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Statistical Secretary

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PRELIMINARY MEETING

August 21-24
In Charge of
HERBERT B. JOHNSON, B.D.,
Superintendent.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.

2 P.M.—INSTITUTIONAL WORK
Chairman—Superintendent.
Work for Men—S. Kawashima and M. S. Vail.
Work for Women—Z. Hirota and S. Yoshioka.

8 P.M.—TEMPERANCE RALLY
Chairman—S. Fujii.
Speakers—H. Shirato, T. Komuro.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22.

10 A.M.—PREACHING SERVICE
Chairman—Pastor.
Preacher—M. Yoshida.

4 P.M.—BIBLICAL STUDY
Chairman—H. Tanaka.
How Create an Interest—S. Fujii.
Helpful Aids to Study—T. Komuro.
The Bible and Child Life—M. S. Vail.

8 P.M.—COMMUNION SERVICE
Chairman—Pastor.
Sermon—S. Kawashima.
The Lord's Supper administered by the Superintendent.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23.

2 P.M.—CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS
Chairman—M. Yoshida.
Comparison of Statistics in charge of Superintendent.

8 P.M.—PLATFORM MEETING
Chairman—Y. Tobo.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

10 A. M.—FINANCIAL PROBLEMS
Chairman—S. Kawashima.
Speakers—H. Shirato, M. Yoshida.

11 A. M.—EPWORTH LEAGUE RALLY.
Chairman—J. Shimaomizaki.
Speakers—K. Yoshioka, S. Fujii.

RECEPTION TO BISHOP SMITH AND MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

August 24, 8 P. M.

8 P. M.—RECEPTION
Chairman—S. Yoshioka.
Addresses—Chairman and Superintendent.
Responses—Z. Hirota and Bishop Charles W. Smith, LL.D.

ANNUAL MEETING
August 25-26
Bishop Charles W. Smith, LL.D., President.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

9 A. M.—BUSINESS SESSION.
Organization—Appointment of Committees.
Address by the Presiding Bishop.
Reports of Superintendent, School, and Pastors.

2 P. M.—COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8 P. M.—ANNIVERSARIES
Chairman—H. B. Johnson.
Home Missions and Church Extension.
Foreign Missions—Dr. W. H. W. Rees and Mrs. J. Ellen Foster.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

9 A. M.—BUSINESS SESSION
8 P. M.—CLOSING SESSION
Address by Bishop Smith.
Devotional Exercises.
Reading of the Appointments.
First Session.

Wednesday, August 25, 1909.

The Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Tenth Annual Session in the chapel of the Japanese Mission Building, Seattle, Washington, Wednesday, August 25, 1909, at 9 o'clock a.m. Bishop Charles W. Smith, LL.D., was in the chair.

Opening.

Rev. H. B. Johnson led the devotional exercises and gave out the hymn, "Alas, and did my Savious bleed." Rev. M. Yoshida of Sacramento read the third chapter of Ephesians; Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, led in prayer; and hymn 122 was sung.

The Bishop called upon the Secretary of the last Annual Meeting to call the roll, and the following brethren answered to their names:—Herbert B. Johnson, T. Komuro, Milton S. Vail, H. Shirato, S. Fuji, M. Yoshida, Z. Hirota, K. Yoshioka, Y. Oikawa, S. Yoshioka, and H. Tanaka.

T. Kitazawa of Fresno was reported as unavoidably detained. Rev. S. Kawashima, who came from Japan in October to take charge of the Oakland Mission in place of T. Kuranaga, was introduced as were also H. Shirato of Pueblo, Colorado, N. Inagaki of Tacoma, E. Kofude of Spokane, and Miss M. Kinugasa, deaconess and Bible Woman of the Seattle Mission. Dr. Johnson reported the return of E. Aibara to Japan on account of important personal reasons, and also the return to the same country of T. Kuranaga on account of ill health.

Organization.—The following officers were elected: Secretary, Milton S. Vail; Japanese Secretary, S. Fuji; Statistical Secretary, H. Tanaka; Treasurer, M. Yoshida.

Committees.

The following committees were nominated by the Superintendent, and they were duly elected.

Audit: Milton S. Vail, Z. Hirota.


Resolutions: M. S. Vail, M. Yoshida, H. Tanaka.

Self Support: Same as Estimates and Re-distribution.

Temperance and Social Reform: Y. Oikawa, S. Fujii, H. Shirato.


Examination of Character.—Bishop Smith called Question Fourteen: "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" The character of all the members was passed, and Dr. Johnson read his annual report.

Conference Claimants.—Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and he addressed the meeting. He said that the meeting of last night had so inspired him that he had postponed his departure from Seattle in order that he might see more of the Mission work, and also that he might see a little of the great Fair now being held in the city. Dr. Hingeley then gave a very clear explanation of the work committed to his care. Dr. Johnson moved that the funds collected by us for Conference Claimants this year be sent to the General Connectional Fund, and that we express sincere pleasure in having Dr. Hingeley with us. The motion was carried by a standing vote.

Disciplinary Questions.—After an intermission of ten minutes, Bishop Smith put the usual Disciplinary Questions. (See Disciplinary Questions on another page of these Minutes.)

Date and Time of Sessions.—Upon motion of H. B. Johnson, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Secretary of the Board of Bishops requesting said Board to arrange for the holding of our Annual Meeting early in September, and that if possible the Schedule be so planned that the presiding Bishop can give us more time.

Introductions.—Dr. Isaac Crook, who is representing the Board of Foreign Missions at the conferences of the Northwest, was introduced and made a short address. He made very interesting and complimentary references to Messrs. Nikaido, Toyama, and Yohizaki, who were once students of the University with which he was connected. "The success of Christianity in Japan," he said, "or Japan itself is an answer to the significance of the Foreign Missionary Society."

Rev. Albert E. Ayers, representing the interests of the American Bible Society was introduced and gave a good representation of the work of the Society so dear to the hearts of all true followers of Christ. Rev. K. Kanazawa, representing the Japanese
Methodist Churches in British Columbia, was also introduced, as was the Rev. Herbert G. Leonard of North Dakota; and the presence of Mrs. H. L. Ayers of Emporia, Kansas, and of her daughter, Mrs. Jose Young of Columbus, Montana, was noted.

Reports of Charges.—In the absence of T. Kitazawa, Dr. Johnson reported the work at Fresno, Selma and Bakersfield. T. Komuro of Los Angeles read his report in which he referred to the opening of a new Home for Japanese women and children. Bishop Smith spoke of the work being done in the Susanna Wesley Home in Hawaii and told of the recent gift of $5,000 to the institution by a Mr. Cook who is not a Methodist.

S. Kawashima of Oakland gave his report. He told of the family or cottage meetings and said that the Oakland Mission is doing splendidly in raising money. S. Fujii reported his work at Riverside and at Portland.

The announcements were made, and on motion the Meeting adjourned to reconvene at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Second Session.

Thursday, August 26, 1909.

