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Report of the REV. HERBERT B. JOHNSON, Superintendent
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BISHOP AND BRETHREN:

The early history of the work among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast is so familiar that it seems unnecessary to refer to it here. The notable conversion of K. Miyama, and the splendid work of Dr. Otis Gibson of the Chinese Mission, and of Dr. (now Bishop) Harris and his devoted wife can never be forgotten.

Both the Japanese and the American people have watched the Bishop's movements this year with great interest, and have rejoiced in his great success. Mrs. Harris left for Hawaii in June and is soon to join her husband in Japan, where a warm welcome awaits her. The best wishes and earnest prayers of thousands of devoted Japanese will ever follow them.

THE FIELD AND PEOPLE.

The present field of the Pacific Japanese Mission includes the states of California, Oregon and Washington, but loud calls are coming from Idaho, Montana and Arizona. Recently I received a letter from a layman in Nebraska asking for a worker to be sent to the Japanese engaged on the Union Pacific R. R. in that state.

The people are widely scattered. In the cities they are engaged as merchants, artisans and domestics, and there is a very large student population. In the interior they are engaged principally in fruit growing, beet culture, farming and railroading. They are sober and industrious, and on many accounts are among the most desirable immigrants now coming to this country. The court records are remarkably free from Japanese names.

ANTI-JAPANESE AGITATION.

Much to the surprise of everybody, save a few labor union leaders and politicians, the San Francisco "Chronicle" began, late in February last, a most untimely and unjust agitation against Japanese and Korean immigration. The worst that had ever been said concerning the coming of the Chinese was repeated and enlarged upon.

The unscrupulous articles and editorials continued considerably more than a month under such headings as the following: "Crime and Poverty Go Hand in Hand With Asiatic Labor," "Brown Men Are an Evil in the Public Schools," "Japanese a Menace to American Women," "Japs Throttle Progress in the Rich Fruit Section," "Brown Asians Steal Brains of Whites," "How the Japanese Immigration Companies Override Our
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Laws," "Big Immigration May Be Japanese Policy," etc., etc. Employers of Asiatic labor were severely condemned, and the doctrine was proclaimed that it would be better to allow fruit to rot in the orchards and grain to remain unharvested in the fields than to employ Asiatic labor. The boycott of Japanese places of business was advocated and begun. An effort was made to have the Japanese children excluded from the public schools. Anti-Japanese and Korean Leagues were organized in San Francisco and Oakland, and the articles above referred to were reprinted and scattered broadcast. Neither the "Chronicle" nor any other secular paper in the city would admit a line in explanation or defense. Time fails to outline even the situation as it existed.

"The California Christian Advocate" promptly took up the question, treating it editorially and admitting two long articles by the present writer. The San Francisco Preachers' Meeting appointed a committee of three to investigate the charges, and two weeks later adopted the report unanimously. This was widely circulated and was reprinted and commented on widely, both in the religious and the secular press. Later the Methodist Congress at Portland condemned the agitation in a resolution, and the Trans-Mississippi Congress took practically the same position that we had advocated. Later the Union Labor Party of San Francisco, which is supporting the notoriously corrupt Schmitz administration, in its platform, openly advocated both the restriction of Japanese immigration and the exclusion of the Japanese children from the public schools. We shall be greatly surprised if both party and platform do not go down in the coming election.

A more unjust agitation never took place, and the calmness and patience of the Japanese people under it all have been a splendid proof that it is founded in error and falsehood.

THE CHRISTIAN LEAGUE.

While the work of our church among the Japanese is more widely extended and better known than that of any other denomination, considerable is being done in certain parts by sister denominations, particularly in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The great lines of mission comity should be followed here as in the foreign mission field. Without it, especially in the smaller places, evil results will certainly follow. But there is great advantage in union effort, particularly in the great centers. This is seen in the organization of the Japanese Christian League a few months ago, with headquarters in our San Francisco church. The objects as outlined in the constitution are: "1st, To spread Christianity; 2nd, To stimulate our people to a higher plane of living; 3d, To reform customs; 4th, To reclaim and to lead to
usefulness those who are careless, indolent and wandering from the path of rectitude; 5th, To encourage the people to be studious, industrious and thrifty; 6th, To render assistance to innocent people who have been wrongly accused of doing evil; 7th, To encourage others to a noble life by making public the real successes already attained by our people.” Several public meetings have been held under the auspices of the League in San Francisco and Oakland, at which I was invited to speak. Recently a campaign was entered upon in Fresno with the object of closing up the houses of ill-fame and the gambling dens kept by the Chinese in the Asiatic quarter of the city. The League was represented by a Presbyterian, a Congregationalist, a Southern Methodist, two of our own pastors and the writer. The daily papers of the city and several officials gave great encouragement, and there is great hope of success. In the movement for closing the gambling dens, we secured the co-operation of the Buddhist representatives there, though it was obtained after great effort and was merely formal.

