 per month, has provided for its pastor, met the current expenses, and paid $160 on the indebtedness and nearly $200 for interest and taxes. The San Francisco church, after a period of apparent waiting, but in reality a time of preparation, is entering vigorously upon a campaign for securing funds to rebuild. But for the sympathy and assistance of their Japanese friends outside of the churches, our members could not begin to do such large things, which is proof of the excellent standing of our pastors and churches in the Japanese communities. The churches have also contributed $4,093 for the support of the ministry, an increase of $1,276.

New Temporary Locations.

Two choice pieces of rented property have been secured during the year, at San Jose and at San Francisco. After months of waiting, prayer and effort, a most desirable
corner house and lot was found at San Jose for $30 per month which supplies us an admirable church home. The only thing about it which I do not like is that we do not own it. The rent is twice that which was paid before the earthquake, and it is only with the greatest heroism and sacrifice that the current expenses have been kept up.

With the experience of last year in our crowded San Francisco quarters and with no immediate prospect of rebuilding, it was thought best to secure a separate building for our Training School. Accordingly, Professor Vail, in time for the opening of our school in August, secured a large flat on Post street near the Mission on Pine. The double parlors, being much larger than those of the Mission, are used for Sunday services. The former building is retained for social meetings, reading room, dormitories, etc., and is the center of Christian activity.

This expansion is made all the more necessary in view of our taking over the Japanese work of the M. E. Church, South, in exchange for our Korean work, though it gave us no immediate increase in church members. These temporary buildings are inadequate for our growing work, and we must rebuild at the earliest moment possible. We have been greatly disappointed in not being able to rent a more suitable place for our Mission in Sacramento. It is very important in this Capital City, which forms the center of a large Japanese population, to secure property of our own. Until such time as this can be done, we must secure better rented quarters, and I hope that this may be accomplished early in the new conference year.

The San Francisco Training School.

The Anglo-Japanese Training School had nearly four hundred pupils enrolled at the time of the earthquake and fire; and, though greatly crowded for room, three hundred and thirty were enrolled for the school year ending in June last. Though the new year has scarcely begun, well on toward two hundred have already been enrolled. There are four American and five Japanese teachers, all of whom have been thoroughly trained for their work. The aim is to make it the best school for Japanese in America, to impart a thorough knowledge of English and Christianity, and to lead as many as possible to Christ. The past year twelve young men have been baptized and received into the church. The urgent need of reopening a Biblical Training Department is strongly felt.
Our Epworth Leagues.

For the first time the Japanese Epworth Leagues will be reported in our statistics. They are a large factor in the development of our churches. The devotional meetings largely take the place of class meetings, but they are substitutes in the best sense. These meetings are spiritual and helpful, and prepare the young men for the outdoor preaching and testimony meetings, on Sunday afternoons, which have been so helpful in various ways and in many places. Considerable attention is also paid to literary meetings, hospital visitation, etc. We have 11 Leagues with an aggregate of 424 members. Several of these publish monthly papers, which are widely read. Much has been done in the way of circulating these and Japanese tracts imported from Japan, but I am more than ever convinced that one of our pressing needs is the reestablishment of our printing plant, destroyed by the San Francisco fire, and the rehabilitation of our Japanese Christian Advocate. There is an urgent call for a strong, thoroughly Christian Japanese paper published on the Coast. Many advocate co-operation with the Presbyterians in publishing a union paper. So far this has seemed to be impossible.

Federation.

In my report a year ago, I referred to a proposition to organize a Union-Japanese Church on the Coast, which was followed by a plan of federating the work among the various oriental peoples here. The outcome has been the formation of an Association of Missionary Workers among Orientals, with quarterly meetings. The work of the various Mission Boards is not disturbed in the least, but a complete understanding has been arrived at among the local representatives. These meetings tend to the promotion of good fellowship, make possible a comparison of views and methods, and prevent a duplication of forces and unnecessary rivalry. The Association includes workers among the Chinese and Koreans as well as the Japanese, and others who are especially interested and who are approved by the several superintendents.

Buddhist vs. Christian Missions.

I have repeatedly called attention to the activity of Buddhism among the Japanese on the Coast. Here in Fresno, where our Annual Meeting is being held, they have a splendid property easily worth $10,000. They have quite
strong missions in most of the centers where we have work. Their local pastors or priests are fully equipped with modern education and sufficient funds to push the battle hard. They receive far more than we can afford to pay our very best men. By meetings on Sundays, by enrolling all non-Christians as Buddhists, and in other ways they make it difficult for Japanese young men to come to us. It is now necessary for them, as in Japan, to openly break with Buddhism before espousing the cause of Christ.

Extension of the Field.