The second session of the Annual Meeting was opened at 9 A.M., Bishop Charles W. Smith in the Chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Z. Hirota; K. Yoshioka read the second Psalm, and the hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves," was sung.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read in English and in Japanese and were approved.

Reports of Charges.—The following brethren read their reports in turn: H. Shirato of Pueblo, Colorado; M. Yoshida of Sacramento; Z. Hirota of San Francisco; Milton S. Vail, Principal of the Anglo-Japanese Training School, San Francisco; K. Yoshioka of San Jose and Palo Alto, Y. Oikawa of Oxnard and Santa Barbara, and S. Yoshioka of Seattle.

Dr. Johnson stated that T. Murakata of Spokane was obliged to return to Japan because of the death of his father, but expected to return for work in October. E. Kofude, a lay member of the Spokane church, reported for that mission. Stockton was called, and Dr. Johnson reported a hopeful outlook and that the opening of work there is urgent.

Introductions.—Dr. J. P. Mariatt, District Superintendent of Seattle District, was introduced and addressed the Meeting. He spoke of his intimate acquaintance with Bishop Honda. Dr. Taksugi, and other Japanese who were students in America. He said he thought the Woman’s Home Missionary Society would help all it could in woman’s work among the Japanese in Seattle.

Anniversary Speakers.—The Secretary was instructed to note in the Minutes that Mrs. Ellen Foster, the world-wide known’
Christian worker of Washington, D. C., and Dr. W. H. W. Rees, pastor of the First Church, Seattle, were present last night at the Missionary Anniversary Exercises, and delivered addresses to the delight and profit of all.

**Reports of Charges.**—N. Inagaki, acting pastor at Tacoma, made the report of the work there, and H. Tanaka of Vacaville made his report. Rev. O. Inouye, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced and spoke.

**Official Minutes.**—It was moved by Dr. Johnson and carried that the English Minutes be the official Journal of this Annual Meeting, and that the Secretary and Superintendent be authorized to edit the same.

**Reports of Committees.**—S. Yoshioka read the report of the committee on Christian Literature and it was adopted. M. Yoshida read the report on Benevolences. Dr. Johnson moved to amend the report by adding that we request the churches to take the Preachers' Aid collection not later than February of each year. The amendment was carried and the report adopted.

**Introductions.**—The following visiting brethren were then introduced: Thomas E. Elliott, pastor of Queen Anne Church and President of the Methodist Preachers' Meeting in Seattle; N. W. Park, pastor of Asbury Church and Vice President of the Seattle Methodist Preachers' Meeting; A. J. Weigle of the German Methodist Church, Seattle; and Carl J. Kallgren, City Missionary of the Methodist Church in Seattle.

A hymn was sung and the Meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M. of the same day. Dr. Elliott pronounced the benediction.

**Third Session—Thursday Evening.**

The Meeting was called to order at 8 P. M., with Bishop Smith in the chair. Hymn No. 122 was sung, and Rev. K. Kanazawa of Vancouver led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning were read and approved.

The Bishop then asked the question, "What is the Aggregate of the regular Conference Benevolences for the Year?" Ans. $1170.

**Reports of Committees.**—The following reports were then read: Church Extension and Home Missions, S. Kawashima; Education, M. S. Vail; Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools, H. Tanaka; Estimates, Re-distribution, and Self Support, H. B. Johnson; Temperance and Social Reform, Y. Oikawa; Woman's Work, S Fujii.

It was moved by S. Yoshioka that the Japanese Minutes be printed in the Japanese Northwestern Christian Advocate, and that the churches be asked to pay a dollar and a half each for the purpose. The motion was carried.
Auditing Committee.—Z. Hirota moved and it was carried that the auditors for the new year be Milton S. Vail and S. Kawashima.

Letters of Appreciation.—The Secretaries were appointed a committee to write a letter to Rev. T. Kitazawa expressing the regret of the Meeting that he was unable to attend our Annual Meeting, and commending him for the good work he is doing in the cause of Social Reform.

A committee consisting of Dr. Johnson, S. Yoshioka and M. S. Vail was appointed to write a letter of hearty appreciation to the Colorado Conference for the deep interest shown in our Japanese work in Colorado.

Missionary Sermon.—The Bishop appointed S. Yoshioka to preach the Missionary Sermon next year.

Glad Tidings.—It was moved by S. Kawashima and carried that we now appoint the committee on Glad Tidings provided for in the report of the committee on Christian Literature, and the following were appointed: Z. Hirota, S. Kawashima, T. Komuro, S. Yoshioka.

Bishop Smith announced the transfer of S. Kawashima from Japan to the California Conference subject to the approval of Bishop Honda.

Complimentary Resolutions.—Dr. Johnson moved a series of resolutions with reference to Milton S. Vail, who has just reached the thirtieth anniversary of missionary life. (See Resolutions.)

M. S. Vail, for the Committee on Resolutions, read the report which was adopted by standing vote.

Concluding Exercises.—Dr. Johnson moved and it was carried that after the reading of the Minutes and the appointments the Annual Meeting stand adjourned sine die.

Bishop Smith then addressed the members of the Annual Meeting, and the large number of friends assembled, in well chosen words of instruction and admonition, and read the appointments. The doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

CERTIFICATION.

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

Attest: CHARLES W. SMITH, Bishop in Charge.
MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 6. Who have been continued on trial?
(a) In studies of the first year: H. Tanaka and F. Sakaizawa, both of the California Conference.
(b) In studies of the second year: H. Shirato, of the Colorado 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?
(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year: None.
(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously: None.

Q. 9. What members are in studies of the third year?
(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? H. Tanaka, under the Missionary Rule.

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 reported by the treasurer? $1,170.

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

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

Appointments.

(All Appointments in California unless otherwise noted.)

Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent, Box 29, Berkeley, Cal. (California).

Bakersfield—To be supplied by T. Kitazawa.
Denver, Colorado—Hachiro Shirato (Colorado).
Fresno and Selma—Tetsui Kitazawa (California).
Los Angeles and Pasadena—Tokuji Komuro (California).
Missoula, Mont.—To be supplied.
Oakland and Berkeley—Suenoshin Kawashima (California), and Milton S. Vail (California).
Oxnard and Santa Paula—To be supplied by K. Baba.
Pocatello, Idaho—To be supplied.
Portland, Ore.—Shigeo Fujii (California).
Pueblo, Colo.—To be supplied from Denver.
Reno, Nev.—To be supplied.
Riverside and Redlands—Yujiro Oikawa (California).
Sacramento—Morizo Yoshida (California).
San Francisco—Zenro Hirota (California); T. Shimasaki, Associate.
San Jose and Palo Alto—Supplied by T. Murakata.
Santa Barbara—To be supplied.
Seattle, Wash.—Supplied by K. Yoshioka.
Stockton—Otoe So (California).
Tacoma, Wash.—To be supplied.
Vacaville—Hisahiko Tanaka (California).
M. S. Vail—President Anglo-Japanese Training School.


I hereby certify that Otoe So of the Hawaiian Mission was admitted into full connection in the California Conference, holding its session at Pacific Grove, September, 1909.