Here as in Japan reform movements have their origin and their inspiration in the Christian church. However it gives me great pleasure to record that the Japanese press and the Japanese Association of America, whose president is a Christian, are cooperating most heartily in every effort looking toward the uplift of Japanese society.

BUDDHISM IN AMERICA.

A few years ago the Buddhists of Japan sent a few well-educated representatives to this country to minister to their own people. The principal center has been San Francisco, with outstations at Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles. They are seeking to secure property at the latter place and have a fine lot and building worth $10,000.00 at Fresno. They have adopted our plans of work and seem to have plenty of money. Their priests receive three times the pay that we can afford for our preachers who are their equal in every respect, but we hear no complaint. Lately a very prominent priest has come from Japan to take the place of Mr. Hori, who, it is said, goes to Chicago to evangelize such Americans as he may find in sympathy with him. Doubtless the city that furnishes so many disciples of Dowie will furnish some converts to Buddhism, at least some students of Buddhistic philosophy. In the way above noted, the Buddhists may help us some, still their presence and work doubtless make the reaching of certain Japanese with the gospel much more difficult. As I noted in my report last year, “They will have to be counted with in all our future plans. They can welcome and help new comers, but they cannot furnish the Bread of Life to those who are here and to the many who come.”
During the year I have traveled about 15,000 miles, having made three trips to Washington and Oregon, five to Southern California, and more to points as near as Sacramento, Fresno and San Jose. I have also been to Reno, Nev. Here, as in Oregon and Southern California, I represented the Missionary Society at the conference, and I have spoken in our American churches as I have had opportunity. This with the agitation and the more general work among the Japanese has taken a great deal of my time and strength, but my principal work has been with our churches.

BUILDING PLANS.

Considerable time has also been taken in plans for building at Fresno and Selma, and for securing property at other points. The Board of Church Extension generously set aside $4,500.00 to our mission on certain conditions, which we have been trying hard to meet. I am disappointed in not being able to report any of these plans completed, but it now looks as though we may expect considerable success in the near future, particularly at Fresno, where we have a lot and where the pastor, Brother Nagasaki, has collected $572.00 for building during the year. We hope soon to meet the condition of the Board of Church Extension in full.

In this connection I wish to speak most highly of the efforts made by Dr. A. N. Fisher to secure property for us in Seattle and at Los Angeles. He did all that anyone could be expected to do under the circumstances, but the time did not seem to be opportune. All that he received was $175.00 for traveling expenses, $75.00 of which he turned back to the Portland Japanese church toward the traveling expenses of the new pastor and wife from New York. I recommend that Dr. Fisher be reappointed secretary of City Evangelization, the understanding being that he do what he can without salary.

THE NATURE OF OUR CHURCHES.

All of our churches are institutional in character, the buildings owned or rented furnishing rooms for church, school, reading room and dormitories. This has been kept in mind in the plans drawn for new churches. While the great work is evangelization, education has an important place. With the exception of San Francisco, the schools are generally under the direction of the pastors, the American teachers being volunteers from the local churches. I cannot speak too highly of the splendid work that is being faithfully done in various centers by these earnest and devoted workers. During the year, the school work has been
reorganized at Oakland, San Jose, Fresno and Los Angeles, and is being very successfully carried on. The teachers also work in the Sunday-schools, and here especially influence the young men religiously. Compared with single men, families are rare among the Japanese in this country; hence the Sunday-schools are composed mostly of adults. Particular mention should be made of the work of Mr. Freid and other workers at Spokane, in view of the absence of a pastor.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Our chief school is at San Francisco, where over 300 students are enrolled. There are three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening—paid teachers being employed and a regular course of study followed, leading to graduation.