The work at Pueblo, Colorado, above referred to, is under the care and control of Rev. J. F Porter, pastor of the Northern Avenue M. E. Church, Rev. H. Shiroto, who recently arrived from Japan being the missionary. Just before New Year's, Brother Porter wrote me, "We have a large colony of Japanese and it is constantly increasing. We also have a flourishing night school among them and a friendly feeling toward the church. We had last spring the promise of about fifty men who would attend and help to support such a movement among their people. Our opportunity is great and presses for a solution at once. If you can do anything for us I hope you will do it early." I was compelled to reply that we had neither the men nor the money. Rev. C. W Huet of Japan must be given the credit for finding Bro. Shiroto, though I was more or less related to it from the beginning and had not a little to do with making possible his landing in this country. Brother Porter's letter illustrates the opportunity that is ours all over this great West. It also shows what a pastor of one of our American churches and his people can do in real Home and Foreign Missionary work, for some of our best workers in Japan were raised up in just this way. Our largest success in our different missions has been due to co-operation between our pastors and local American Methodists, particularly from the Epworth Leagues.

Through lack of adequate assistance and supervision, undenominational. Non-Christians are admitted as Asso-undenominational missions have been established in Ogden, Chicago and Denver, in the latter quite recently by H. Shigeta, a local preacher, formerly connected with our work on this Coast, but more recently from Japan. his is a disappointment to me, as I had for months corresponded and planned in reference to opening work there. Bro. Shigeta's prospectus provides for a home for Japanese strangers which shall be thoroughly Christian and yet undenominational.
Non-Christians are admitted as Associate Members. The basis of the work is a Christian boarding house in rented quarters. Christian services are held on Sunday and at other times. A Social Department is a prominent feature. The work is supported from the income of the Boarding House, from the monthly fees of the members, and from free will offerings of sympathizers, the names of many of whom are given, both Japanese and Americans. The enterprise is commendable, but in my opinion would be more satisfactory, in every way, if under the care of some Christian denomination. In view of Christian work among the Japanese of this Coast being started under the auspices of our Church, of the universality and strong influence of our Missionary work in the West, of the peculiar relation of Bishop Harris and the present Superintendent to the Japanese public, and of the fact that we have several active Christians in Denver, including the organizer of the new Mission, it would seem that this ought to be a Methodist Mission. But under the circumstances, this appeared to Brother Shigata the only solution of the problem.

**Larger Appropriations Urgent.**

The time has come for more extended work and hence for larger appropriations. Our work must be both extensive and intensive. The appropriations for the Japanese work on this Coast for the past four years have been as follows: 1904, $9,280; 1905, $9,865; 1906, $9,985, and 1907 the same, excepting $500 for school equipment destroyed by the fire. Thus, notwithstanding the great opportunity there has been but a very slight increase in our appropriations for several years. A sister Mission has averaged $11,500 for the past four years, notwithstanding the fact that it has but one American missionary, fewer stations and far less members, and that its work is entirely within the State of California. These brethren do not receive too much, and can use to splendid advantage every dollar they can obtain, but in view of the crisis that is upon us we receive far too little, and some means must be devised for securing an adequate increase. The deep interest of our Christians in the best things that pertain to vital Christianity, our opportunity for evangelizing the Japanese, both in this country and in Japan, and the splendid giving of our Christians for pastoral support, current expenses, benevolences and Church building are strong reasons for far larger appropriations on the part of our Missionary Authorities.

General Review.

The school year just closed will go down in history as a pivotal period. A crisis had been reached, and the question arose, "Shall not the school be discontinued, at least for the present?" Destruction had seized upon the city so beautifully situated by the Golden Gate, and had well nigh laid her waste, physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually, though not financially. This very sad condition of affairs, however, rendered it possible for the Japanese people to locate themselves in a very nice part of the city, only six blocks distant from our old Pine street Mission premises. No San Francisco real estate agent would rent a house in the finer residence districts to a Japanese, even if the applicant were a Christian pastor, and, indeed, a Methodist landlord refused to give lodging for two or three days to the now Bishop Honda. However, after the great fire of April 1906, these same agents were seeking Japanese tenants for the best of houses, though the rents asked had increased threefold.

It soon became evident that the Japanese people would return to the city in great numbers, and, relying on the promises of the Master who gave orders to go unto all the nations, and to disciple them in His name, the authorities of the school, feeling that the Master as fully meant that those who come to Christian lands must be taught the Gospel, went forward in simple faith, coupled with heroic effort and devotion, and the victory was won.

The youth gathered around us, and soon our narrow and contracted rooms were overcrowded, and we pitched a tent 14x20 feet, given us by Japanese Christians, in the yard, and here also the pupils gathered to learn and remained to study even when the rains oozed through the canvas, and the only means of warming up were the two hanging lamps.

The highest enrollment the school ever had was during the earthquake year, but the year following closed with 330 pupils, only 50 less than the highest number reached.