EDWIN H. HUGHES, President.

Pacific Grove, Cal., September 18, 1909.

I hereby certify that the Rev. Y. Oikawa of the Japan Presbyterian Church was admitted into the membership of the California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as an elder, at the session of 1909.

EDWIN H. HUGHES, President.


In reporting the condition of the Pacific Japanese Mission for the year, it seems fitting that I should call attention to two or three things that mark the closing of the first decade of our separate existence. This is the first Annual Meeting held outside the State of California; we have with us for the first time a representative of the great field east of the Rocky Mountains; and this is our record year in church building and improvements.

A Record Year.

During the year, through the heroic giving of our Christians and their friends and by the generous aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, we have built churches at Vacaville, San Francisco, and Oxnard; arrangements have been completed to fully pay for our fine Mission Homes at Oakland and Sacramento; and substantial improvements have been made to our properties at Riverside and Portland, not to speak of our transfer to this present location in Seattle involving, in repairs on leased property, an expenditure of nearly one thousand dollars. The particulars will appear under the appropriate heads.

Toward all of these, our Japanese have contributed this year $12,565, not including the leased property which is reported under a separate head. The aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to which reference will be made in detail, represents an accumulation of conference credits for three years. The earnings from our collections this year will go into the Sacramento property when the local church has completed its part which will probably be before the close of the present calendar year.

The Past and Present.

Our Mission work really began in 1886 when Bishop Harris, then a missionary, returned from Japan and organized the San Francisco Japanese Church from a body of Japanese Christians that had been gathered in the Chinese Mission, the first one being K. Miyama in 1877 when there were not more than fifty Japanese in San Francisco. Seven years later, in 1893, the Japanese District of the California Conference was established; and in another seven years, 1900, the beginning of the decade now closing, the Pacific Japanese Mission was organized. During all of this period and for four years later, Dr. M. C. Harris was the Superintendent. He was elected Bishop of Japan and Korea in 1904, at which time the work in Hawaii was set off as a separate Mission. Thus during the period under review, Bishop Harris was Superintendent for four years and the present speaker the remainder of the time. While this is my sixth annual report, I have really been in charge only a little over five years.
Population.

When the Mission was established in San Francisco in 1886, the population was very small, Bishop Harris being authority for the statement that there was not a store kept by a Japanese on the Coast. As late as 1894, there were probably not more than seven thousand Japanese on the Coast. By June, 1900, when the period under special review began, there were about 35,000, about a third of whom arrived that year. These have increased to about 100,000, nearly seventy-eight thousand coming between 1900 and 1906. Naturally hundreds returned during the same period.

For the past year or two, comparatively few have been coming, and I am informed on the best authority, both American and Japanese, that during the past year many more have returned than have entered the country. The figures are: excess of departures over arrivals, 2,464; and for the territories, 2,544; a total excess of departures from the United States and territories for eighteen months to July 1, 1909, of 5,008. Japan is certainly keeping faith with the government authorities in Washington. Among those who have returned are many of our very best Christians.

It is safe to say that about 18,000 Japanese are in the Pacific Northwest, 60,000 in California, 3000 in Colorado, about the same number in Utah, and the rest are widely scattered.

In the cities they are variously engaged, a large number being students. In the hotels of the cities, particularly in the Northwest, many are employed. Small merchants are found quite generally, and there are not a few who do business on a large scale. In the orchards, vineyards, and beet fields, in lumber and steel mills, and on railways and elsewhere, the Japanese are variously employed, almost without exception being honorably engaged.

Changed Conditions.

In the earlier days, the Japanese immigrants were largely young men, mostly of the student class. Few come now except tourists, and men who have been here before or women who come to marry their countrymen already here. In contrast with the large number of young men, who on returning have had a pronounced influence in the uplift of Japan and in sustaining the cordial relations between the two countries, few students are coming now. As examples of the changed conditions, at Fife, near Tacoma, there are about one hundred Japanese families and about the same number at Florin, near Sacramento. There are always opportunities for work among women and families in the larger cities.

When I took up this work, a little over five years ago, only two of our pastors had their families with them. Now this is true of nine, including Brother So, who has just come to us from Hawaii. And, without exception, they are families to be proud of. In almost every case, the wives are products of our Christian schools.
in Japan, and are women thoroughly educated, cultured, and refined. Naturally, this change has greatly increased our Mission expenses, and, for the time being, retarded the increase in self-support.

New Missions Established.

Prior to ten years ago, eight Missions had been established as follows: San Francisco, 1886; Oakland, 1889; Sacramento, 1891; Portland, 1893; Fresno and San Jose, 1894; Los Angeles, 1895, and Vacaville, 1896. All of these except Portland are in California. The work then for a time seemed to be less progressive, as there was no further expansion for six years, during which time there was no net gain in membership.

The organization of the Pacific Japanese Mission in 1900 opened new opportunities and developed new life, and during the decade now closing nine Missions have been established.—Riverside in 1902, Spokane 1903, Seattle 1904, Selma and Oxnard (including Santa Barbara 1905, Bakersfield 1906, Pueblo, and Tacoma 1907, and Denver 1908. Of these, four are in California, three in Washington, and two in Colorado.

There are many fields that should be opened at the earliest moment. Pocatello in southern Idaho is a center for the Japanese who are employed on the railroads, and for the hundreds who are scattered north and west engaged in raising sugar beets. Many Japanese are found in northern Montana, centering in Missoula. There is quite a Christian colony at Hood River, Oregon, and many Japanese reside at North Yakima and Pasco in Washington.

But the great unworked field is between Sacramento and Fresno, in California, with Stockton as a center. Here are many thousands who are looking to us for Gospel light. The Buddhists are not neglecting them. I have just received an urgent letter from Superintendent King, of the Nevada Mission, calling my attention to the needs of three hundred Japanese in and about Reno and Sparks. And there are unspeakable opportunities in Utah and in Southern California.

My Itinerary.

I have visited the work in the Northwest three times during the year, made one trip to various points in Colorado, stopping en-route for services at Ogden and Salt Lake, and I have visited the Missions in California as often as necessity seemed to require. As formerly, I have made special trips to several places. The church building plans naturally claimed not a little of my time and attention.

During the Spring, four ‘days’ District Meetings were held in Portland, Riverside, and San Francisco. At the afternoon sessions, the following topics were discussed.—Sunday School Work and Plans for Development, Methods of Bible Study, Epworth League Work, Self-Support, Benevolences and the more general topic of the Evangelization of the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. Consider-
able time was spent in Bible Exposition and in Devotional Exercises. Public evangelistic services were held in the evenings. The programs in the different places were nearly identical. These meetings were generally regarded as most helpful to the workers assembled. As last year, a similar meeting preliminary to this Annual Meeting, has just been held. At the Spring meetings, several young men were licensed as local preachers, among them three who are students in the Kimball School of Theology at Salem. Dr. Hollingshead, who examined two of them for me, wrote: "Both passed a very satisfactory examination in the subjects required for examination to preach. In fact, I was greatly delighted and pleased with the knowledge these Japanese young men seem to have of our doctrines and discipline." This agrees with the experience I have had elsewhere.