This institution is under the direction of Prof. M. S. Vail, for more than twenty years prominently connected with our educational work in Japan, who will present his own report. The Missionary Society has subsidized this school to the extent of $450.00 during the year.

In my last report I said: "There is great need of reopening the Biblical Department for the training of workers, and I am very desirous that it may be accomplished. Nothing would please me more than to have a part in such work myself."

A course of study has been prepared, books ordered, and other preparations made for opening this department immediately after the adjournment of this annual meeting. Prof. Vail, the pastors at San Francisco and Oakland and the Supt. will comprise the faculty. A fine class of young men has offered. Oh, that the class were ready to graduate rather than being, for the harvest is white, but the laborers are few.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUES.

Leagues have existed several years at San Francisco and at Los Angeles. About a year ago a chapter was organized at Oakland, and during the year several others have been started and recognized at the Home office, namely, at Fresno, Riverside, Sacramento and Portland. Literary and spiritual meetings are held, hospitals visited, outdoor meetings conducted, and other work done that is characteristic of the League everywhere. Our Japanese Leagues take great pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to you, Bishop Berry, in view of your past and present relation to this strong arm of the Church, and particularly because of your deep and sympathetic interest.

OUR PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS.

In my report last year I stated that the printing plant had
been much improved and that the manager hoped to soon make it self-supporting. Still further improvement has recently been made by putting in an electric motor, which will make possible more rapid press work and hence give more time for job printing. Two monthly papers or magazines are published. "Glad Tidings," for general distribution throughout the Church, and "Friendship," in the interest of the Epworth League. The former contains a Sunday-school department, and being distributed gratuitously as a tract, is aided by the Sunday School Union and the Tract Society. The monthly expense is about $59.00, of which the churches contribute $27.00. About $17.00 monthly are provided from advertising and job printing, leaving $15.00 as a grant in aid of these societies. They also assist in providing Sunday-school supplies and tracts for distribution. A fine supply has recently been received from Japan provided for, in part, by grant there. During the year, Brother Yoshioka, pastor at Portland, began the publication of a magazine, quite different from "Glad Tidings," entitled "Michino-Shiori," designed for local circulation, but which has found a warm welcome in other churches. In order to extend the circulation, I am providing a small subsidy from the funds of the Tract Society.

BENEVOLENCES.

I was disappointed last year in the collections for benevolences, and early this year apportioned the following amounts to the various charges, $500.00 for Missions, the amount asked against $297.00 raised last year, $300.00 for Church Extension, the amount asked against $200.00 last year, and $44.00 for Episcopal Fund against $14.00 last year. All of these amounts will be practically raised in full. I also apportioned $425.00 among the churches to pay for necessary expenses not provided for in our appropriations, as conference and special travel, etc. This amount has been largely paid in, all the churches promising to pay in full by conference time. As in the past this money has been raised under the name of Home Missions and reported under other benevolences. In the future I desire that such collections shall be expended, as far as possible, for circuit and conference travel and for special efforts in aggressive evangelism; that is, such funds collected from the Japanese to be used for and by our Japanese brethren.

The churches have taken free-will offerings for the minor benevolences, as S. S. Union and Tract Society, Bible Cause, etc., and I trust the collections may show a fine advance over last year.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

The ten full members of conference actively at work in the
Mission are distributed as follows: California conference four, Japan conference four and South Japan two. It, therefore, became a question whether we should join in the movement of the California conference to raise an endowment for superannuated preachers. In view of the close relation existing to the present, and the fact that we shall probably always have more or less men in the California conference, I invited Dr. Wythe to give us one Sunday, and he spent the morning at San Francisco and the evening at Oakland, receiving about $100.00 in both places. In view of the heavy financial burdens that these churches have had this year, this is a good showing. The brethren all showed a deep interest and would have subscribed more had they been able.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

In harmony with the instructions of the last district conference, Brothers Y. Naito and S. Ebihara of Los Angeles were examined for license early in the conference year, and both passed satisfactorily. The former has consented to take regular work from this conference. Brothers I. Nakamatsu of Los Angeles and Y. Hori and R. Tsushima of Oakland were recently recommended for license to preach, as were C. S. Ahn and Y. M. Park of the new Korean Mission, to which reference will be made later. All of these were licensed by the district conference yesterday and the licenses of Brothers Kudo of Portland, Fuje of Oakland and Karamatsu of Vacaville are renewed; also Brother Moon of the new Korean Mission. The San Francisco church has produced several fine candidates, one of whom has supplied at Vacaville since the death of Brother Rokujubu, but they expect to enter the theological class and are not ready for license.