The cost of living advanced so greatly that we had to pay our teachers about one-third more. The superintendent of the mission kindly did all he could, and added a little more to the usual allowance, but he could not do much, for the demand of the great fields would not permit. At the
Missionary Meeting in November, 1906, an appropriation of $1,000 was asked for to defray the expenses of new school equipment; $500 only were granted, but God does not desert his children who are doing their best to serve Him, and He put it into the heart of a Methodist layman, Professor C. C. Bragdon, Principal of Lasell Seminary, to donate $300. Then, too, our honored Secretary of the Board of Education, Rev. Wm. Anderson, incidentally hearing of our financial straits, secured an appropriation of $900 for the school from the Board. This all came without any direct solicitation on our part, and we believe, in answer to prayer to our Father in Heaven, to whom belong thanksgivings and praises forevermore!

Lectures.

The crowded condition of our rooms and the wicked agitation against the Japanese on the part of the people who call themselves Americans but who are not, prevented all plans for a regular lecture course; but addresses were delivered on various subjects by the following persons: Mr. Geo. Kennan, the noted traveler and writer, Rev. Mr. Fulmer of Chico, Rev. H. B. Johnson, Rev. Z. Hirota, Rev. M. S. Vail and finally by Rev. F. D. Bovard, who gave the commencement address, to the delight of all.

Religious and Moral Instruction.

Under the direction of the pastor, earnest work has been done on the Sabbaths and in the week day prayer meetings. Mr. Paulsell and Mr. Monroe Scott and Mrs. Sanford have done much to make the Sunday School a success. The day for prayer for schools and colleges was carefully observed, and the meetings were blessed in the bringing of a number to Christ. The number who have joined the church will be duly reported by the pastor.

The leaven of Christian life and teaching works intensively. The change wrought in the lives of the pupils for good is wonderful. They are disarmed of their suspicions, freed from many superstitions, relieved of their haughtiness and conceit, broadened in their views of life, infused with lofty ideals, and frequently they are melted and utterly subdued by the love of Christ. Many of our former pupils may be found to-day in the highest and most useful vocations of life in Japan, and not a few, being constrained by the love of the Savior are giving their lives as preachers of the truth.
Teachers.

We had nine teachers, all of whom were loyal, earnest and thoroughly devoted to the work. When the Board of Education of San Francisco shut the doors of all the city's public grammar schools (except one) to Japanese pupils, it became necessary to provide for these 60 or 70 rejected pupils, and two of our teachers, Mr. Monroe Scott and Miss Barbara C. Vail, did excellent work for several months in the temporary Japanese School, until by the direct intervention of the President of the United States, the city authorities were prevailed upon to allow the excluded Japanese pupils to return to the public grammar schools. The services of Mr. Scott and Miss Vail were highly appreciated by the Japanese Association.

All of our teachers were and are Christians except one, and he is inquiring the way, we think. The interest and self-sacrifice of the teachers may be seen in the fact that none, including the Principal himself, received enough salary to pay for his support. A teacher who had done faithful and very successful work in the school for two years, receiving as financial pay only a pittance, felt obliged to seek employment in a secular school where an adequate support is given. "On the Principal's saying how sorry he felt that the school was so poor that it could not keep its best teachers, the reply came, "Well, I will make $5,000 and then come back and help you." Can there be found anywhere a deeper interest and more thorough devotion than here evinced?

Mr. Monroe Scott, a cousin of Senator Foraker of Ohio, is now ill with heart disease in a sanitarium in Berkeley. He has done excellent work during the past three years and hopes to be able to return to the school in a month.

Courses of Study.

Ours is an English Language School, about the grade of our Grammar and a part of the High Schools, minus Mathematics. The life of Christ is taught, and our purpose is to cover the New Testament in a general review. Christian Ethics are taught. After finishing our five years' course of study, pupils enter the High schools and sometimes the University. Nearly all of our pupils are graduates of the Grammar schools of Japan and many come to us from the High schools, while some have pursued partial courses in the Universities. About one-third of our work is done in Japanese and two-thirds in the English language. Our Theological Training Class should be resumed as early as possible.
Needs.

Our greatest need is the erection of a new and suitable building on Pine street, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire, and then sufficient financial aid to secure and keep well qualified teachers. In spite of all difficulties and conditions San Francisco is to come back to her own, and will be the great center of activities on the Pacific Coast. Our institution located in the center should continue to be the best in the land and should become more and more an inspiration to the branch schools in Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland and elsewhere. Evangelism and education must go hand in hand in building up the kingdom of God.

Of the thirteen men who received appointments in our Mission last year all but three or four were trained in our Biblical Schools either in America or Japan, and without such men the very existence of this mission would be an impossibility. Ignorance is a twin sister of sin; unsanctified learning is a menace to good government and peace, while Christian education alone can solve the grave problems along political, social and religious lines.

