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APPOINTMENTS 1909-1910 PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, President.

(All appointments in California unless otherwise noted. Conference relationship indicated by parenthesis.)

Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent, Box 29, Berkeley, Cal.

Bakersfield—To be supplied by T. Kitawaza.

Denver, Colorado—Hachiro Shirato (Colorado.)

Fresno and Selma—Tetsuji Kitazawa (California) and one to be supplied.

Los Angeles—Tokuji Komuro, California.

Missoula, Montana—To be supplied.

Oakland and Berkeley—Suenoshin Kawashima (California) and S. Hattori, supply.

Oxnard and Santa Paula—To be supplied by K. Baba.

Idaho—To be supplied by Otoe So.

Pocatello, Idaho—To be supplied.

Portland and Hood River, Oregon—Shigee Fujii (California.)

Pueblo, Colorado—To be supplied by H. Shirato.

Reno, Nevada—To be supplied.

Riverside Circuit—Yujiro Oikawa (California.)

Sacramento and Stockton—Morizo Yoshida (California) and one to be supplied.

San Francisco—Zenro Hirota (California) and J. Shimasaki, supply.

San Jose Circuit—Otoe So (California.)

Santa Barbara—To be supplied by K. Homma.

Seattle, Washington—Seimei Yoshioka (Puget Sound) and M. Kobayashi, supply.


Tacoma, Washington—Sumikiyo Arima.

Vacaville—Supplied by S. Kawashima.

Milton S. Vail (California) President Anglo-Japanese Training school and member of Oakland quarterly conference.

Hisahiko Tanaka (California), transferred to West Japan Conference, Methodist Church of Japan, with the consent of Bishop Honda.
Program of Eleventh Annual Meeting of
Pacific Japanese Mission

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

September 1-31, 1910.
In Charge of
HERBERT B. JOHNSON, D. D.,
Superintendent.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31.

9:30 a. m. Devotional Service, led by S. Kawashima.
10:00 a. m. General Discussion: Condition of the Churches and
Plans for Future Development.
11:00 a. m. Comparison of Statistics.
8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, led by the pastor, Z. Hirota.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

9:30 a. m. Devotional Services, led by Otoe So.
10:00 a. m. General Discussion: Relation of our Japanese Work to the American Churches. Opened by S. Yushioka.
11:00 a. m. Educational Work: For Children, T. Komuro; for Young People, Z. Hirota.

Annual Mission Meeting

BISHOP EDWIN H. HUGHES, LL. D., President.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

9:30 a. m. The Lord’s Supper, Administered by Bishop Hughes.
10:00 a. m. Organization: Appointment of Committees, etc., Reports of Superintendent, Principal of Anglo-Japanese School and Women’s Homes. Greetings from Bishop Y. Honda. Miscellaneous Business.
11:30 a. m. Address by Bishop Hughes on Foreign Missions.
2:00 p.m. Committee Meetings.
8:00 p.m. Reception to Bishop and Mrs. Hughes and Bishop Y. Honda.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

9:30 a. m. Devotional Service, led by M. Yoshida.
10:00 a. m. Business Session: Reports of pastors, etc.
11:30 a. m. Address by the Superintendent on Home Missions and Church Extension.
6:00 p. m. Evangelistic Meeting.
   (Congregational Church, Post Street, near Laguna.)
   Speakers: S. Arima and Bishop Yoichi Honda, D. D.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Bishop Hughes.
8:00 p. m. Sermons by T. Komuro and S. Yoshioka.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

9:30 a. m. Devotional Service, led by M. S. Vail.
10:00 a. m. Business Session: Reports of Committees, etc.
11:00 a. m. Address by Bishop Honda on Methodism in Japan. Closing Address by Bishop Hughes, and Appointments.
Journal

First Session.

Friday, September 2, 1910.

The Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Eleventh Annual Session in the Japanese Methodist Church on Pine street, San Francisco, California, Friday, September 2, 1910, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. The Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, assisted by Bishop Yoitsu Honda of the Japan Methodist Church and Dr. Herbert B. Johnson.

After this service, Bishop Hughes took the chair as presiding officer and called upon the Secretary of the last Annual Meeting to call the roll, and the following were found present: Herbert B. Johnson, H. Shirato, T. Kitazawa, T. Komuro, S. Kawashima, Milton S. Vail, K. Baba, S. Fujii, Y. Oikawa, M. Yoshida, Z. Hirota, J. Shimasaki, Otoe So, A. Kato, S. Yoshioka, K. Yoshioka, and H. Tanaka.

On motion of H. B. Johnson, Y. Oikawa was excused from further attendance on account of the illness of his wife.

Organization.

Bishop Hughes then put the question, "Whom will you have for Conference Officers?" and the following were elected: Secretary, Milton S. Vail; Japanese Secretary, S. Yoshioka; Statistical Secretary, T. Kitazawa; Treasurer, M. Yoshida.

Committees.

The following Committees were nominated by the Superintendent, and they were duly elected:

Audit: M. S. Vail, S. Kawashima.
Benevolences: M. Yoshida, K. Baba, K. Yoshioka.
Education: M. S. Vail, Z. Hirota, H. Tanaka.
Epworth League and Sunday Schools: S. Fujii, J. Shimasaki, H. Shirato.
Resolutions: Z. Hirota, M. S. Vail, Y. Oikawa.
Self Support: Same as Estimates and Redistribution.
Temperance and Social Reform: T. Komuro, H. Shirato, S. Arima.


Bishop Yoitsu Honda.—Bishop Hughes introduced Bishop Y. Honda of the Japan Methodist Church, and invited him to take the Chair during the reading of the reports, but the honor was modestly declined.

Introductions.—The following visiting friends were introduced: K. Abiko, proprietor of the Japanese American; K. Homma, a local preacher; Mrs. Otis Gibson, Mrs. J. G. Cleveland, formerly of Japan, Mrs. Sarah Russell, a former worker in Hawaii; Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Superintendent in charge of the work for Japanese and Korean Women and Children; Miss Mabel Lamb, the newly appointed Superintendent of the San Francisco Japanese Woman’s Home; Rev. Otoe So, a former pastor in Hawaii but now in charge of the San Jose Circuit; Drs. Arthur Briggs, E. P. Dennett, A. W. Mell, George Adams, George B. Smyth, H. B. Heacock, and the Revs. J. C. Gillett, E. G. Keith, and S. Arima, of Tacoma. Also Mr. A. Kato, who has been in charge of the Santa Barbara Mission, and Mr. M. Oishi of Palo Alto.

Superintendent’s Report.—The Superintendent read his Annual Report which was ordered printed in the Official Minutes.

Mrs. C. B. Perkins then read the report of the Work among Women and Children, calling especial attention to the work in the San Francisco Home and in Hawaii.

American Bible Society.—Dr. A. Wesley Mell was invited to represent the work of the American Bible Society, which he did in a short, pertinent, and happy address.

Address of Bishop Honda.—Bishop Hughes then called upon Bishop Honda as the next speaker, and said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome Bishop Honda to this his first visit to an Annual Conference or Mission in this country, following his election as the first Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church. In behalf of the Board of Bishops of our Church, he bade him a most hearty welcome and gave him the assurance that the American Church would still care for their young child in Japan.

Bishop Honda, in a short but pithy address, outlined the work accomplished and being done in Japan and in Korea, and expressed his great satisfaction at being present at this Annual Meeting. He agreed with Bishop Hughes that there is a very close relation between the work among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast and the work in Japan.
Second Session.

Saturday, September 3, 1910.

After the Morning Prayer Meeting, which was led by M. Yoshida, Bishop Hughes took the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Anglo-Japanese School.—Milton S. Vail, President of the Anglo-Japanese Training School, read his Annual Report, which was ordered printed in the Official Minutes.

Passing of Characters, and Pastors' Reports.—The character of H. B. Johnson and that of M. S. Vail were passed. The following brethren then presented their reports after their characters had been passed: T. Kitazawa, Bakersfield, Fresno and Selma; H. Shirato, Denver and Pueblo; T. Komuro, Los Angeles; S. Kawashima, Oakland and Berkeley; K. Baba, Oxnard and Santa Paula; S. Fujii, Portland and other points in Oregon; M. Yoshida, Sacramento and Loomis; Z. Hirota, San Francisco; Otoe So, San Jose; S. Yoshioka, Seattle and Tacoma; K. Yoshioka, Spokane; and H. Tanaka, Vacaville. T. Komuro reported for Riverside in the absence of Y. Oikawa, whose character was passed; S. Arima supplemented the report for Tacoma; and M. Oishi spoke concerning the needs of Palo Alto.