THE CHURCHES IN ORDER.

It is impossible to mention all the interesting or important things in connection with the various churches. The pastors have worked hard, on the whole unity has prevailed and the outlook is hopeful. There is much to encourage us in the number of baptisms, in the spiritual condition of the members and in the amounts collected for self-support and for benevolences. For the benefit of readers of this report unacquainted with local geography, beginning with San Francisco and Oakland I will move south by the coast line, then north by the valley line to Sacramento, then with a detour to Reno, will go north to Portland, Spokane and Seattle. Believing that contributors desire to know what is being done with their money and how much is being done for self-support, I will introduce summaries of statistics that may be found in full in the tables. The pastors receive from $20.00 to $65.00 per month including rent, and there is not
one but should receive more. In addition to salary the expendi-
tures include chapel rent, where we do not have property, lights
and fuel, furnishings, telephone, "Glad Tidings," etc. In a few
cases a kanji or business manager received a modest salary,
mostly only in part.

SAN FRANCISCO.

(Z. Hirota, Pastor, California Conference.)

This is the mother church. Sixteen adults and nine children
have been baptized, twenty-six received by letter and thirteen
from probation. The average monthly local receipts have been
$143.00, about half of which was from the dormitory. The Mis-
sion subsidy is $10.00 per month, not including school taxes, in-
surance and interest. There is a debt of $7,000.00 on the prop-
erty, requiring $420.00 for interest, which the Missionary Society
pays and which we hope to reduce considerably during the com-
ing year. The roof needs immediate attention. Otherwise the
property is in fine condition. The officers and members are proud
of their church home, and expend large amounts annually in its
upkeep.

OAKLAND.

(E. Aibara, Pastor, Japan Conference.)

After two moves during the year we are now well located
on the corner of Sixth and Castro streets, but the pressing need
is a church home. Rents are high and rented property very un-
satisfactory. Twelve have been baptized during the year. The
local income averages $43.00 per month and the mission subsidy
is $45.00 with five extra part of the year. The church has had
a heavy burden and in view of the expense of the double move
has not been able to meet expenses. All are now encouraged
and the outlook is hopeful.

SAN JOSE.

(T. Komuro, Pastor, California Conference.)

There have been five baptisms, which in view of this being
the pastor's first year is encouraging. He has visited Alviso,
Campbell and Gilroy, and held outdoor meetings in Chinatown
regularly. The class-meetings are well attended. An organ has
been purchased. The monthly expenses, including rent, are
$50.00, of which the church raises $20.00. They strongly request
his return.

OXNARD.

This is in the midst of the sugar-beet section of Southern
California. A loud call came last year for a pastor, but we were
unable to enter the open door. Rev. J. H. Avery of the Ameri-
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can Church there has taken deep interest in the work and has baptized several. I have visited and preached there four times during the year. The Japanese people, only a few of whom are Christians, promise the rent and $30.00 for salary if we will send a pastor from this conference. Oh, that we had five or six additional men!

LOS ANGELES.

(K. Ukai, Pastor, Japan Conference.)

Five have been baptized, two received by letter and three from probation. This is Brother Ukai’s first year in America. The church contains an earnest band of local workers and has been greatly assisted by the Epworth League of First Church. Mission subsidy $45.00 per month and local receipts $72.00. We must secure property here at once. The members have in the bank toward a lot $832.00 and they are gradually collecting. This is our opportunity for a great work in Los Angeles.

RIVERSIDE.

(M. Shimadzu, Acting Supply.)

As Brother Shimadzu is a member of the Canadian conference and is to return to that body after a few years of study in this country, it was impossible to send him to Riverside as pastor. He has been there, therefore, as my personal representative, but now leaves to enter school. One has been baptized, one received by letter and one from probation. All the interests of the church have been well cared for. The Missionary Society has provided a subsidy of $15.00 per month, and the local church has raised $30.00. We have here a very neat property in which both the Japanese and the American friends take a deep interest. Brother Shimadzu has regularly visited the camps and once went with me to Redlands, where we found many Japanese, but the time was not ripe for opening work.