Post-Conference Changes.

In the late Fall, it became necessary to make two or three changes in appointments. Brother Kuranaga, who had been reappointed to Oakland and welcomed most heartily, broke down in health and was obliged to return to Japan. About that time, S. Kawashima, a former pastor at San Francisco, decided to give up his work in Shanghai, China, and to return to this Coast as a pastor. The Oakland church arranged for the coming of his family, and the work of the year has been very successful.

It was the plan at conference time for Brother E. Aibara to remain at Portland until the close of the calendar year and then transfer to Denver. H. Saijo, a student at Drew Theological Seminary, and formerly one of our pastors, was to succeed him at Portland after his return to Japan to visit his aged mother. He found her too ill to leave and decided to take work in Japan. Learning that the Chicago Methodist Union could not take up Japanese work there, I invited S. Shimadzu, one of our former pastors who is doing independent work there, to return to us. I quote his answer both to show the difficulty of securing supplies and to show the spirit of our Japanese workers. He wrote: "Under such circumstances as this (the offer of traveling expenses and a comfortable support), naturally I would have inclined to accept your invitation, and more naturally because your need is so urgent in your fields. But I cannot leave my work alone though there is no seeming result. I am now isolated from any outside support or help. I have already engaged in domestic work and am supporting my work by my own income. I do believe you will remember me and my work in your prayers, and ask our Lord for success and good encouragement." At the time, he was working thirty miles from Chicago and going back and forth weekly, at his own expense, for services among his countrymen in that great city. The burden came to him while pursuing his theological studies there.
It being found impracticable for Brother Aibara to remain long enough in Denver to make his transfer there an object, and family matters in Japan requiring his attention there, I released him at the close of the calendar year, and it was not until the late Spring that I found his successor in the person of S. Fujii, pastor at Riverside. His people were reluctant to let him go till the close of the conference year, but did release him after completing the property improvements to which reference will be made elsewhere. F. Sakaizawa was transferred from Tacoma to take his place until conference, when he wishes to drop out to re-enter school. His place in Tacoma has been ably filled by N. Inagaki, a student in the University there.

As the right man has not appeared to take up the work in Denver, as a steady pastor, I arranged to have H. Shigeta, a local preacher who has started the work as an independent Mission, give all his time to it, Brother H. Shirato making monthly visits from Pueblo. The plan has worked well, but one of the problems of this Annual Meeting will be to establish the work in Denver more permanently.

Brother C. T. Murakata of Spokane was recently called back to Japan on account of the death of his father, but expects to return to us in October for work. He has the sympathy and prayers of all the brethren. T. Kitazawa, pastor at Fresno and Selma, whose absence from this Annual Meeting, because of pressing local interests, we all greatly regret, has continued to supply at Bakersfield.

We have not been able to do anything during the year at Missoula, Montana; Ogden, Utah; Pocatello, Idaho; Reno, Nevada; nor Stockton, California. The Presbyterians have recently established work at Ogden. Dr. King urges us to take up work at Sparks and Reno. We must do something at this conference for the great Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys with Stockton as a center.

The Work of the Year.

As I reported the various charges in detail last year, and as the pastors are here to represent their own work, I will not give many particulars that otherwise would be of great interest. What I have to say will be grouped around the four headings: the work in California, in Colorado, in Oregon, and in Washington.

California.

Our first Japanese Mission was established in California, and we have ten Missions in that State with over six hundred members and one hundred probationers. Our great work this year has been in securing and improving property. By the generous aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, by gift and loan, we have been able to rebuild our San Francisco church which we
dedicated April 18, the third anniversary of the great fire. It is a handsome building, well built and well appointed, with school rooms below and a fine auditorium and study above. The cost with furniture and furnishings was a little over $12,000, toward which the Japanese have already paid $3,000. They have a plan to gradually pay off the balance of the $4,250, much of which is held by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The debt before the fire was $7,000, but we had a building in the rear.

After many struggles, our heroic little band of Christians at Vacaville built a pretty frame church this year for $2,800, paying for it in full with their former lot, a donation of $600, by the Board, and collections among their people aggregating $1,750. In addition to a good auditorium, it furnishes a parsonage and a few extra rooms.

The St. Paul's Church at Oxnard gave to our Mission there a church building that had formerly been used for Spanish work at Del Rey, three miles distant, on condition that they would buy a lot and move it. They did so, made some needed changes, and put it in thorough repair at a cost of $1,300, the only aid they received being a donation of $60 from local Methodists and a grant of $200 from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. No debt remains.

The Oakland property, to which reference was made in my last report, costing with repairs $9,770, has practically been paid for during the year. The local church has paid $4,271 this year, and a telegram has just been received that the Board has made a grant from this year's conference credit, making it possible to take up the last mortgage. A debt of $700 only remains, carried on personal notes which will soon be liquidated. As in the case of some of our other Missions, the members borrowed money to cover their own subscriptions, thus making possible the clearing of the church debt. They will have a heavy burden for the next eighteen months but will come through all right. This fine property furnishes both an assembly room and dormitories, and the lot is sufficiently large for a church when one is needed.

The Sacramento church, about a year ago, bought a similar property, worth $5,700, and during the past year has raised and paid $1,270. The property has been considerably improved, specially by fitting up a fine room in the basement. Additional subscriptions amounting to $1,280 have been secured, and the good work is going on. It is expected that the Board will aid us from our conference credit for the new conference year, and that the property will be clear of debt by Christmas. The members have given heroically and labored unceasingly among their outside friends.

The Riverside church has completed the improvements to the building and street referred to in my last report, amounting this year to over $500, all of which is fully paid.
The Los Angeles church has paid $278 on their dormitory debt, reducing it to less than a thousand dollars, and they are working on this on the installment plan.

Fifty-eight adults and nineteen children have been baptized in our California Missions during the year.

I was greatly impressed with opportunities as I visited a large lemon ranch near Santa Paula where about two hundred and fifty Japanese are employed, and also a ten thousand acre sugar beet ranch and mill at Guadalupe where hundreds are also employed. In both places the American foreman spoke in the highest terms of the Japanese employed.

Colorado.

I had the same experience in visiting the large steel mills at Pueblo, Colorado. Brother H. Shirato came from Japan two years ago to take up work there, and seems to enjoy the confidence of everybody. Through his dormitory, and hospital and general visitation, he has been unusually helpful. He is a real apostle among his countrymen. During the year he has visited Denver, Fort Lupton, Longmont, Brighton, Colorado Springs, Canon City, and Rocky Ford, all the expenses being paid from his meager salary of $450.

The few Christians at Denver and their friends have raised over four hundred dollars, not including dormitory income, thus liquidating the debt for furnishing. Brother Shigeta has been very faithful, and is thoroughly respected as an earnest Christian. He desires to be relieved by a man better able to push the work among the thousands of Japanese in Central Colorado, and I trust that some arrangement can soon be made to accomplish this. Several have been baptized in Pueblo and Denver, four recently in the latter city by Dr. Warner, the District Superintendent.