Fraternal Address.—Dr. A. J. Hanson, formerly associated with Dr. Otis Gibson, was introduced and addressed the meeting. He stated that from the time of the incipience of the Japanese work in San Francisco he had taken a deep interest in the remarkable development of the same. He spoke touchingly of Brothers S. Oagata, K. Miyama and others.

Reporter for the Japan Christian Advocate.—T. Komuro was appointed to report the proceedings of this Annual Meeting to the "Gokyo" in Japan, the Official Organ of the Japan Methodist Church.

The motion for adjournment having carried, the Bishop called upon M. S. Vail to pronounce the benediction.

Public Services.—S. Arima of Tacoma and Bishop Y. Honda addressed a Mass Meeting Saturday evening; Bishop Hughes preached to a large and interested congregation Sunday morning on the text, "I will come unto you;" and in the evening S. Yoshioka preached the Conference Sermon in San Francisco while Bishop Honda preached in Oakland.

Third Session.

Monday, September 5, 1910.

The meeting opened with a Service of Prayer led by M. S. Vail at 9:45 a.m. The Bishop, on taking the Chair, put the question,
"Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held?" and Sacramento was chosen.

**Other Disciplinary Questions.**—In response to the usual Disciplinary Questions, which see in full on another page, Y. Oikawa was reported as having been received on his credentials from the Presbyterian Church into the California Conference; H. Tanaka was reported in the studies of the Second Year in the California Conference, and Otoe So in the studies of the Third Year of the said conference, he having been previously admitted into full membership and ordained a Deacon; and H. Shirato was reported in the studies of the Second Year, in the Colorado Conference.

The aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as ordered by the General Conference was reported by the Treasurer to be $1,333—a gain of $162.

**Addresses.**—Dr. F. D. Bovard, Editor of the California Christian Advocate, and Rev. K. Kanazawa, pastor of the Japanese Methodist Church at Vancouver, were introduced and addressed the meeting.

**Official Minutes.**—On motion of T. Komuro, it was voted that the Superintendent and Secretary be authorized to edit and publish the English Minutes, and that they be the Official Journal of the Annual Meeting. Dr. Johnson reported that arrangements had been made for the cost of publishing the same.

M. Yoshida read his report as Treasurer and it was adopted.

**Standard of Self-Support.**—The Superintendent moved and it was voted that we fix the maximum salary of the preachers at $750 per annum, beyond which Missionary aid shall not be asked.

**Mission Board of Church Extension.**—The Bishop appointed the following persons as members of the Mission Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: H. B. Johnson, Z. Hirota, S. Kawashima, S. Moriyama and K. Otzubo.

**Addresses.**—Rev. K. Miyazawa, the editor of the Shin Ten Chi, the newly started Union Christian paper, gave a short address on Christian Unity, and Rev. Z. Ozaki spoke on the Bible Cause representing the interests of the American Bible Society among the Japanese.

**Reports of Committees.**—The reports of Committees were read and adopted as follows: Audit by M. S. Vail; Benevolences by M. Yoshida; Church Extension and Home Missions by S. Yoshioka; Education by M. S. Vail; Epworth League and Sunday Schools by S. Fujii; Estimates and Redistribution by H. B. Johnson; Temperance and Social Reform by H. Shirato; Work for Women and Children by T. Komuro. The reports of the Committees on Aggressive
Evangelism and Self-Support were re-committed, the committees being authorized to print their reports after revision. After the report on Christian Literature had been read, a committee consisting of the Superintendent and the pastors at San Francisco and Oakland was appointed with authority to liquidate the debt of "Glad Tidings."

Statistical Report.—T. Kitazawa read the Statistical Report, which was adopted.

Closing.—On motion of S. Yoshioka, it was voted to have the Japanese Minutes published in the North American Christian Advocate, each church to bear a proportionate share of the expense.

T. Hattori, a probationer of the West Japan Conference, who is expected to take an appointment, was introduced.

The Superintendent reported that, at the Northern District Meeting, K. Yoshioka was recommended for admission on trial into the California Conference, and that S. Arima, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, was recommended for admission into the same Conference as an Elder; and he moved that this Annual Meeting endorse these recommendations, which was done.

On motion of S. Kawashima, it was voted that after the reading of the Minutes and Appointments, the Annual Meeting stand adjourned sine die.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by M. S. Vail, and was adopted by a standing vote. (See resolutions.)

The Minutes were read and approved, and before reading the appointments Bishop Hughes expressed his satisfaction with the work and reports of the conference, and predicted a year still more fruitful in results. He then requested Bishop Honda to close the session with prayer and the benediction.

CERTIFICATION.

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

Attest: EDWIN HOLT HUGHES, Bishop in Charge.
MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION.

This certifies that Katahide Yoshioka was received on probation in the California Annual Conference at its session Friday, September 3, 1910. C. E. IRONS, Secretary.
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ADMISSION INTO THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

This is to certify that the California Annual Conference, having examined the credentials of the Rev. Sumikiyo Arima, as an Elder of the Japanese Presbyterian Church, and having received other testimonials of his grace, gifts and usefulness, and being satisfied therewith, has this day accepted and recognized him in due form as an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, entitled to exercise under its authority all the functions pertaining to that office, so long as his life and doctrine become the Gospel of Christ.

Given under my hand and seal at Pacific Grove, California, this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten. EDWIN HOLT HUGHES,

Bishop.
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 6. Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of the first year: None.
(b) In studies of the second year: H. Shirato, of the Colorado Conference, and H. Tanaka, of the California Conference.
(c) In studies of the third year: None.
(d) In studies of the fourth year: None.

Q. 7. Who have been discontinued? None.

Q. 8. Who have been admitted into full membership? Otoe So.

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year: Otoe So.
(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously: None.

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

(a) Admitted into full membership this year: None.
(b) Admitted into full membership previously: None.

Q. 10. What members are in the studies of the fourth year? None.

Q. 11. What members have completed the Conference course of study?

(a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: None.
(b) Elected and ordained Elders previously: None.

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

Q. 13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.

Q. 14. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each was called in open meeting.


Q. 27. What is the aggregate of benevolent collections as ordered by the General Conference? $1,333.

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

Q. 30. Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held? Sacramento, California.
PACIFIC JAPANESE MINUTES

HERBERT B. JOHNSON, D.D., SUPT.
Pacific Japanese Mission


Bishop Hughes:

Four things give us special pleasure as we assemble for our eleventh annual session this year: the presence of yourself as our Resident Bishop, especially as we were in a different group of conferences last year; the presence of Bishop Honda, on route home from the Sunday School-Convention in Washington, the great Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, and the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada; the presence here of all our pastors in this widely extended territory from San Francisco to Denver and from Spokane to Riverside after a hard but hopeful year; and the privilege of meeting in this new church which many now see for the first time. Brother Y. Oikawa came up to conference from Riverside, but was called home last night by telegram on account of the severe illness of his wife. Otherwise our cup of pleasure would have been full. Our hearts go out to him and his in loving sympathy.

To many the name "Pacific Japanese Mission" is misleading. They think of a mission in San Francisco or some other city, or at most to a work confined to the Pacific coast. The official description in the Discipline is as follows: "The Pacific Japanese Mission shall include all the Japanese work west of the Mississippi River." And this is not nominal territory simply, as we have well established missions not only throughout California, but in Oregon, Washington and Colorado. Not including self-support, which is liberal, our work outside of California costs us $2,400 per year, or about two-fifths of the amount granted to the churches. We have organized work in thirteen places in California, one in Oregon, two in Colorado and three in Washington with out stations in many parts. Excepting Colorado, where I have been but once since last conference, I have visited all the missions three times during the year and some of them much more frequently.

General Survey.