Let our great church stand by her schools and from them she shall receive interest one hundred fold.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 5. Who have been continued on trial?
(a) In studies of the first year: Hiro Saijo.
(b) In studies of the second year: None.
(c) In studies of the third year: None.
(d) In studies of the fourth year: None.

Q. 6. Who have been discontinued? None.

Q. 7. Who have been admitted into full membership?
(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year: None.
(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously: None.

Q. 8. What members are in studies of the third year?
(a) Admitted into full membership this year: None.
(b) Admitted into full membership previously: Kin-kichi Miura, into the California Conference.

Q. 9. What members are in the studies of the fourth year? None.

Q. 10. What members have completed the Conference course of study?
(a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: None.
(b) Elected and ordained Elders previously: Genshichi Tsuruda and Tokuji Komuro were elected and ordained by Bishop Moore at the California Conference of 1906.

Q. 11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? None.

Q. 12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.

Q. 13. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each was called in open Conference.


Q. 26. What is the aggregate of benevolent collections as reported by the treasurer? $1,109.

Q. 29. Where are the preachers stationed? See Appointments.

Q. 30. Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held? Oakland, California.

FIRST DAY.

The Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its eighth Annual Session in the church at Fresno, California, Wednesday, October 2nd, 1907, at 9:30 a.m., Bishop T. B. Neely, LL. D., presiding.

Opening.

The Bishop requested Dr. Johnson to lead in the opening services. Hymn No. 259, "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung, after the reading of a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Bros. Komuro and Yoshioka offered prayer. The roll was called and all were found to be present except Dr. Fisher and K. Nagasaki, the latter having entered Drew Theological Seminary.

Organization.

The following officers were elected: Secretary, Milton S. Vail; Japanese Secretary, S. Yoshioka; Statistical Secretary, T. Kitazawa; Assistant Statistical Secretary, K. Masuda; Treasurer, G. Tsuruda; Assistant Treasurer, T. Murakata.

Committees.

The following committees were elected:


District Conference Records—M. S. Vail, T. Murakata, K. Masuda.

Church Extension and Home Missions—T. Komuro, S. Yoshioka, K. Masuda.

Education—M. S. Vail, T. Kuranaga, K. Nasu.

Epworth League—S. Fujii, K. Nasu, S. Yoshioka.


Fraternal Relations—H. B. Johnson, E. Aibara.

Resolutions—M. S. Vail, Z. Hirota, T. Murakata.

Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance—S. Fujii, G. Tsuruda, T. Kuranaga.

Temperance—G. Tsuruda, T. Kitazawa, S. Fujii.
Standing Committees, 1907-1908.

Auditing—M. S. Vail and pastor at San Francisco.
Examination of Local Preachers—Superintendent and pastors at Oakland, Los Angeles and Seattle.
Program and Entertainment—Superintendent and pastors at Oakland and San Francisco.

The Bishop then asked the Ninth Question: "Was the character of each preacher examined? The names of all the members were called and their characters were passed. Following this, Bishop Neely made a short address referring to the recent organization of the Methodist Church of Japan, and to the work on this coast. He congratulated the Mission on having such a leader as Dr. Johnson, and said that the signs of success were, indeed, very hopeful. He believed that our Annual Meeting, being blessed by the presence of God's Spirit, would be a time of refreshing and encouragement to all. Rev. Z. Hirota interpreted the address in full.

It was voted that the printed program for Conference exercises should be adopted by the Conference.

Rev. H. B. Johnson, Superintendent of the Mission, then read his report.

The following questions were then put by the Bishop. (See Disciplinary Questions.)
Milton S. Vail, Principal of the Anglo-Japanese Training School, read his report. The question was then put, "Where shall the next Annual Meeting of the Mission be held?" Portland, Sacramento and Oakland were placed before the meeting, and Oakland was voted as the place of the next meeting.

It was voted that the English Minutes be the Official Record of this Annual Meeting, and that the Superintendent and Secretary edit the same, and that they be empowered to make all necessary verbal changes in the various reports.

L. E. Rockwell, D. D., lately transferred from Fresno to Salinas, Kansas, was introduced and the doctor gave a short address, appreciative of the work being done by our Japanese brethren on this Coast.
Bros. G. Kiohara and T. Sakuma were introduced.
S. Yoshioka gave an account of the first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Japan, held last June, and also related some matters of interest in connection with his visit to Japan a few months ago. Dr. Johnson made a few remarks concerning the fraternal greetings sent by our Mission to the new church in Japan and its reply.
M. S. Vail and T. Komuro were appointed Reporters for the Papers, and T. Komuro and S. Kitazawa and Z. Hirota a Special Committee on Evangelistic Work. It was voted that when we adjourn it be to meet in Statistical Session this afternoon, and that tomorrow's session shall begin at 9 a.m. The meeting adjourned by singing the Doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by Dr. Rockwell.

Statistical Session.

The meeting assembled as agreed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. H. B. Johnson in the chair. All matters pertaining to the statistics and collections were carefully attended to, and the meeting adjourned.