Oregon.

Our oldest Mission in the Pacific Northwest, and the only one in Oregon, is in Portland. Here we have a fine property which is fast increasing in value. As already noted, the church has been much of the year without a pastor, but the members have been faithful and the work has been well sustained. Five adults and one child have been baptized. The church has raised over five hundred dollars for self-support, including pastor's salary, repairs, taxes, insurance, and institutional work; and over one hundred and ninety dollars for benevolences. It reports a decrease in full members owing to removals and to cleaning up the rolls, but gains elsewhere more than make this up.

During the summer, two of our Japanese theological students at Salem opened a night school in Portland which will probably result in the church taking it up and making it a new center. Some of these days, changed conditions will make a permanent removal desirable if not necessary, when it is hoped we can locate with
reference to this downtown work. Our present property is now worth $25,000, or three times its original cost.

On his return to Japan from the General Conference in the late Fall, Bishop Harris visited the work in Portland, Seattle and Spokane, greatly to the delight and profit of all. One of the Portland members wrote me in December: "Bishop M. C. Harris has been with us three days, and it was a great pleasure to meet him and hear his wonderful and inspiring addresses." Bishop Harris will always find a cordial welcome to the Missions on the Coast.

Washington.

Our Missions in this State were established in the order named,—Spokane 1903, Seattle 1904, and Tacoma two years ago. They report baptisms this year as follows: Spokane six, and Seattle the same number. The latter reports eighty members and twenty-two probationers, a net gain of seventeen full members. This is an encouraging showing for a church only a little more than five years old. Though young, this is one of our most vigorous missions. Like most of our missions on the Coast, the Epworth League is very active, holding open air meetings on Sunday afternoons. Last Sunday afternoon it was my privilege to attend one and to address five hundred Japanese who listened attentively to the close. Frequently white people also attend.

Immediately after conference last year, it became necessary to abandon our rented property on the corner of Ninth Avenue and Jackson on account of the re-grade work that is being done. Providentially this place was secured. It was one of several that I examined when here just before. The entire building, including eight flats, was secured, and thus a home provided for our work both among young men and young women. The departments are entirely separate both in location and in management. The City Union aided in the repairs to the basement to the extent of $500, and the members assumed an equal amount, most of which has been paid. Thus the room in which we are now assembled, and in which the work of the year has been done, was provided. During the year, the church has had unusually heavy expenses. For all purposes, it has raised over one thousand dollars, not including the aid of the City Union nor dormitory rents.

Woman's Work.

Woman's and children's work is being carried on in Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles in three different ways, and it is hoped that the experiments now being tried will prove which is the best. Here the work is under the joint care of the pastor and his assistant, Miss Kinugasa, a graduate of our Woman's College at Nagasaki, Japan, and for some years a successful Bible woman in Japan. He became personally responsible for her traveling expenses from Japan and for the expense incurred in fitting up the
home amounting to about one thousand dollars. While he has received some outside assistance, the burden has been almost entirely upon him and at times it has been heavy enough to crush him. I trust that he may secure needed relief at the coming meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at Los Angeles.

The Woman's and Children's Home in San Francisco, like the one in Honolulu, is supported and directed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society through a special Bureau. They have a fine plant which they are now enlarging to better accommodate their school work. A large proportion of the children are Koreans. Mrs. C. B. Perkins succeeded Mrs. Bishop Hamilton as head of the bureau. Miss Margaret Lake has, for several years, served the Society most faithfully as missionary and local superintendent. She has given considerable attention to meeting the steamers.

A few months ago, in response to an earnest appeal by myself, Mrs. Couch and other local Home Missionary workers in Los Angeles, assumed personal responsibility for opening a Home in that city in co-operation with the Japanese pastor and church there. This plan seems almost ideal and, so far, has worked well. The Japanese have already contributed quite liberally toward the enterprise and are taking great interest in it. There is a growing need of these homes, and an increasing opportunity for work among Japanese women and children. As in the case of Seattle, I trust that this work may also receive some recognition by the General Meeting at Los Angeles this fall.

Statistical Summary.

We report this year 804 full members, a net gain of twenty-five, and 162 probationers. Eighty adults and twenty children have been baptised. The churches have raised this year nearly twenty-four thousand dollars for all purposes, or $29.79 per capita. The items are: Buildings and improvements, $7,194; old indebtedness, $5,371; Current Expenses and Institutional Work, $6,130; Disciplinary Benevolences, $1,171, and other Benevolences, including General Conference Expenses and the Pastor's Aid Society, $853. This is $27.27 per capita for the local work and $2.52 for benevolences. Of the latter, over one dollar per member went to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. This is heroic giving. The property has increased in value from $54,650 to $85,620, while the indebtedness has increased only about $2,000, with definite plans to reduce much more than this by next conference if not by Christmas. The collection for Home Missions and Church Extension, $809, will give us a conference credit sufficient to work out our Sacramento problem.

Some Results of Our Work.

Christian work among the Japanese in this country has offered a rare opportunity for a closer acquaintance of the two peo-
pies, and this is of incalculable importance at the present time. The helpful influence and guidance of our missions have been a great boon to thousands, many hundreds of whom have been truly converted and all of whom have been greatly influenced for good.

Three sets of influences tend to drag the new Japanese immigrant downward,—contact with the Chinese in the various Chinatowns on the Coast where gambling and other vices are all too common; contact with certain Americans of the baser sort; and contact with non-Christian or anti-Christian representatives of his own race. He needs to be put in a way to see our American and church life at its best, and our missions have proven themselves very helpful in this respect.

Again, the work has been most fruitful in raising up a native ministry. Many have been converted and trained who are now successful pastors either here or in Japan. This is true not only of men converted here but of Christians who have come here from Japan, including several pastors. The work here and in Japan has been inter-related and inter-dependent. Both have been recipients and givers. The work here has also given to Japan a goodly number of prominent laymen whose influence is very widely felt.

Every evangelistic or social force set in motion here that makes for the uplift of the Japanese people is bound to have its influence not only here but in Hawaii, in Japan, in Korea, in China, and elsewhere. The unity of the language, the intelligence of the people, and the fact that Japanese immigrants come from all parts of the Japanese empire—all contribute to this end.

While the progress has been great and the results most encouraging, it must always be borne in mind that we are dealing with forces and that, great as is the encouragement, nothing is more misleading than to attempt to tabulate results.

We have our difficulties. Among them I mention the increase of numbers in the large cities, the establishment of Buddhism in many places, the scattering of many over a wide territory, the continued agitation against the Japanese in certain quarters, and the return of many of our Christians to Japan. But there is always much to encourage.

Urgent Needs.

Among pressing needs in the further development of the work, I mention the re-opening of our Training Work and the securing of scholarships for worthy young men; the re-establishment of our printing plant; and more money for new fields.