There are two distinct kinds of work carried on in this country among the Japanese, the regular organized work such as we have in the Pacific Japanese Mission and local church work in connection with which the Japanese Christians usually unite with the American churches. This latter is largely the plan of the Congregational Church, and is quite common in various Christian missions, particularly in the East. Our denomination has a Mission in New York City, under the local City Union, and a strong appeal has
come to us to organize a similar work in Chicago. In Seattle, both the plans outlined are in operation, the First Church having many members and a special Sunday school work. Though not counted as members of our Japanese church, the relations are most cordial and the pastor, Brother Yoshioka, usually baptizes the new converts regardless of where they affiliate.

As to organized Missions for the Japanese conducted by the various denominations, a word or two may not be out of place. Work was begun in 1877, in our Chinese Mission, when there were not more than fifty Japanese in San Francisco. The principal work has been done during the past twenty years. Not including the reports of the present year about 4,500 have been baptised as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, 2,780; Presbyterian, 1,000; Congregational, 250; Baptist, 100, and all others 400 including Friends, Disciples, Protestant Episcopal and Independent Missions. The present active membership is about 2,000, of whom half are Methodists, one-fourth Presbyterians, and the other fourth scattered among all the others. Stockton is practically the only important field unoccupied and the Presbyterians are working there in a small way.

Population.

The census reports soon to be issued will be of interest in many ways. There have been so many changes in the Japanese population here during the past two or three years that it is difficult to estimate. Assuming that there are 50,000 in California and 20,000 in Washington, which is probably high in both cases, there are about 85,000 within our territory. The others are scattered about as follows: Oregon, 4,000; the Inter-Mountain States—Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Arizona—about 6,000, and 5,000 more in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas.

In California it is estimated that there are 2,500 boys and the same number of girls, not more than 300 of each having been born in Japan. A safe estimate would place the women at 5,000, though they are increasing. In Oregon and Washington there are approximately 1,200 women and 500 children. The proportion of both is less as we go east. It would thus appear that the great fields for work are in California and the Pacific Northwest, and that there is more and more need of work for the women and children.

Decrease in Immigration.

Emigration of the Japanese to this country was checked by the Japanese Government in 1900, the agitation was re-opened in 1905, and an understanding between Washington and Tokyo was reached in 1907 by which the Japanese Government issues no passports to
laborers except those whose stay in Japan, after residence here, does not exceed six months. This privilege is restricted to settled agriculturalists or to wives and children of those who now reside in the United States. Even students find it very difficult now to secure passports to leave Japan. In the thirty months ending June 30, 1910, there were only seven months when the arrivals in this country from Japan were more than the departures, the total increase for those months being only 612. The reports for the twenty-three other months show a decided decrease. The net decrease in Japanese population in this country during these two and a half years has been 4,728, but as more laborers have returned than come by 8,660 there is certainly no cause for worry on the part of the professional agitators.

The Commissioner-General of Immigration at Washington in his report for 1910 has this to say concerning the practical working of this plan: "The experiment has certainly, with the co-operation of the Japanese Government, much more accomplished the exclusion of 'Japanese laborers, as defined in the regulations putting the arrangement into effect, than have the Chinese exclusion laws ever operated to prevent the immigration of 'Chinese laborers, as defined in such laws, and is working at this moment with a greater degree of relative success."

Not only is the standard gradually being raised as shown by the figures, but the Japanese population is far less migratory than formerly which is an important consideration in missionary work.

Conditions and Problems.

The Japanese are much more assimilable than the Chinese and Hindus. In language, food, dress and manner of life, they follow largely American customs. For the most part, they are young, vigorous, industrious, hopeful and self-denying; but they have their vices, specially drinking and gambling. The latter is practically unknown in Japan, and is taken up after coming here.

The problem is to reach those who have long resisted as well as the multitudes who know little of Christianity, to preserve the new comers and the children from contamination, and to build up self-supporting churches. In this last respect, there is much of late to greatly encourage us.

Among the difficulties in our work, emphasis should be placed upon the agitation and discrimination against them, the apathy and lack of sympathy on the part of too many American Christians, the influence of Buddhism in this country to which fuller reference will be made later, and to the lack of funds to properly develop the work.
Nature of the Work.

For a long time the work of our Missions was largely confined to young men and was institutional in character. Our dormitories furnished homes for the new immigrants, and our night schools opportunities for acquiring English. Conditions have rapidly changed. Fewer are coming. The Japanese hotels provide for the transients, but very inadequately from a moral or religious standpoint. There is less of a demand for our schools because of the restricted immigration and the better equipment of those who come.

Several of our churches are making a specialty of family meetings in view of the increasing opportunity for work among women and children. Much attention is given to Bible study. Among the young men this is largely done through the Epworth League rather than in the Sunday school. Owing to the Japanese people being so widely scattered, particularly during the summer, a casual visitor to one of the Missions would probably be discouraged. But our people are faithful and loyal. The street meetings which are regularly held in most places are much more largely attended by non-Christians than are the regular services. In many places these average from fifty to 300. Our churches are therefore centers of Christian activity and places of nourishment rather than large assembly halls. The hand to hand method is largely used, and the interested are gradually led to the church services. The Epworth Leagues are specially helpful in this work. Occasionally, yes frequently, large meetings are held in the churches and in halls specially rented as in the case of the plans for the great mass meeting Saturday night which Bishop Honda is to address.

District Meetings.

Our field is so very large and the churches so far apart that, for the past three years, we have held each spring three District Meetings, one in the Pacific Northwest, one in Central California, and one in the southern part of the State. This year they were held at Oxnard in the South, Sacramento in the Center and Tacoma in the North. The day sessions were calculated for the pastors and other workers and the evening meetings for the public generally. A prominent feature was the street meeting before the evening services.

The attendance, both of workers and of others, was all that could be desired and the meetings proved of great value to the entertaining Missions. Among the topics discussed were: Sabbath
Obervance, How to Reach the Common People, Camp and Country Work, Work among Families, Special Work among Children, Importance of Sunday School Work, Present Opportunities for School Work, Christian Publications, The Outlook in the Japan Methodist Church, The Great Revival in Korea, etc. Similar meetings where all are present are held each year before the opening of the Annual Meeting. This year's program provides for two full days and the discussion of such topics as: Conditions of the Churches and plans for Future Development, Educational Work for Children and Young People, and the relation of our Japanese Work to the American Churches. In all these meetings much attention is given to spiritual culture.

Summary of Statistics.

Before giving the work in detail, a Summary of Statistics will be of interest. The statistical tables will show 885 full members, a gain of 81, and 144 probationers, a slight loss; also 103 baptisms, including 21 children, a small gain. There are 17 Sunday schools with 363 pupils, a small loss, and 12 Epworth Leagues with 463 members, a good gain.

The churches have paid during the year $11,870 for local interests as follows: Pastoral Support, including rents, $4,281, a gain of $1,048; Current Expenses $2,390, a gain of $234; Property and Indebtedness, $2,236; and for Institutional Work, $2,463. There is a substantial loss in the amounts paid for property and for Institutional Work.

The benevolences as ordered by the General Conference show a fine gain. The amount contributed is $1,333, a gain of $162, distributed as follows: Foreign Missions, $40; Home Missions and Church Extension, $31; and all others, $91. The collection for Home Missions and Church Extension is $840, or $15 more than the apportionment and nearly a dollar per member. In nearly every case the apportionment has been met in full. The churches have also given $473 for the Pastors' Aid Society, a gain of $48; and $245 for other collections.

We have ten churches and one parsonage valued at $86,020, a gain of nearly $50,000 in six years, of which $21,000 came from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension by gift and loan. For all purposes, the churches gave this year $13,400, in round figures, against $6,425 granted to them by the Board of Home Missions, or more than twice as much. They gave more than the entire appropriation, including the salaries of the Superintendent and the President of the school, plus the amount granted for property.
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The Work in Detail.

In reporting in former years, I have discussed the work alphabetically, by States, and also in regular order from North to South, etc. This year it seems best to follow the chronological order in view of the relation of some of the older churches to the appropriations. In this respect attention should be called to the fact that in the earlier years there was very little opportunity for self-support in view of the small numbers, the frequent migrations of the young men and the general unsettled conditions. Even now there are many embarrassments in this regard.

San Francisco.

This is the mother church of all Japanese work on the coast. The work started in a small way in the Chinese Mission as early as 1877, but the first record of a separate appropriation is in 1886, when Bishop Harris first took up the work. Prior to the fire this church had become nearly self-supporting, with the exception of assistance in paying interest on the debt of $7,000 which was carried for many years. Conditions after the fire called for an appropriation of fifty dollars per month. This has been greatly reduced, and as soon as the members get out from under the burden of the property debt, which has been greatly reduced, the prospect for self-support is excellent. This is true of many of the churches.