SECOND DAY—Oct. 3, 1907.

The third session was opened by a prayer-meeting at 9 o'clock, Bishop Neely in the chair. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Moved by H. B. Johnson and voted that the committee on Finance, including Redistribution and Estimates, be given authority to adjust the financial matters in consultation with the Bishop, without being required to report back to this Conference.

The pastors gave their reports, which represented difficulties met and victories won, and all breathed a hopeful spirit. The following persons were introduced: K. Kukunaga, pastor of the Fresno Congregational Church; S. Takeshita, editor of the Japanese American, and J. Shimazaki, Kanji of the Oakland Methodist Church.

District Conference Records.

The committee on District Conference Records presented its report, which was read, adopted and made a part of the Records of this Annual Meeting.

Your Committee on District Conference Records would report:

(1) That they have examined the Records of the District Conference and find them correct.
(2) That the following Action was taken with reference to Local Preachers and others:

Licenses and Renewals, Oct. 1st, 1907.

Local Preachers Licensed—Oakland, J. Shimazaki; San Francisco, S. Anjiu; San Jose, K. Nasu; Seattle, S. Higashida; Spokane, K. Yoshioka.
Renewals.
Fresno—Exhorters: O. Seki; E. Sujiimoto; K. Miyaji.
Los Angeles—Exhorters: F. Wada, R. Abe. Local
Preachers: E. Ebihara, Y. Naito.
Oxnard—Local Preacher: T Murakata.
Portland—Exhorter: R. Maeda.
Sacramento—Exhorters: K. Kitagawa, M. Onmachi,
S. Sakuma.
San Francisco—Local Preacher: H. Tanaka.
Spokane—Exhorter: S. Uemura.

The character of Y. Kudo, a located Elder at Portland,
was passed. The District Conference took the following
action with reference to the Rev. Takashi Kuranaga, who is
an Elder in the Methodist Church in Japan, and who was
received by the Fresno Quarterly Conference as a Local
Preacher, on Oct. 1st, 1907, according to Discipline, Para­
graph 154, Section 1:

(1) We recommend to the Genesee Annual Conference
that the orders of Bro. T. Kuranaga be recognized according
to Section 2 of Paragraph 154, and (2) That, at the next
session of the California Conference, Bro. T. Kuranaga be
received into full membership in said Conference; under
Section 2 of Paragraph 154; and further that he answer the
questions for admission into Conference before Bishop T. B.
Neely at this Annual Meeting, according to P 152 of our
Discipline.

District Conferences.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent it was
decided to hold two meetings of the District Conference
each year, the first to be held in three sections, viz.: North,
Center and South, and that the program for said Sectional
District Conferences include an Institute for Lectures and
Study and Epworth League and Evangelical subjects—the
time to be from one to two weeks; the second meeting of
the District Conference to be held at the place of the Annual
Mission Meeting; the Geographical lines to be drawn as
follows: The North to include all the country north of Mt.
Shasta; the Center the country south of Shasta, including
Santa Clara County; the South, the country south of Fresno,
including the city of Fresno; the Committee on Program
and Arrangements to be the Pastors and the Superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission.

MILTON S. VAIL,
T. MURAKATA,
K. MASUDA,
Committee.

Acting in accord with the above, Bishop Neely called Bro. T. Kuranaga forward and put to him the Disciplinary Questions for entrance into full membership into Conference, and Bro. Kuranaga answered them all in the affirmative.

It was voted that $56 of the necessities fund be given to Bro. G. Tsuruda to aid in the return of his family to Japan, should arrangements be made for the return this conference year.

The following reports were read: Statistics; Education; Epworth League; Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance.

It was voted that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 1 o'clock this afternoon; the Bishop requested the Superintendent to preside over the session, which is to be held to hear the Reports of the Committees, and to attend to any business that does not require the presidency of the Bishop.

M. S. Vail pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

**Afternoon Session.**

The meeting opened with prayer and the singing of Hymn No. 96, Dr. Johnson in the chair. The following Reports were read and adopted: Auditing of Treasurer's Accounts; Temperance; Home Missions and Church Extension.

Moved by S. Yoshioka and voted that we request our Superintendent to attend the next General Conference in the interests of our Mission, if practicable.

Z. Hirota moved and it was ordered that we request the next General Conference to extend the boundaries of our Mission eastward as far as the Mississippi River. It was voted that tomorrow evening we hold religious services for the Masses. Upon motion it was decided to enlarge the Committee on Publications so that it shall include one member from each pastoral charge, and that said committee be given authority to act in behalf of this Annual Meeting, and instructed to report its conclusions to the Secretary for insertion in this number of the Minutes.
It was voted that we pay for the publishing of the English Minutes in the same manner as pursued last year, and that the Japanese Secretary be empowered to edit and publish the Japanese Minutes and that the Charges be called upon to pay one dollar each for the publication of the latter.

The Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved and the session adjourned to meet at 8 o’clock tonight.

**Evening Session.**

The fifth meeting of the Conference was opened at 8:15 p.m., Bishop Neely presiding. The thanks of the Annual Meeting were voted to the Secretaries and other officers of the Mission for the work done by them.

Bishop Neely then delivered an instructive sermon on “True Worship,” which was followed by the Lord’s Supper.

Rev. G. B. Smythe, D. D., Assistant Missionary Secretary, and who had been delayed until this late hour by Railroad accidents, gave a short address.

Bishop Neely announced the telegraph news of the sudden death of Dr. James M. King in Philadelphia.

It was voted that the Superintendent and Secretary prepare suitable Resolutions to be spread upon the Minutes, and that copies of the same be sent to the office in Philadelphia, and to the bereaved family.

The Minutes were read and approved; the Appointments were read; the Doxology was sung; the benediction was pronounced and the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission adjourned, sine die.

MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

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**CERTIFICATION.**

We hereby certify that the following is a correct report of the Proceedings of the Seventh Session of the Pacific Japanese Mission, and that the English Minutes were adopted by the Mission as its Official Record of Proceedings.

Attest: THOMAS B. NEELY, Bishop in Charge.

MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.
REPORTS.

Auditing Committee.

We report that we have carefully examined the accounts of the Superintendent and find them correct.

M. S. VAIL,
Z. HIROTA.

Education

Your Committee respectfully submit the following:

(1) Believing that the solution of many of the grave problems of the present age is to be found only in Christian education, and being fully convinced of the necessity of Evangelism and Christian education going hand in hand, we urge the strengthening of all our schools along all practicable lines.

(2) We learn with pleasure of the great work being done by our Board of Education in assisting nearly 2,000 students to prepare for a life of usefulness, and we desire to record our deep sense of gratitude for the timely aid to our Training School in San Francisco through the earnest representation of the able Secretary of the Board. We are glad that Dr. William F Anderson, on his recent visits to the California Conferences, was able to get a glimpse of our school in San Francisco, and we pledge ourselves to do all we can to further the interests of Children's Day.

(3) We urge the rebeginning of the Bible Training Class at the earliest possible date, in order that workers may be prepared for the fields already white unto harvest, and we recommend that increased financial aid be asked for the school, now so badly crippled by the lack of buildings, the church and buildings having been destroyed in the great fire.

We rejoice in the marked success of our central school and we recommend that the Principal have an advisory relation to all of the branch schools of the Mission, and that, so far as is practicable, the same course of study and the same text books be adopted in all of the schools.

M. S. VAIL,
T. KURANAGA,
Y. NASU.
Epworth League.

Facts, which speak louder than words, show how great a factor this organization of our church is in the upbuilding of our youth in social and spiritual culture. We recognize especially the great influence of the League in Christianizing the young and unmarried people on this Coast. We are glad to report that Leagues are found in all our leading churches with members as follows: Fresno, 41; Los Angeles, 75; Oakland, 35; Oxnard, 13; Portland, 54; Riverside, 30; Sacramento, 45; San Francisco, 80; Seattle, 33; Vacaville, 18; making a total of 424.

After a careful examination of the reports from the charges, we strongly urge the following: (1) That every department of the League should be so conducted that better missionary, and if possible even better spiritual, results may be achieved. (2) That in the Social Department the manners and customs of the American people, with which Japanese are not sufficiently familiar, should be introduced and taught.

S. YOSHIOKA,
K. NASU,
S. FUJII.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

During the year a remarkable change took place in the administration of the missionary interests of our church, the Missionary Society being divided into Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and the Board of Church Extension being united with the former. This unifies the Home Missionary work of the church which we regard an advantage.

The Board of Church Extension has generously aided our Mission in securing property in several places, last year aiding in the erection of this beautiful church where the Annual Meeting is being held. This past year the Board made possible the securing of our Los Angeles property by a generous grant of $3,000, and has promised $600 to Vacaville as soon as we can meet the conditions. There is still a conference credit of about $1,200, owing to the inability to raise sufficient in Oakland to secure the last payment from the Board. This will be worked out in due time.

Our Japanese Mission field is very extensive, and the need very great. Hence, we request the Board to liberally
aid us both in our current work and in our building enterprises. We recommend that the balance due the Mission, together with the amount that may be earned by our collections this year be equally divided between the Seattle and San Francisco churches, it being understood that the Oakland church be given first place next year.

T. KOMURO,
S. KOSHIOKA,
K. MASUDA.

Publications.