Splendid work is being done by Prof. Vail and his associates in the School in San Francisco. A fine class of ten was graduated in June, the exercises being of exceptionally high order. I would not under rate the importance of the English work, but would lay stress upon the opening of the Training Department. Our young
men can easily secure scholarships in schools of other denominations and faiths, and it is important that we provide equally well for them.

With a dozen Japanese dailies and another dozen monthlies published on this Coast, some of which are strongly Buddhist, the urgency is upon us for re-establishing our printing plant in San Francisco or in Oakland. The press is a mighty factor in the life of the people today, particularly the Japanese people.

In closing, I make an appeal for new work. Among the 100,000 Japanese on this Coast, there are great unworked fields. The fields are white and the laborers are few. We need more money to put the right kind of men into these great undeveloped territories, and we must search until we find it.

Under the blessing of the Master this school, founded for the purpose of aiding Japanese youth to an English education, to lead the pupils to Christ, and to help prepare young men called of God for the greatest work committed to man, has had a good year, though financially we ran behind.

Throughout the year we had seven teachers, and conducted two sessions of school work, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The number of pupils applying for admission to the morning sessions were so few that we were compelled to give up the morning school. The teachers have been faithful and successful, and the students have applied themselves diligently to their tasks, and the results have been excellent. The Commencement exercises held in June were the best for a number of years. Ten bright and earnest young men were graduated: some of these will enter the High Schools, while others will go to our Methodist colleges in California.

We regret that we were obliged to dispense with the services of Mrs. Alice Price, who has done very faithful work the past two years that she has been with us. Miss E. S. Adams, a very painstaking and successful teacher, is obliged to discontinue on account of family matters. Our best wishes go with each of these earnest workers.

It seems proper at this period to give the enrollment of pupils for the past seven years—a period covering the time of my connection with the institution:

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This makes an average of about 313 per year of young people who have been under the Christianizing teachings of this school. Many of these are now occupying positions of trust and influence in Japan and America, and the seeds of truth sown are already producing a golden harvest.

The great drop in the enrollment of last year may have been caused partly: First, by the new Emigration laws made and enforced in Japan; second, by the hard times; third, by the moving of the school six blocks from the center of the Japanese settlement. The best authorities tell us that the number of Japanese in this country are decreasing. On account of the lack of school funds, we were compelled to charge one dollar and a half per month tu-
tion, and this is a large sum for those who earn only from three
to five dollars a week. However, our Church and School building
will be in the center again within a short time, as the business
people are returning down town.

The close of the present year finds us $400.50 in debt. Our
income was $1600.38, while the expenses were $2000.88. This
deficit was brought about largely by the high rent of $60 per month
that we had to pay for a long time. On February twentieth, 1909,
we returned to our old location on Pine street, where our new
Church and School building has been re-erected. Our expenses
are reduced, but the question remains, "How shall the debt be
paid?" I trust the Committee on Education may suggest some
feasible plan for the raising of an endowment for our Central
School.

We must maintain our Church Schools or leave our children
and youth to be taught by Buddhists the doctrines of darkness and
final annihilation. Let our pastors everywhere seek to save the
children by a sound Christian education, and let them everywhere
have Church Schools, for the teachers of spiritually death spread­
ing philosophies are increasing every year. Let us all strive to
flood the minds of our youth with the light of God as revealed in
the person and power of Jesus Christ.

In 1908 our pupils contributed $100 to the cause of Home
Missions and Church Extension, and in 1909 they contributed a
still larger amount, to the rebuilding of our Church and School
in San Francisco. For the first four months of the year there was
received in aid from the Mission $46.25 per month, and since that
$37.50 per month. The usual Lecture Courses have been given on
the Life of Christ, and, in addition, a Course on the Influence of
Christianity in all the Departments of Human Life. One third of
the pupils joined the Epworth League. The pastor will report
how many professed conversion and were baptized.

A Theological Training Class should be started at once, and
this class should receive instruction in part in the Japanese lan­
guage that the young men may be so trained, that their speech shall
be both clear and sufficiently dignified to command the respect of
those who listen to their preaching. We cannot afford to send
our young men to attend schools where their faith in Christ is
weakened and they themselves are rendered useless for the work
Methodism has to do. Let us rally around our Central School and
make it a model and an inspiration to our other schools, and let us
give these young men, and these young women, who come to us
for instruction a moral and religious education that shall strengthen
their characters for life's great battles against evil. Let us ever
remember that in educating Christian workers we shall gain the
confidence of the Church and the approbation of our Heavenly
Father.
Reports of Committees.

Auditing Committee, 1908-9.

This certifies that we, the Conference Auditing Committee, have carefully examined the books and accounts of Dr. H. B. Johnson, Superintendent, for the conference year, including the following:

1. The Regular Mission Accounts with the Appropriations.
2. Building Funds at Vacaville, San Francisco, and Oxnard.
4. Tract Fund on account of Publications.
6. The Italian Earthquake Relief Fund.

There are proper vouchers to cover all expenditures. We gladly certify to the exact and careful methods in the various accounts of our Superintendent and General Treasurer.

ZENRO HIROTA.
MILTON S. VAIL.

Berkeley, California, August 14, 1909.

Benevolences.

The benevolences of this year show a gratifying increase as compared with the past, and while this is partly due to the increase in church membership, yet it also shows the earnest efforts of our Church.

We recognize that our church is growing stronger financially as well as numerically, and we earnestly urge all of our members to increase as much as possible their gifts to the benevolences for the coming year.

We further recommend the churches to take the Preachers' Aid Collection not later than February of each year.

M. YOSHIDA,
H. SHIRATO,
K. YOSHIOKA.

Christian Literature.

Your Committee recommend the following:

1. That the "Glad Tidings" be continued as the official Organ for our Mission.
2. That a committee consisting of five members of this Annual Meeting be appointed to manage the "Glad Tidings" for the coming year.
3. That S. Kawashima be appointed Editor-in-Chief of said paper.
4. That we recognize the Japanese Northwestern Christian Advocate as the Local Church Paper for the Pacific Northwest, in accord with the resolution of the District Meeting held at Portland last spring.

5. That we re-establish our Printing Plant in San Francisco at the earliest possible moment.

S. YOSHIOKA.
S. KAWAWHIMA.
H. B. JOHNSON.
Z. HIROTA.
T. KOMURO.

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Education.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

1) In view of the tendency of the age to regard wealth and material prosperity as supreme in importance, our schools should give careful and prayerful attention to the instruction in moral and spiritual things.

2) We heartily commend to our people the general interests of Education in our great Church, and, loyal to our Board of Education, we will do all we can to further its interests. We trust that the Board may arrange to give some financial aid to the young men in our Training School who are preparing to preach the Gospel of Jesus among the Japanese in America.

3) We desire that all the children of Japanese parentage in this country shall be educated in the public schools; but in order that they may have sufficient training in the Japanese language to speak and write correctly, we urge our Methodist people to begin children's classes for the study of the Japanese language wherever proper facilities do not prevail.

4) Our Night Schools are important auxiliaries to our work, and we recommend that in each charge these schools be kept up.