This new building in which we are now meeting was dedicated a year ago last April, three years after the fire, after an expenditure of about $12,000, including furnishings. The lot is worth as much more. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has aided generously both by gift and loan, and the local Japanese church and American friends have contributed liberally.

Special attention has been given lately to the gathering of little children into the Sunday School specially by the assistant, J. Shimazaki. Twenty-one adults and nine children have been baptised. The Epworth League numbers seventy-five. Z. Hirota has been pastor of the church seven years.

As soon as possible an additional building should be erected on this lot and, if possible, the adjoining lot secured for a parsonage.

Oakland.

This church, for some time a branch of San Francisco, received its first appropriation in 1889. For years the Mission was housed in rented quarters at great expense. Three years ago we purchased a fine corner lot property with a two-story frame house, having double parlors, at a cost of $9,770, including repairs and
some interest, since which time the members have been struggling nobly to pay off the indebtedness and get down to a self-supporting basis. The pastor, S. Kawashima, reports the baptism of two adults and four children.

This church has the record of having organized the first family meeting in any of our churches. It has been continued with great success for several years. The Sunday School work is also a special feature. Each year brings out great crowds to the Christmas exercises, which are held in the Sunday School room of First Church. The pastor has preached regularly during the year at Berkeley, to which reference will be made later.

Sacramento.

Work was opened in Sacramento in 1891, since which time it has been a great center for work in that great valley. The pastor, M. Yoshida, who has served this people eight years, including his former pastorate of five years, is a genuine circuit preacher. He has made regular visits to Loomis, Fair Oaks, and several other places. There are at least fifteen places which should have regular services.

A little more than two years ago we purchased a lot eighty feet wide, having a good two-story house with double parlors and a basement nicely adapted to our work. The cost was $5,700. Last year they paid $400 for improvements and $870 on the debt. This year they have raised and paid $809 more, which with the aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension reduces it to $671, which will be cared for next year. Four adults and two children have been baptized. The pastor reports that the District Meeting was a great spiritual blessing to the members.

There are eleven families connected with our Sacramento Church. During the year five young men have dedicated themselves for special service in the Church, either as pastors or lay workers. One has gone to the University of the Pacific and another to the Moody Bible Institute. The Woman's Society connected with the Church, of which the pastor's wife is the head, has been very helpful. The street meetings carried on by the Epworth League have been attended by from fifty to three hundred people. No Church in all our work has suffered more from removals.

The work in Loomis is worthy of special mention. After one of his visits in February last, Pastor Yoshida wrote: "I visited our brothers and sister in Loomis last Sunday. Thirty-six were present and one was baptized. They are keeping the Sabbath strictly and studying the Bible earnestly."
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Portland.

Portland is the first mission on the Coast outside of California. The year was 1893. The monthly appropriation has been $22 during the year. But for the interest on the debt this would hardly be necessary any longer.

A fine corner lot property, one hundred by one hundred, with a good two-story house, was purchased seven years ago for about $8,000. It is now worth easily three times that amount. There is a debt of $2,478, of which $2,000 is easily carried on a mortgage. Owing to certain changes in the immediate vicinity and to the fact that the Mission is quite far removed from the Japanese center, it is thought that the property can be exchanged to advantage and possibly the mortgage paid in that way.

Brother S. Fuji, the pastor, reports two baptisms. He has been faithful in visiting the country districts, going three times to Hood River and also to The Dalles, Gresham and Salem, where three of our Japanese have been studying in the Kimball School of Theology, two from Portland and one from Spokane. Some of the members of the Portland Mission have carried on a private night school downtown, which it was thought might develop into a branch mission. Since spring, two classes for children have been conducted by the pastor's wife.

Fresno.

As Sacramento has been the center for Japanese work in the great Sacramento valley, so has Fresno been in the San Joaquin valley. Work was opened here in 1894. Selma is a small outpost, a half hour distant by train. We have a good new church at the former, valued at $4,400, and a small neat chapel at the latter worth $600. There is no debt in either place.

Fresno is a stronghold of Buddhism. They have a fine property worth $10,000 or more, and have recently erected a school building with an idea of providing a Japanese and religious education for the children. Brother T. Kitazawa, the pastor, has spent much of his time in country work. This is a circuit of large proportions, including Bakersfield, over a hundred miles south, which he has visited regularly once a month, and where there is much to encourage. This field, which is practically separate, will be reported.

Six adults and two children have been baptised at Fresno. Several of the members of First Church, including the pastor's wife, have been of great assistance, particularly in the Sunday School.
San Jose.

A visit to our San Jose Mission during the summer months would be very misleading so far as real success is concerned. This Mission was opened in 1894, but it has been largely a student church. The present pastor, Otoe So, has done a great deal of work outside and has interested a great many people. During the last few months he has collected $1,200 for property of which $200 have already been paid. In March the Mission was removed to North Fifth street in order to get nearer the Japanese center and, although the house is smaller than the former one, the interest has been greater.

Los Angeles.

In this metropolis of the South which has become a very important Japanese center, work was begun in 1895. The appropriation has been gradually reduced for the past few years in the face of a tremendous struggle to pay their debt. The pastor, T. Komuro, has just completed his fourth year and a strong petition has been presented for his return. He has given special attention to temperance, the preparation of tracts, and visiting both in the country and in the hospitals. He preaches frequently at Ocean Park and Long Beach, in both of which places I have spoken during the year. He has held street meetings in the Japanese center of Los Angeles, in which work he has been strongly supported by his members and Epworth Leaguers. Eight adults have been baptised.

We have a good property on Georgia street, near Twelfth, valued at $8,000, containing a house in front which furnishes an auditorium and a home for the pastor and family, and a dormitory in the rear built by the members, listed as a parsonage, and having a debt of about $900. Fifty dollars were paid on the indebtedness this year.

Vacaville.

This Mission was started in 1896 and has passed through many vicissitudes. The members are widely scattered from Winters to Stockton and Livingstone. The Japanese population in the town has decreased owing to the agitation, and the most undesirable element has not gone. At best it is a hard field.

We have a nice property valued at $3,150, which includes a neat new building erected last year for church and parsonage at a cost of $2,500, and toward which the members gave $1,700. There is no debt, except a small current debt caused by reinsuring the building for three years. Mrs. Tanaka, the pastor's wife has been very helpful in work for the children. Brother Tanaka has re-
received an invitation to go to Korea for work among the Japanese by representatives of the M. E. Church, South, and in case the appointment is made official he will carry with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

Riverside.

After the organization of the Vacaville Mission, there was a break of six years without further expansion. Work was opened in Riverside in 1902. Here we have a well located and appointed property valued at $3,200, which serves the purposes of church, parsonage and dormitory. The members spent over $500 in improvements last year, and the building and grounds are a model of neatness. There is no debt. Five adults have been baptised and seven have been received, but the net gain is only two. The pastor Y. Oikawa, after supplying for us for a year, came to us last year from the Presbyterian Church. His wife is a great help to him, and this year has conducted a kindergarten and aided in the Sunday School.

Brother Sakaizawa, who supplied there a few weeks before the last conference, has spent the year in the University of Southern California. This fall he enters the Theological Department. Another member of the Riverside church is with him there, and still another is in the Pacific Theological Seminary at Berkeley. These young men have been largely developed in the Epworth League, which is very active and carries on work in nine camps with the co-operation of the pastor.

Occasional visits have been made to Redlands, but the time does not seem opportune for opening work there. However, there is a great opportunity in the Imperial Valley, where many Japanese have taken up land by purchase or renting, and where there are six members of the Riverside Church besides others.

Spokane.

Spokane was opened in 1903, the first mission in the State of Washington. We now have two others, at Seattle and Tacoma. K. Yashōka, the pastor, has been recommended for admission to the California Conference this year. On the first of October the Mission was moved to the former parsonage of First Church, for which we pay a monthly rental of $50. Having three large rooms opening together for services and plenty of dormitory room above, and being much more centrally located than we were before, we are now well adapted for work. It makes it also much more convenient for the members of First Church who are assisting in the night school and
Sunday School of the Mission, one of whom is a teacher in the High School. An interesting work is being carried on among the women, visiting the camps in the country districts.