After a very careful considering of the whole question, your Committee recommends the establishment of a strong Christian paper to be circulated throughout the entire Mission, and to be supported by the churches. We estimate that an edition of 600 copies of a 48-page monthly will cost about $100 per month, and we recommend that towards this expense the Tract Society be requested to appropriate $20 per month and the Sunday School Union $5 per month. We further recommend that the division of the labor shall be as follows:

(1) That Z. Hirota and T. Kuranaga be Associate Editors. (2) That the name of the paper shall be "The Methodist Herald." (3) That there shall be eight departments, viz.: (a) Pulpit, (b) General Contributions, (c) Bible Study, (d) Miscellaneous, (e) News from the Churches, (f) Epworth League and Spiritual Culture, (g) Leaflets, (h) Personals.

We also recommend that the departments be divided among the workers as follows: Bible Study, S. Yoshioka; Sunday School, T. Kuranaga; Tracts, T. Komuro; Epworth League, S. Fujii, T. Kitazawa, T. Murakata, and J. Shimazaki. Finally we recommend that there shall be reporters from each church.

Sabbath Observance and Sunday Schools.

The Sabbath is God’s day, and He commands us to keep it holy; and hence we regard it as an essential factor of the Christian Church in the training of Christians. We therefore recommend:

(1) Every pastor should preach at least once a year on the necessity of keeping the day sacred.
(2) He should teach that the Sabbath should be kept in a devoutly religious manner.

(3) Every church should instruct the people that no work should be done on the Sabbath, and if any of our members are found breaking the Sabbath they should be kindly but firmly dealt with.

With reference to Sunday Schools, we recommend:

(1) That every pastor should preach on the subject of Sunday Schools once a year.
(2) That in the teaching of the Lessons both the Japanese and English languages should be used.
(3) Our Sunday Schools should take especial care of the religious education of the children, aided of course by the parents if they are Christians.
(4) All Sunday Schools should have a class or classes for women.

S. FUJII,
G. TSURUDA,
T. KURANAGA,

Temperance.

The work of pushing the Temperance cause on the part of the Christian Church is very important, because it prepares the way for evangelism; and therefore your committee recommends:

(1) That each Charge organize a Temperance Society.
(2) That in case this cannot be done, the Epworth League should take up this work.
(3) That the Temperance Magazine, published in Japan, and also other temperance papers on the subject be scattered among the people.
(4) That live Temperance Rallies be held at least once each quarter.

G. TSURUDA,
T. KITAZAWA,
S. FUJII.
Resolutions.

Bishop Thomas B. Neely.

Whereas, Bishop Thomas B. Neely, LL. D., the former successful editor, the distinguished parliamentarian, the upholder of the prerogatives of our General Conference, and a man who has ever sought to safeguard the best interests of Methodism, has just presided over our Annual Meeting:

Resolved (1) that we desire to place on record our high regard for the manly and Christlike position he has taken on the question of the agitation against the Japanese on this Coast.

Resolved (2) that we feel honored by his presidency of our Meeting, and we are grateful for his sympathy toward us and for his interest in our work; our prayers shall follow him wheresoever duty calls him to go, that he may be kept from all ills, and that he may be blessed by the presence of the Master, whose he is and whom he serves in two great continents—North and South America.

W. S. Matthew, D. D.

Dr. W. S. Matthew, Presiding Elder of the San Francisco district, has very ably presented the interests of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and we wish to record the pleasure and edification we have received in listening to his address, and, thanking him sincerely, we assure him that we will do all we can to forward the work of the great society that is doing so much for the salvation of America.

George B. Smyth, D. D.

Doctor Smyth was unavoidably detained by railroad accidents from reaching us until the closing hour of the Meeting; but he captured our hearts in his short address on the present condition of the Missions in the Far East, personally observed during his visit to China, Japan and Korea this past summer. The speaker's broad outlook, optimism and sympathy with the work in foreign fields greatly encourage us, and we assure him a hearty welcome whenever he may desire to address us.

Fresno Church and Friends.

We would record our heartfelt thanks to the Fresno
Church for the very hospitably manner in which the Mission Meeting has been entertained, and we shall take away with us pleasant memories of the many acts of kindness shown. For the interest manifested by Doctor and Mrs. Rockwell, and many American friends, who have assisted us in various ways, our sincere thanks are due, and to all these American Christians we would say: Inasmuch as ye these American Christians we would say: "Inasmuch as ye done it unto Christ."

The Late Dr. Robert S. Maclay.

The Rev. R. S. Maclay, D. D., recently passed away in Los Angeles, Cal., at the ripe age of eighty-three.

He was an eminently successful pioneer missionary of our Church in China for many years, and was the founder of our Japanese Mission in 1873 and also the superintendent of the same until the organization of the Japan Annual Conference in 1884. Dr. Maclay, by his thorough consecration, by his native ability, his thorough scholarship, his genuine piety, his unquestioned loyalty to Christ and his church, his impartiality, and by his genuine Christian love for all his brethren, ever commanded the respect and won the true friendship and lasting love of his fellow workers.

We number him among the great missionaries of the church, and are grateful to God for his long and useful life among our people in Japan.