5) We commend the good work being done in Seattle by Mr. K. Kusamoto in the carrying on of a children's home, nursery and kindergarten, and, we wish him great success.

6) We earnestly commend the interests of our central school in San Francisco to all of our people and to our American Methodist friends as well. We are justly proud of its success in the past and pray that it may become even more efficient in the future. We recommend the following: (1) That the Board of Directors shall consist of the Superintendent of the Mission, the President of the school, the pastor of the San Francisco Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church,
the pastor of the Oakland Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church and one prominent Methodist layman, to be elected by the above mentioned four. (2) As it is absolutely essential that our young preachers should have a thorough knowledge of the Japanese language, in order to become acceptable preachers and leaders, and as one of the best methods of acquiring the fluency and accuracy required is the study of the Bible and Theology in the Japanese language, we recommend—(a) That a Training Class for Candidates to our Ministry be begun at once, and that a part of the study shall be in the Japanese language; (b) That the course of study shall be the same found in our Methodist Discipline for our preachers, with a few minor changes made necessary in selecting books in the Japanese language; (c) That the general direction and arrangements as to times, hours, place, and so forth, for this work, shall be left in the hands of the President of the Anglo-Japanese Training School and the Board of Directors with full power; but they shall make a yearly report to this body. (d) That we ministers hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to raise eight scholarships of $50 each to aid in the support of our young men called to preach, and who come to our school for preparation. We will become personally responsible for the raising of four scholarships for the Conference year upon which we are about to enter. We earnestly entreat our Bishops, the Superintendent of our Mission and the President of the School to secure an endowment for our Training School that may place it on a good financial basis.

MILTON S. VAIL,
T. KOMURO,
Z. HIROTA,
S. KAWASHIMA,
S. YOSHIOKA.

Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.
Your Committee respectfully submit the following:

(1) We advise that all the churches that have not yet received their charters for Epworth Leagues, secure them as soon as possible.

(2) We urge the Leagues to put forth their best efforts in evangelistic work.

(3) We recommend that greater attention be given to instructing the children in Bible truths. Too much stress cannot be placed upon this in order that non-Christian families, also, may become interested in Christianity.

H. TANAKA,
Y. OIKAWA,
K. YOSHIOKA.
PACIFIC JAPANESE MINISTIES
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Total for the Work. $12,000 $13,050

For restoring Printing Plant. San Francisco. 2,000
Grand Total Asked $15,050

Notes:
* Members listed elsewhere.
(o) Mostly travel and salary of O. So from Hawaii.
(x) Of this $12,000, $9,700 was provided by the General Committee, and $2,300 by the Board.
H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.
S. FUJII, Secretary.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

During the past year, three new churches were built, viz.—at Vacaville, San Francisco, and Oxnard; and arrangements have been completed for paying the indebtedness on our Mission Homes at Oakland and Sacramento. Our members, and others who have great sympathy with our cause, contributed liberally, and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension gave us bountiful and substantial help.

Therefore, resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation
and sincere thanks to these friends, and to the Board in particular, for this timely aid.

Resolved, second, That in view of the great importance of Seattle as a center for Japanese work, the early expiration of the lease on our present building, and the very hopeful condition of our work, we urgently recommend the next General Committee to authorize the sum of four thousand dollars as a Conference credit, the whole to be used in securing property in Seattle during the coming year.

Resolved, further, That as our Mission has already passed the one dollar per capita mark, we respectfully request that our apportionment for 1910 be not further increased.

H. B. JOHNSON,
S. KAWASHIMA,
M. YOSHIDA.

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H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.
S. FUJII, Secretary.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Bishop Charles W. Smith, LL.D.

Whereas, Bishop Charles W. Smith, who was, for years, Pastor and Presiding Elder, and then for twenty-four years Editor of one of our great church papers, and who was elected to the Episcopacy in Baltimore in 1908, has presided over our Annual Mission Meeting in Seattle with true Christian courtesy and manifestation of deep interest in our work.

Resolved (1), That we are glad that he was sent to preside over us at the First Annual Meeting of our Mission ever held in the great Northwest, especially as our honored President, is the Resident Bishop of this section of the United States; (2) That we pray that our God may grant him great joy in the discharge of the important duties he has to perform and for which he is so thoroughly equipped. Should he come to preside over us again, we will give him a most hearty welcome.

Joseph B. Hingeley, D.D.

Dr. Hingeley, the Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, attended two of our meetings and gave us a very clear presentation of the plans to be followed for the interests of our Conference Claimants. We feel that he honored us by his presence and cordiality, and we pledge ourselves to aid him all we can in the cause he so ably represents.


We feel especially grateful to Dr. Rees, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Seattle, for his earnest address of Wednesday, so ably presenting the interests of our great Benevolent Societies, and we wish for him continued success in the discharge of his arduous duties.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, so widely known for the help rendered to the cause of Temperance in connection with the W. C. T. U., and who is now doing a grand work in connection with the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., gave us an uplift by her presence and by her kindly and well chosen words in her address to the Conference.

Mrs. Foster, though exalted in many ways above thousands of her sisters, is still as humble as the humblest of Christian women. She is a Methodist, indeed, of whom all Methodists may well be proud; moreover, our sister is an earnest and noble Christian woman, whose heart goes out in tenderest longings for the salvation of all mankind.

We thank those speakers for the spiritual uplift given us by their words, and we trust they may honor us by their presence again.
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lippy.

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Lippy, of Seattle, have kindly entertained our Presiding Bishop during this Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That we request our Secretary to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lippy, expressing to them our sincere thanks for the courtesy shown.

Rev. A. T. Ayers, Dr. Isaac Crook and Rev. K. Kanazawa.

Rev. A. T. Ayers, of the American Bible Society, presented his cause in a clear and thorough manner; we assure him that that we will continue to co-operate with him in his important work.

Dr. Crook gave us an address full of love and sympathy for our people and it was greatly appreciated.

Rev. K. Kanazawa came to us, representing the Japanese Methodist Churches in British Columbia. We are glad of the success of the cause of Christ in the country from which he came, and we pray that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, thousands of precious souls may experience the NEW BIRTH through the efforts of our brethren in the North, and we request our brother to bear our Christian greetings to our fellow Christians in British Columbia.

Seattle Church.

For the cordial reception of the Seattle Church and for the many courtesies shown us, we record our sincere thanks, and we bespeak for this Church and its earnest official leaders and members the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father.

American Friends.

We take this opportunity to thank all of our American friends for the invaluable assistance given us by them. May God richly reward them.

MILTON S. VAIL,
H. TANAKA,
M. YOSHIDA.

Milton S. Vail.

Whereas, Our brother, Prof. Milton S. Vail, who has served us so faithfully and efficiently for the past six years as Secretary, this year celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of his going to Japan as a missionary.

Resolved, That we recognize him as the founder of our Methodist Educational Work in Japan, and record with pleasure our appreciation of his many years of service, particularly in the Biblical Institute at Aoyama.

Resolved, Second, That his return to this Coast has been of
great advantage to our Mission and will be even more so as we re-enter upon the training of our young men in the fundamentals of Theology.