Seattle.

In the Seattle Mission, we have our most vigorous child. It was established in 1904 but scarcely anything was done until the next year. It now reports 88 full members, a gain of eight, 25 probationers, a gain of two; 65 Sunday school pupils, and an Epworth League of 58 members. Four have been baptised.

Two years ago a building containing eight flats and a large basement was rented, and with the aid of the City Church Extension Society, the basement was fitted up for an assembly room. When more immigrants were coming than now, and specially during the Exposition, all went well, but it has been a very heavy financial burden and there is now a floating debt of about $700. Particularly in view of the fact that the lease is about to expire, it is very important that we secure the property. The Annual Meeting recommended an authorization last year of $4,000, but the General Committee was only able to grant $3,000. And this on condition that our collections would amount this year to $825. We will reach this figure without question. But what is $3,000 when a lot alone will cost $15,000?

Brother S. Yoshioka, the pastor, has secured $5,500 on subscription, which is a wonderful victory. Of this $1,431 is on hand. Of this, American friends gave about $400, the Japanese members in Seattle, $2,300, and Japanese friends of the enterprise from Victoria, B. C., to New York city have added $2,700 more. Even with the aid of the Church Extension authorization, which will doubtless become a real grant, we are still in need of still further substantial aid.

From the beginning this church has made a fine record in the matter of self-support. This year they report $608 for pastoral support and current expenses, $370 for institutional work, $45 for pastor's aid, and the regular benevolences in full, amounting to $152, a total of $1,175. They have certainly caught the Seattle spirit. May they be equally successful in their new building enterprise!

Oxnard.

Oxnard is the center of the great sugar beet industry of Southern California. Work was begun here in a humble way in 1905, the pastor being a local preacher and the secretary of the Japanese Association. In this way the expense was reduced to the minimum. Almost from the beginning the pastors have been local
preachers. The present one, K. Baba, is a product of the work in Oxnard, when work was carried on in the American church. The baptism of three adults represents part of the fruit of the first year of his ministry. The pastor has visited the various camps frequently and regularly, and specially the large one at the Lemon Ranch near Santa Paula, where about 200 Japanese are employed. It is a model camp, no liquor or gambling being allowed.

Last year, at a cost of $1,800, including $200 from the Board of Church Extension and a little more from American friends, a church formerly used as a Spanish Mission was moved and refitted. The District Meeting was held in it this spring and proved a great blessing. Recently a Japanese friend of the pastor, not yet a Christian, erected at his own expense a suitable belfry and put in a bell, the first one in any of our churches on this coast. When I was there recently a very successful meeting for the mothers was held.

Santa Barbara.

Work was begun in a small way in Santa Barbara in 1906, specially for the Japanese young men employed in the Hotel Potter. Until this year the work has been connected with Oxnard. This year it has been cared for by Mr. Kato, the Secretary of the Japanese Association, without remuneration.

Some of the members of the American church recently visited the Mission, and recognizing their faithfulness and hopefulness, even in the midst of adverse circumstances, offered to aid in the night school and Sunday meetings. Better days now seem to be in sight.

Bakersfield.

Bakersfield is another of the smaller Missions, also opened in 1906. As previously indicated, Brother Kitazawa of Fresno has made regular monthly visits. The membership and other reports are kept distinct. One adult and one child have been baptised.

In order to secure a better location and save expense, a movement is now on foot to secure property. The success of the great oil wells near Bakersfield will greatly affect Japanese prospects. We may soon need to supply a separate pastor, which the members have long begged for. Here also there is an opportunity among families.

Tacoma.

Work was opened in Tacoma in 1907 under the auspices of the Tacoma City Union, and the following year it was taken over as a part of our work. Much of the time it has been without a regular pastor. Rev. S. Yoshioka has been the nominal pastor, the work
being supplied during the earlier part of the year by local brethren, and since November by S. Arima, an ordained Presbyterian preacher from Japan. At the District meeting he was recommended for admission to the California Conference as an Elder. The dormitory has been well managed and has furnished a real Christian home for quite a number of young men. The present mission is too small. Three have been baptised.

Pueblo.

The work in Pueblo, as in Tacoma, was begun by local Methodists in 1907, and became a part of our territory after our boundaries were changed by the General Conference of 1908. Brother H. Shirato, a member of the Colorado Conference, has been in charge from the beginning, though since the last Annual Meeting he has resided in Denver and made monthly visits. An earnest Japanese Christian has had charge of the dormitory without remuneration.

Rev. C. W. Huett, a returned missionary from Japan, following the example of his predecessor who established the work, has given considerable attention to the work assisted by his young people. In recognition of this, the Mission contributed $100 to Brother Huett’s church.

Denver.

When our borders were extended in 1908, we found an independent mission in Denver in charge of a Japanese Local Preacher of our church, brother H. Shigeta who provided for his own support by outside employment. We were invited to take it over and an appropriation was made the following year. Brother Shirato, soon after his transfer to Denver, did two things which meant much for success, he moved the Mission to its present location on Park Avenue and he sent to Japan for a helpmeet. He started the year with three members, and now reports sixteen and two probationers. Six adults and two children have received baptism. It is feared that some outside people who have contributed generously to his work may be affected by the plans to establish a Buddhist Mission there. Rather than discourage us, it should spur us to greater effort. Hundreds if not thousands are at work in the country on the railroads and in the sugar beet fields.

Ogden.

In passing through Ogden I have stopped off on several occasions to visit the Japanese there and at Salt Lake and to hold meetings with them. At one time we thought of opening work, but the field seemed to be occupied by the Presbyterians through Dr. Carver, a local pastor. He secured a small subsidy from the Board of
Missions and called a Japanese pastor. But after a few months the appropriation was discontinued, the pastor left to attend school, and an urgent call came to us from the Japanese there to open a mission. I consulted Dr. Sturge, the Superintendent of Japanese Missions of that Church and he is now in correspondence with Dr. Carver. If they have no settled plans for continuing the work there, we should take steps to enter the field.

**Stockton.**

Our plans to enter Stockton, for which the pastors sacrificed so much in the redistribution, last conference, failed because the General Missionary Committee was unable to make a sufficient appropriation. We secured a substantial increase, but it was only about half enough to overcome the loss of a splendid grant. The work of the Pacific Japanese Mission has been administered on a thousand dollars less than last year and yet not a single place has been dropped. However we are unable to take up the much desired work both in Stockton and in Berkeley and Palo Alto.

As the man appointed to San Jose had not come from Japan, and as the appropriation for Stockton was uncertain, Bishop Smith, after conference, sent brother So to San Jose, with the expectation that he would be able to begin work in Stockton later. But this has been impossible except as occasional visits have been made from San Jose and by the Superintendent. We have quite a number of Methodist Christians living in and about Stockton, which will form a nucleus of the new work.

**Berkeley.**

There are also about a dozen Methodist Christians in Berkeley. These and others have been cared for during the year through regular visits of the Oakland pastor, S. Kawashima. Lately through the courtesy of the trustees, he has opened preaching services in a class room of our Trinity church there. But we need sufficient funds to open a home and reading room. We have two young men preparing for the ministry in the Pacific Theological Seminary, and there are always a number of Methodists among the Japanese students of the State University.

**Palo Alto.**

Conditions here are very much as they are in Berkeley. Pastor So of San Jose has made regular trips monthly, and in his absence the members of the Mission carry on services in a room which they rented and furnished, including an organ. Through the courtesy of the Chaplain, brother So has also been permitted
to hold meetings for the Japanese in the University Chapel. There are about 300 Japanese in Palo Alto, and they are variously employed. A small appropriation is needed both here and in Berkeley.

The Anglo-Japanese School, San Francisco.

It is our custom for Prof. Vail, the President, to read a separate report of the school in San Francisco, as also those in charge of the special work for women and children.

The Commencement Exercises were held in the auditorium of the new San Francisco church, the 17th of June, and it was well filled with attractive and intelligent young men and women and their friends. Rev. Dr. Hughes, the honored father of our Presiding Bishop, made the opening prayer. Seven young men and three young women received diplomas. The exercises were very superior, and were a great held to both teachers and pupils.