Dr. C. C. Bragdon.

Prof. C. C. Bragdon, LL. D., principal of Lasell Seminary, Mass., came to the help of our Training School by greatly assisting it financially this past year. We thank Principal Bragdon sincerely, and pray that God will continue to prosper him and his school more and more in the good work that is being done for young women.

MILTON S. VAIL,
Z. HIROTA.
T. MURAKATA.

Special Resolution.

James M. King, D. D.

Whereas, telegraphic news has just reached us of the sudden death, in Philadelphia, of Rev. James M. King,
D. D., LL. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension,

Resolved (1) that we authorize the sending of the following telegram to Philadelphia Office: "Pacific Japanese Mission, in session, Fresno, California, deeply mourns the death of Dr. King."

Resolved (2) that we desire to record our deep appreciation of the great work done by our departed brother for humanity, and especially for the cause of Church Extension in the building up of Methodist Christianity in America, regardless of language, race or color.

Resolved (3) that we pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort and sustain the bereaved family in this hour of grief, by the consolation of the religion of Jesus, which alone brings to light the glorious immortality of man.

Resolved (4) that God, who buries his workers and yet continues His work, may be pleased to raise up leaders to continue and to extend the great work so well begun by our sainted brethren, Kynett, McCabe and King.

Resolved (5) that a copy of this action be forwarded to the bereaved family, and one to the office of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

H. B. JOHNSON,
MILTON S. VAIL.
FRATERNAL LETTER.

Aoyama, Tokyo, Japan, June 4, 1907.

To the
Rev. H. B. Johnson, Supt., and
Members of the Pacific Japanese Mission:
Beloved Brethren:—
Your cordial greetings and hearty good wishes for our newly inaugurated church enterprise, as expressed in Dr. Johnson’s letter to the General Conference, are greatly appreciated and fully reciprocated.

While thanking you and your Superintendent for such a kindly message, we would assure you of our deep interest in the valuable work you are doing for the Japanese on the Pacific Coast and our earnest prayers for its increased success.

We are watching with intense interest the struggle for freedom and justice on the part of our brethren in San Francisco, and hope that they may prove their superiority to their enemies by evidencing a truly Christian spirit in the midst of all their difficulties. Wrong cannot permanently prevail!

We are happy to be able to announce that the Methodist Church of Japan is now a duly organized body with a book of discipline formulated that will provide the law of the Church for the next four years at least, and a duly elected Bishop whose consecration to his important office last Sunday was a most impressive service. I know you will unite with us in “Banzai” to Bishop Honda!

Many problems confront us, but the Lord is leading and we ask you to join us in prayer that we may be constantly sensitive to His guiding voice.

Assuring you once more of our gratitude for your message and of our prayerful interest in your success, we remain,

Yours in the bond of Christian fellowship,
GIDEON F. DRAPER, Chairman.
HARUTOSHI KAWASUMI, Sec’y.
Committee on Fraternal Relations.

On behalf of the General Conference of the
Methodist Church of Japan.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER FIRST.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Supt. Herbert B. Johnson, D. D., Chairman.

10:30 A. M. Examination of Local Preachers.

2:00 P. M. Business Session:

- Reports of Examinations.
- Renewal of Licenses.
- Comparison of Statistics.
- Discussion: "Methods of Evangelistic Work."

8:00 P. M. Sermon: Rev. T. Kuranaga.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER SECOND.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Bishop Thomas B. Neely, LL. D., President.

9:00 A. M. Conference Session:

- Organization.
- Appointment of Committees.
- Address of the Bishop.
- Superintendent's Report.
- Reports of Pastors and School.

2:00 P. M. Discussion and Committee Meetings.

8:00 P. M. Address: "Home Missions and Church Extension,"

Rev. W. S. Matthew, D. D.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER THIRD.

9:00 A. M. Conference Session:

- Reports of Committees.
- Miscellaneous Business.

2:00 P. M. Address: "Foreign Missions,"

Rev. George B. Smyth, D. D.

3:00 P. M. Social Hour.

8:00 P. M. Sermon: Bishop Neely.

Followed by the Lord's Supper and the Appointments.
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|                 |                      | 1907   | $5260          | $3943      | $9133          | $4902   | $5039 | $9133  | $4771  | $110   | $240 | $777 | $42 | $47 | $15 | $30 | $27 |
|                 |                      | 1906   | $5260          | $2622      | $7882          | $2817   | $5065 | $7882  | $2541  | $142   | $424 | $315 | $40 | $12 | $13 | $31 | $26 |
| Gain             |                      |        | 29             | 1221       | 1250           | 1276    | 1250  | 2217   | .      | .      | 462  | 2   | 35  | 2   | 1   |
| Loss             |                      |        |                |            |                | 26      | .     | 184    | .      | .      |     |    |    |    |    |

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