We wish for him and his family many years of continued prosperity and happiness.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON,
ZENRO HIROTA.

MRS. M. C. HARRIS.

Mrs. Flora Best Harris, late wife of Bishop Harris, of Japan and Korea, was born February 22d. in Meadville, Penn. Her father was a prominent physician, and Flora was brought up surrounded by many of the luxuries and all the comforts of American life.

Early in life she gave herself to Christ. She was educated at Irving Female College. While still young she offered herself to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but was rejected on account of the frailty of her body.

October 23, 1873, she married Merriam C. Harris, and on the same day they started for Japan as missionaries of the Cross. They
were appointed to Hakodate and the great Island of Yesso, and were the first Protestant missionaries there. For five years they wrought successfully; but in 1877 Mrs. Harris was obliged to return to America.

In 1878 she returned to Japan, accompanied by her husband, who had crossed the Pacific to meet her and baby Flora; this only child died on the voyage and was buried in Yokahama. Tokyo now became their home, and, until 1882, their residence was a center for a multitude of Japanese young men who loved these earnest missionaries. Mrs. Harris was a born linguist, and mastered the pure Japanese language. She translated the "Log of a Japanese Journey," which was composed by the classic author, Tsurayuki, in the tenth century. This diversion served to assuage the mother's grief for the loss of little Flora, for the chief character in the book had also lost a little daughter, and expressed his sorrow in verse, which Mrs. Harris translated:

"Regrets there are full many
Ah, me! but none so sore
As the pangs of sorrow for a child
Whose life is o'er."

Mrs. Harris wrote beautiful hymns that are favorites of the Japanese Christians, and her articles written for the American Press were of the most discerning kind. Her "Songs of War-Time" show marked poetic ability, and had her strength of body been equal to her brilliancy of mind, Flora Best Harris would have been counted among the most famous women of her day. But our friend was first of all a missionary.

In the Fall of 1879, her husband wrote to Bishop Wiley: "My wife is meeting with fine success in holding meetings for women in different parts of Tokyo. I baptized three recently whom she led to Christ, and two more are awaiting baptism."

In 1882 she was again ordered home, and her husband returned with her; but this devoted missionary would not allow him to leave the work so dear to their hearts, and after some months Dr. Harris returned to Tokyo, where he labored until 1886, when he returned to America to take charge of Japanese work on the Pacific Coast, and in this new field, in which Dr. Harris had such marked success, he was ably assisted by his devoted wife.

In 1904 Dr. Harris was elected Missionary Bishop of Japan and Korea, and so he and Mrs. Harris returned to Japan. No returning missionaries ever received so wide a welcome. All classes and cults seemed to vie with each other in showing them honor.

Their return gave a wonderful impetus, not only to Methodism, but also to all Christian work in Japan. Mrs. Harris continued
to work for her beloved people. The Harrison Manual Training School in Toyko is largely the result of her plans.

A cablegram brought the news of her death on September 7th of meningitis.

On September 10th her body, followed to her grave by a procession that included the highest officers of the nation and prominent men of every religion, was buried in the City of Tokyo. Regardless of rank, position, religion or denomination, all were present to pay their last respects to her memory. In Japan her death is mourned as a national loss.

Our Sister, although greatly handicapped by ill health, was a successful missionary of the Cross, and the elements that contributed to her success were: (1) A deep-seated love for the people whom she sought to bring to the Saviour; (2) An abiding faith in the efficacy of Christianity to save from sin; (3) A thorough consecration to her God-given task; and (4) A determination of will that defied defeat.

Bishop Merriman C. Harris has been a very successful missionary, but the little woman to whose memory we gladly add a tribute, aided him by her invaluable service. M. S. VAIL.

* Mrs. Harris died after our Annual Meeting; we feel, however, that the insertion of this short sketch of her life in our Minutes will be greatly appreciated.—Editors.

Self-Support:

A self-supporting church, in the nature of the case, not only pays its pastor, but must defray all its expenses of whatever kind—rent, taxes, insurance, light, fuel, and other current expenses. And it has a responsibility, as well in the regular benevolences of the denomination, not to speak of special cases.

The question of self-support must ever be made prominent. The system adopted should be educational, and should result in the gradual reduction of outside aid and in ultimate self-support. All missionary money should be regarded as a grant-in-aid, and exceptional. Native pastors should, as far as possible, be supported by the churches, and their contributions should first be applied to this object.

All should be invited and expected to give according to their ability. First Corinthians, xiv:2, should ever be kept in mind: "On the first day of the weak let every one lay by as God hath prospered him." The tithing system has been wonderfully blessed both to churches and to individuals. The envelope system has proven most helpful.
Great care should be taken not only in the collection of funds but in their disbursement. Nothing is better calculated to create confidence and stimulate giving.

The giving of our Japanese Christians, aided by their friends specially in securing property, is shown in the following record of:

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This is an encouraging showing in view of the special difficulties of work among the Japanese on the Coast growing out of the fact that many of the members are students; that the membership is small and more or less migratory; that our work is quite largely institutional, and being mostly in the cities, is very expensive. The securing of property and the building of churches in various places will greatly aid us in self-support as soon as the churches are relieved of their debts and the members of their subscriptions. Nothing could be more unfortunate than forced self-support at the present time.

There are certain expenses that are an offset for rent, as interest, insurance, repairs and taxes. The institutional nature of our work makes it impossible to secure exemption from taxation in whole or in part.

With pleasure we record our appreciation of the generous aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, both in church building enterprises and in the current work. We pledge ourselves and our churches to do our utmost to bring about speedy and ultimate self-support. In proof of this, we call attention to the estimates for next year.

Oakland and Berkeley—Suenoshin Kawashima (California).

For the sixteen churches on the list last year we are asking less for eleven than was used in 1908. In some cases the amounts are very small, but the tendency is seen. In several of the older churches, the gain will be greater in the future because of the property secured.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

S. FUJII,
Secretary.
Temperance and Social Reform.

We are very glad to report that our churches are conducting very successful movements along the lines of Temperance and Social Reform. We recognize the great importance of continued agitation against the saloons, Chinese gambling places, houses of prostitution, and other places of evil resort, in order that the true spirit of Christianity may spread.

We earnestly urge our preachers to help this good work in every way, and we seek the cordial co-operation of all Japanese and American Christians. Let every soldier of Jesus Christ be on the alert, and may God raise up earnest leaders in this important work for Social Purity and for the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Y. OIKAWA,
S. FUJII,
H. SHIRATO,

Woman's Work.

Your Committee on Woman's Work respectfully submit the following:

(1) We urge the conducting of Cottage or Family Meetings in all our charges because of the good results to be obtained in the families socially and religiously.

(2) We recognize the excellent work being done by the Woman's Homes in Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, and we recommend that the Homes in Seattle and Los Angeles connect themselves directly with the Woman's Home Missionary Society in order that they may become even more successful in the future.

(3) We recommend that Woman's Meetings be organized in all of our churches, because we feel that this matter is of vital importance.

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