Homes for Women and Children.

Mrs. C. B. Perkins has kindly consented to present the report of the Ellen Sark Ford Memorial Home for Japanese and Korean Women and Children, this city (San Francisco.) I cannot speak too highly of the splendid work which is being done.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has carried on work for some time in Los Angeles by providing a Deaconness for visitation work. Last year a small home was opened in rented quarters, the pastor co-operating very heartily in interesting the Japanese and in securing funds. The last General Executive Committee recognized this by a small grant-in-aid. Mrs. G. S. Couch, who greatly sided in the work last year, recently donated a fine property at 1350 Arlington Avenue, and we all rejoice greatly. The Home is in charge of Miss Anderson.

Great good has been done in the Home in Seattle in charge of Miss Kinugasa, and for which the pastor, S. Yoshioka, is personally responsible. It has added strength to the church, but it has needed financial backing. Little has been accomplished in interesting outside people. The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society considered the matter last year, but decided that it would be better to establish one home for all immigrants. Unfortunately this will not meet the case, as the greater need is to furnish a home for self-supporting women, on the lines of the Young Women's Christian Associations, with special plans to protect the helpless and save the fallen.

Other Auxiliary Agencies.

It is impossible in a few lines to adequately speak of the work...
of the American Bible Society. Neither in Japan nor here could we properly do our work without its aid. In the early days our missions were depositories and our pastors colporters. Our Japanese Christians buy the Bible and read it. It is a rare thing to find one without it. It is a matter of congratulation and thanksgiving that the present coast agent, Dr. Mell, is giving special attention to Oriental work. He has a good stock of Japanese books, employs a Japanese Assistant in the Depository, and gives a good deal of attention to the field. All our churches gladly take collections for this Society. We patiently await the new translation which is now being made in Japan.

Mention should also be made of the Japanese Evangelical Alliance, which unites the various churches in federative work. There are too many missions in some of the cities and too little co-operative effort. Los Angeles has five missions, San Francisco and Seattle four each, Oakland and San Francisco three each, Fresno, Tacoma, Riverside and two or three other places each two, and pastors either reside or work in about twenty additional places. There are twenty-eight native pastors, a large number being ordained and married. Half of the total number are Methodists, and ten of these have their families with them, but what are these among so many? A few months ago, at a meeting of most of the preachers of this State of the various denominations, it was decided to publish a union Christian paper, a monthly, as the Organ of the Evangelical Alliance. The “Shin Ten Chi” (New Heaven and New Earth as it is called) has made its second appearance, and has been heartily welcomed in our churches, especially as financial considerations compelled us to suspend our own publication, “Glad Tidings.”

The Japanese are a reading people. There are twelve Japanese daily papers published on this coast and about the same number of monthlies. Of these three are officially Buddhist, “Buddhism in America,” published in San Francisco; “Teachings of Buddha,” in Seattle; and “Buddhism in Los Angeles,” published in the Southern city.

Buddhism in the United States.

The foregoing paragraph will in a measure indicate the strength of Buddhism here, but only in a measure. They report fourteen ministers and four secretaries. They seem to have money sufficient for all needs. In view of the classes which they naturally reach and some of their methods, they secure large collections from the various Japanese communities.

The first mission was established in San Francisco in 1900, ten years ago, and now they have buildings in the eight fol-
following places: Fresno, Sacramento, Watsonville, Seattle, Oakland, Stockton, Penryn and Vancouver, B. C., and have established besides missions in seven others: Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Vacaville, Hanford, San Mateo and Portland. In San Jose, there has been a split and they have an independent Buddhist mission. Work is also being established in Denver. Altogether they report 4,700 members in the United States and 700 in British Columbia, but it is understood that these are largely nominal. They have followed us practically in all our missions, have adopted our methods, including services on the Sabbath, and make it exceedingly difficult for their followers to break from the system. They strive to hold the children, and have organized schools for them in many places. At Fresno they have recently erected a very good school building.

**Special Difficulties.**

It is thus not easy for us to successfully carry on our work, every victory gained costs effort and sacrifice. The lives of all the workers are strenuous. We must win. We shall. We are winning. The Japanese work on this coast, and especially in our denomination, has borne rich fruit in Japan in influential preachers and laymen. Many of them are still with us. As noted, we have men preparing for the ministry in our schools in Los Angeles, San Jose and Salem. Others are at Berkeley, and quite a number have gone east. Once the problem was men. Today it is money to support them. I have refused nearly men enough the past year to man the mission anew.

**Plans for Advancement.**

We must go forward. While the tide of immigration has, at least for a time, turned the other way, there are still several tens of thousands of unconverted Japanese right at our door. We need money and need it badly, but more than money is needed. The offering of over $13,400 this year by 885 members and 144 probationers is a splendid showing. But more of them must be led to give their lives in service for Christ and His church. The greatest need at the present moment is a baptism of the Holy Spirit for an aggressive campaign covering at least twelve full months. I am suggesting the appointment of a strong Standing Committee on Aggressive Evangelism, and I trust that the consultation of the brethren, the wise suggestions that we hope to come from our presiding Bishop and our visiting Bishop, Honda, and the spirit of prayer and consecration which we hope to pervade this Annual Meeting may result in such an awakening as we have not known for years.
Report of Anglo-Japanese Training School

Milton S. Vail, President.

Another school year has quickly passed and a report must be written, though it can only give hints of the work done and the good accomplished.

With other schools ours also has suffered by diminished attendance. We used to enroll about 400 every year, but this year we had but 141 pupils. Of these 133 were men and eight were women. Last June we graduated a class of nine, of whom three were women. One of these women returned to Japan to be married; one is working in the city as a trained nurse and the third has entered an advanced class in the Palo Alto High school, preparatory to entering the Stanford University. The majority of the young men have entered the high schools of San Francisco.

While our number has been small a high grade of scholarship has been kept up and the interest of the pupils has not abated, and we justly think that this oldest school for the Japanese on this coast still remains the best.

We found the number attending the night school so small that the School Committee felt obliged to close this department last November in order to save money. We were sorry to do this and hope the work may be resumed this fall. Financially we have done better than last year, as we then closed with a debt of $400, and while that still remains unpaid the expenses of the current year have not exceeded the income.

Religious instruction has been given throughout the year, Dr. M. S. Terry's Primer of Christian Doctrine being the text book used, and the Life of Christ is also taught.

All our pupils are favorably inclined to Christianity and a goodly number are church members. By patient and careful teaching and much more by the pure and unselfish lives of Christian teachers, lasting impressions are made and results of immeasurable good are reached.

We have had excellent teachers. Mrs. S. P. Adams has taught for many years in Japanese Mission schools and understands how to gain the respect of her pupils.

Mrs. F. Taneguchi is an exceptionally clever teacher and her brother is a thoroughly cultured man, a former minister in the Episcopal Japanese church.

Mr. T. Harada was my right hand man for over three years,
but in January last left us to help his brother on the ranch at Martínez.

It was a matter of grief to the President that no Theological Class could be carried on because of financial and other reasons, and he prays that the time may soon come when all the pastors and members of the Pacific Mission will be so deeply impressed with the necessity of raising up young men for the Christian ministry that we will not rest until a Theological Training Department becomes an actual fact.

There may be young men graduates of American Theological Schools—not Methodist—whose services would be dear at any salary. One such said to me: "I am going back to Japan, but I do not think the Methodist Church there will permit me to join the Conference because of the views I hold." This brother was shorn of his strength and lost to Methodism. The question of educating our preachers in our own American Theological Schools has some advantages, but also some disadvantages. May we be directed in this matter as in all things by our Heavenly Father.

Needs.

There are various needs. (1) The sum of $31.25 per month for aid in paying teachers' salaries and school expenses is too small. We should have at least $45.00 or $50 per month in order to be able to buy proper equipment and to pay the teachers a little more salary; $15.00 per month is small pay to a teacher whose afternoons are entirely broken up by the two hours teaching. (2) We need at once $50 to fit up our library and reading room properly, and should have another $50 to purchase material for athletic apparatus in the grounds back of the building. This little will materially help us, but to reach the highest and best success we must have the prayers and heartfelt sympathy of every member of the Conference.

In January I took charge of our night school in Oakland. Here we have had thirty-five pupils. There were three regular and two assistant teachers. Miss L. Reedy and my son, Henry Ridgaway Vail, gave one night each to the work of teaching without pay. Mrs. Kling and the teachers of translation have been faithful and have done good work, and two of the pupils—Mr. Okuno and Mr. Magano have—rendered valuable assistance.

This school has received no financial aid from the Mission, but has been able to meet nearly all of its expenses. The importance of Mission Schools in connection with our work in the large cities cannot be over estimated and they should be encouraged in every way.
"The evangelization of the world in our generation" is a phrase calculated to please the ears of the ignorant or semi-educated masses of Christian laymen, but if the heralds of this new movement simply mean that the work is done, or even half begun by bringing the good news of the Savior of mankind to those sitting in darkness there will come a sad disappointment, and a reaction will come, working sad havoc in the ranks of many now so enthusiastic in the cause of missions.

The daily personal contact of Christian teachers with these young people helps to bring about a wonderful transformation in the lives of many of them, who will themselves, in the near future become centers of light and moral religious power. Let the evangelistic work and Christian education proceed hand in hand and with the blessing of God assured success will crown the work.

REPORT OF THE WORK AMONG JAPANESE AND KOREAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Secretary of the Bureau.

At the request of the Superintendent of the Japanese Mission it gives me real pleasure to give an outline report of the year's work.

Although there have been some things to discourage, yet under the blessing of Our Father in Heaven we feel that good progress has been made, and that great good has been accomplished along all lines.

Our homes have been kept full during the year. In the strength which the dear Lord has given us we have labored, prayed and watched as winners of souls, and we await the Father's smile.

In October, 1900, $500 was given to begin work in Hawaii; now, after ten years, our budget for expenses for the current year amounts to about $10,000 to maintain the three homes—Susannah Wesley at Honolulu, Ellen Stark Ford at San Francisco, and the Jane Couch Memorial at Los Angeles.

Miss Lake, our very efficient Superintendent of the San Francisco home for seven years, was married lest May and we have secured as her successor, Miss Mabel Lamb, for many years a successful Deaconess, and we bespeak for her a most cordial welcome from our Japanese brethren.

Letters received from time to time from the girls who have been in the home are of the most encouraging character. Since our home was organized over 1,000 women have passed under its sheltering care. Our girls attend the public schools and are bright and studious, receiving from their teachers well deserved praise for their efficiency and deportment. We also conduct a Japonesa school, taught by Mr. J. Shimazaki, an earnest Christian gentleman, in whom we have the utmost confidence. Miss Rockwood successfully conducts the kindergarten school. Besides religious instruction, attention is given to imparting a knowledge of housekeeping, cooking, etc., that these girls may become useful homemakers. Arrangements have been made for the exercise of the
children in a playground which is well supplied with material for various out-door games. We have with us five babies of tender age who receive from Mrs. Anthony, the matron, a mother's love and the best of care. Our home is a model institution and the children cannot help developing spiritually as well as physically under its care.

In Los Angeles, Mrs. Mabel G. Anderson is in charge, and is successfully doing the same kind of work. The fine property here was recently donated by Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Couch, and is to be known as the "Jane Couch Memorial Home," in memory of their sainted mother. The reports from this field are most inspiring, and are full of hope for the future.

We ask for the hearty co-operation of all, and extend a cordial invitation to those interested to visit the home and inspect the work.

With the blessing of God resting on us, we will go forward in the Master's name, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

Reports of Committees

Auditing Committee.

This is to certify that, at the close of the three periods into which the Conference year is divided and before the reports have been sent to the office in Philadelphia, we have carefully examined the accounts of Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent and Treasurer, that we find them accurately and neatly kept, and that there are proper vouchers in duplicate for all expenditures, one set retained here and one forwarded to the office.

We note with satisfaction that a new plan has been inaugurated for financial reports from the various churches, which provides for a better classification of receipts and expenditures and for the carrying forward of debit and credit balances under classes. The system is very commendable.

MILTON S. VAIL,
S. KAWASHIMA,
Conference Auditing Committee.

Aggressive Evangelism.

As we review the history of the past, as a Mission, we have very much to encourage us. Churches have been established in seventeen places in four of these great States in the West; over 2,780 conversions have been reported, and of these converts hundreds today occupy honored places both in this country and in Japan; our property is valued at over $80,000; each year shows an encouraging increase in self-support and the regular benevolences;
and during the past seven years alone our Christians have contributed over $90,000. During this same period, 830 have been converted and baptized, which is certainly a cause for thanksgiving. But it is also food for serious thought. These accessions in seven years represent nearly our full membership today, which means that it takes an average of more than a hundred conversions per year to even hold our own.

While we believe that our work was never before in as good condition as it is today, these figures mean that we must put forth greater effort or adopt different methods if we wish to advance. But there are other and stronger reasons than these why we should enter upon a more aggressive campaign. Loyalty to Christ, our Master requires it, for he commands us to preach the Gospel to every creature. The spirit of Methodism, which has been evangelistic from the beginning, prompts it. The needs of men, both in society and as individuals, demand it. And appreciation of what Christ has done for us should incite us to do our utmost.

While a better equipment in property is desirable and even essential to our highest success, the case is so urgent that we cannot wait for this. There never was before such an opportunity for work among families. In view of the greater number of centers of Christian work, the higher grade of pastors, and the splendid inspiration of this Annual Meeting, the coming year should be the best in the history of our work. There are serious difficulties to be overcome but, God being our helper, we are determined to accomplish much more than ever before.

We, therefore, recommend an attempt to double our membership during the year, which will mean on the average only two or three persons won to Christ during twelve months by each present and active member, or one person converted per week in each mission during the year. In order to do this we suggest:

1. A covenant of prayer between all pastors, including as many members as will join, each engaging definitely to pray daily for the success of this movement.
2. Co-operative effort on the part of Methodist churches in the same district, and also with missions of other denominations.
3. Each pastor to conduct a double personal canvass to enlist all the Christians in the work, and thus with them to lead the largest number possible of unconverted to the Mission and to Christ.
4. Concentrate and intensify the present methods, and at the same time prayerfully study the methods of successful evangelists in this country and in Japan.
5. Recognize no limit to the willingness or power of God to aid us in this campaign.
6. Be satisfied only with spiritual results, and specially with real conversions in large numbers. H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

**Benevolences.**

The benevolences of the year show a great increase as compared with the past year, those ordered by the General Conference amounting to $1,333. This is a gain of $162, distributed as follows: Foreign Missions $40 Home Missions and Church Extension $31, and all others $91. In nearly every case the apportionment
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was met in full. This is especially gratifying as some of the churches were experiencing very hard financial conditions. We gladly record the fact that these good results were brought about by the earnest and united efforts of the members of the several Missions.

M. YOSHIDA, Chairman.

Christian Literature.

In view of the fact that our Japanese people are much given to reading and that much purely secular and anti-Christian literature is being circulated on this Coast, we continue to urge the necessity of the earliest possible re-establishment of our printing plant.

The failure to secure the needed funds for this work has resulted in the suspension of our official Advocate called "Glad Tidings." We recommend the appointment of a committee of three to arrange for the liquidation of the debt on said paper.

We welcome the advent of "Shin Ten Chi," the organ of the Evangelical Alliance of Central California, and rejoice in the continued prosperity of our papers in Seattle and Los Angeles.

Z. HIROTA, Chairman.

Education.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following:

1. We must continue to give careful attention to the education of our children, as well as that of our young men and young women, and we must do all we can to keep up our English Day and Night Schools because of the untold good being done and also because of the ever increasing activity of NON-CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

2. We extremely regret that financial and other reasons render it impossible to carry out the plan of beginning Theological Classes, and would reiterate what was said and the action taken last year concerning said classes.

3. We urge upon all our pastors and members the desirability and necessity of providing for the education of our children in the Japanese language under Christian influences, for we should not send our children to schools that teach a religion contrary to that of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

M. S. VAIL.

Chairman.

Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

Our young people being so far away from the home land need our especial care and attention. We recognize that the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues are very helpful in helping to meet their needs. While there has been a slight decrease in the attend-
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ance at the Sunday Schools, we are glad to note that there has been a good increase in the membership of the Epworth Leagues.

Your committee recommend:

1. That those churches which have no Epworth Leagues arrange to organize these societies as soon as possible, and that all secure charters from headquarters in Chicago.

2. That children's classes be organized wherever possible.

3. That Sunday School Correspondence Classes be conducted to meet the needs of our young people who because of circumstances find it difficult to attend the regular classes.

4. That special attention be given during the week for Bible instruction to accommodate those who are unable to attend on Sunday.

S. FUJII, Chairman.

ESTIMATES AND REDISTRIBUTION.

Your Committee recommend that no amount be set aside for special travel, that the cost of publication of the Official Minutes be equally divided between the Churches and the Pastors' Aid Society, and that the present scale of expenditures be continued to the end of the Calendar Year.

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We take great pleasure in recording our gratitude to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for invaluable aid in securing property during the past years.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

1. That we ask the General Committee to authorize a grant of $4,000 for 1911.

2. That we request the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to grant, on proper application, the above amount to the Seattle Church, it being our policy hitherto to complete one building enterprise before another is undertaken. Failure to secure last year the full amount asked for and the high price of property in Seattle make this grant imperative.

S. YOSHIOKA, Chairman.
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Self-Support.

Our Japanese churches this past year gave $11,370 for local interests as follows: For pastoral support, including rents, $4,281, a gain of $1.048; Current Expenses, $2,390, a gain of $234; Property and Indebtedness, $2,236; and for Institutional Work, $2,463. There was a decided gain also in regular benevolences, but a loss in amounts paid for property and for institutional work.

None of our churches are, as yet, fully self-supporting, but several which have secured property in recent years will approach it as soon as the property debts are out of the way. The question of self-support must ever be made prominent. All Missionary appropriations should be regarded as a grand-in-aid and as exceptional.

A self-supporting church provides for its pastor and must defray all its expenses of whatever kind, rent, taxes, insurance, fuel, light and other current expenses. The institutional nature of our work makes it very expensive, and the rule of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to apply grants to the salaries of the pastors frequently makes the showing of the churches small when in fact, in many cases, more than the equivalent of the mission grant is paid for rent.

We recommend:

1. Systematic and proportionate giving as taught in 1 Cor. 14: 2: “On the first day of the week, let everyone lay by as God hath prospered him.”

2. That great care be taken to reduce expenses as much as possible in order to still further reduce the Mission appropriation and thus make possible the opening of new work.

H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Temperance and Social Reform.

Gambling dens, pool rooms and houses of ill-fame are debasing public morality and are destroying multitudes of our young men. Hence the need of social reform and temperance agitation on the part of Christian workers.

We regret that in many of the large cities the municipal authorities overlook, if not tacitly protect, the nefarious business, thus rendering it extremely difficult to bring about reform. We urge our pastors and members to help in every way the cause of temperance and social reform, and we trust that the American Christian people will co-operate in the good work for civic purity. These reform movements greatly aid the spread of the Gospel of Christ.

S. SHIRATO, Chairman.
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Work for Women and Children.

During the past few years there has been a decided increase in the number of Japanese families on this Coast and in other parts. We heartily recognize the excellent work being done by the Japanese Women’s Homes in the cities of San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles for our women and children; but in order that the work may become still more successful we recommend that those who are in charge provide Japanese Bible women to assist the superintendents of the Homes.

We urge the building of a Boarding School for Japanese children at some convenient point on this coast where women and children may be educated under Christian influence.

We hope that every church will organize children’s classes in the Sunday schools in order to make firm the foundations of the Church.

T. KOMURO, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, LL. D.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, for many years the eminently successful pastor and preacher and for five years the much beloved President of DePauw University and, since May, 1908, a very active Bishop of our Church, has presided over our Annual Meeting with deep and impartial interest.

When we recall to mind that Dr. Watt, short of stature, once said, as he was being ridiculed on account of his lack of size:

"Were I so tall to reach the pole
Or reach the oceans with my span,
I must be measured by the soul,
The mind’s the standard of the man;"

that John Wesley, who stirred up all England and brought to her new religious life, and actually changed the trend of thought and life of the people of the 18th century, was a little man; that little General Phil Sheridan turned defeat into victory, and by his heroism brought consternation to his enemies and filled the hearts of his own soldiers with enthusiasm; that only a few years ago a little nation overcome a gigantic power, and that, at the present time, the greatest political leader of America—a man of world-wide influence, is not a very large man bodily, we are glad: a little person, but every inch a man, and a Bishop great in intellectual caliber, keen in his insight of character and thoroughly devoted to the cause of Christ, has presided over us. We Japanese are grateful for the kindly and Christlike words spoken to us by Bishop Hughes, and encouraged by them we will go to our fields of labor determined that though we be a little people, we will do the best we can to dare, and to do great things for God.

Resolved, We will always extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Hughes as President of our Annual Meeting.

Bishop Yoitsu Honda.

Many years ago a young man of the Samurai, or soldier class of Japan was brought to a knowledge of Jesus in Yokohama, through his teacher of the English language, the late Dr. S. R. Brown of the Dutch Reformed Church. Later, while a teacher and principal of a large school in Hirosaki, Japan, he studied Christianity under the Rev. John Ing, a Methodist Missionary, and joined the Methodist church that was organized in his native town. While
principal of the of the large Provincial school he was intrusted with matters of great importance by his Prince, and also was active in Christian work, having become a local preacher. He then came to Tokyo and taught for some time in our schools—The Aoyama Gakuen; but, being selected by the people of his province as a candidate for the parliament about to be opened, he came to America to study social science and the political conditions in America. Then God touched his heart and gave him as clear and unmistakable a call to the Christian Ministry as was given to Paul, and, not disobedient to the heavenly call, he attended Drew Theological Seminary for a while, and was then appointed by Bishop Newman, President of the Aoyama schools. From that time until three years ago, when he was almost unanimously elected Bishop of the Methodist Church of Japan, our brother wrought as an educator and as an evangelist also, and his fame spread throughout the length and breadth of the land so that he became the widest known and most sought Christian platform speaker in all Japan.

Providentially the holding of the General Conferences this year of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and that of the Canada Methodist Church required Bishop Honda's presence in America, and through the urgent invitation of our Superintendent, Dr. Johnson, he is with us and will visit some of our leading churches, giving them we trust, a spiritual uplift long to be felt.

We rejoice that we are permitted to see Bishop Honda once more face to face, and we assure him of our Christian love and deep, prayerful interest in the building up of the new church in our beloved home land.

Mrs. Otis Gibson.

It gives us much pleasure to note the presence of Mrs. Otis Gibson and her grand daughter, Miss Eleanor Gibson, in attendance at our meetings. If Dr. Otis Gibson, of precious memory, was the father of our mission work in America, Mrs. Gibson was certainly the nourishing mother. We rejoice that God is satisfying our noble sister with long life, and we are sure that at the end of our Heavenly Father will show her full salvation.

The San Francisco Church.

For all the Christian courtesies shown us by the San Francisco Church we are very grateful and desire to record our heartfelt appreciation.

Dr. F. D. Bovard and the Press.

(1) In the person of Dr. F. D. Bovard we recognize a true friend to our Japanese work, and having heard his words of cheer and brotherly interest, we desire to express our sincere gratitude for all that he has done and is still doing for us and our work, and we wish for him and the Advocate which is so ably edited even greater success.

(2) We sincerely thank all the editors of the Japanese papers for their courtesy and pains in publishing generous notices of our Annual Meeting.

American Friends.

We thank the pastors of the San Francisco Churches, and other distinguished visitors who have honored us by their presence, and we are truly grateful to our many American friends for kind services rendered to our various Missions, and we trust they may still continue to feel drawn by the Spirit of God to continue to aid us in building up the Kingdom of Truth and Love.
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T. Kitazawa, Statistical Secretary. P. O. Box 688, Fresno Cal.

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Total 1909 | 144 | 885 | 9 | 521 | 82 | 17 | 42 | 381 | 12463 | 10 | 84020 | 12000 | 320 | 19 | 16 | 936 |
Total 1910 | 162 | 804 | 14 | 72 | 20 | 80 | 164 | 358 | 10 | 83820 | 12000 | 7194 | 5371 | 12654 |
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*Oakland debt incorrectly reported last year.
**Not including grant of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.
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*Including Assistant. *Note: Supplied from Mission Appropriation.
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M. Yoshida, Treasurer, 417 P St., Sacramento, Cal.

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