FRESNO AND SELMA.

(K. Nagasaki, Pastor, Japan Conference.)

These places are separated a half hour by train. Fourteen have been baptized at the former place and nine at the latter. Four have been received by certificates and seven by letter. The new League is very active and the class-meetings are well attended. Preliminary plans have been for building churches at both places. For this purpose the pastor has collected $572.00 this year. Buddhism has a strong center and fine building at Fresno, and we must secure property at once. The Fresno Christians have raised $12.00 per month and the Selma people $5.00. The monthly mission grant has been $40.00. The people there
are greatly stirred as a result of the recent campaign, above re-
ferred to, in the interest of abolishing the houses of ill-fame and
the gambling dens.

En route from Fresno to Los Angeles, Brother Nagasaki and
I visited Hanford and Bakersfield, where we held meetings. In
view of the distance and the fact that the Presbyterian Church
is working at the former, there is no field for us, even though our
church has previously done much there. But as soon as possi-
ble we should take up regular work in Bakersfield.

TRACY.

This is a railroad junction, where many Japanese are em-
ployed, particularly in the railroad restaurant. I have visited
them frequently and sent them Bibles. Have also interested the
pastor of the American Church in them. In evidence of their
appreciation, they recently made a nice contribution toward our
benevolences.

VACAVILLE.

(T. Murakata, Acting Supply.)

This place is on the line between San Francisco and Sacra-
mento, sixty miles from the former and thirty from the latter,
in the midst of one of the finest fruit sections of the State.
Brother I. Rokujubu, a local deacon, was reappointed to this
charge at the last conference, and in the midst of a busy and
successful year was called higher in April. After evening
prayers with one of the young men, he retired and in the morn-
ing he was not, for God had called him. He was highly respected
in the community and his death made a deep impression. As
though this affliction were not enough, the members lost their
church by fire last month, it being insured for $400.00. We must
take steps to rebuild at once. Four have been baptized during
the year. The Missionary Society has furnished $15.00 per
month and the church has raised $20.00 locally, besides consider-
able toward church repairs. The members constitute a heroic
band and well deserve our sympathy and assistance. In rebuild-
ing it is probable that the location will be changed.

SACRAMENTO.

(M. Yoshida, Pastor, California Conference.)

Brother Yoshida has had a great year and it is with deep
regret that his people part with him. Owing to his long resi-
dence on this coast and his great earnestness, he has been wonder-
fully used of God. But the serious illness of his wife in Japan
requires that he return to the homeland. We shall follow him
with our love and prayers and shall continue to hope for his
speedy return. He has baptized this year twenty-six, seventeen at Sacramento, seven at Loomis and two at Fair Oaks. His members are widely scattered, but he has made wide use of the pastoral letter. His Epworth League, chartered during the year, co-operates with him in open-air meetings and in hospital visitation. The local church has supplied $33.00 per month and the Missionary Society $45.00. Here again the question of rent is a serious one. We are well located, but must secure property at an early day. During the fruit season I visited Newcastle and held a most encouraging meeting on the ranch of Brother George D. Kellogg. Brother Yoshida followed it up and reports the outlook hopeful.

TRUCKEE AND RENO.

On the occasion of my recent visit to the Nevada Mission at Reno, I met several Japanese and talked with our pastors at Truckee and Reno. All agree that there is a fine opening for work in both places. The Japanese in the latter place have been greatly interested in social reform, and in this have surprised the American people. They would welcome a worker most heartily.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

(S. Yoshioka, Pastor, Japan Conference.)

When Brother Sugihara left last year to attend school, it seemed almost impossible to find a man to take his place, but the new pastor has done it most successfully. He and Brother Hirota of San Francisco and Tsuruda of Seattle are the only pastors who have their wives with them in this country. This is an important element both in success and in the expense in carrying on the work.

Eighteen adults and one child have been baptized during the year. The new church has been so crowded that during the summer meetings they have been held in a tent and another house has been rented for additional dormitories. Nothing has been paid on the debt this year, but plans have been completed to begin to pay it off the coming year. I recently received a strong letter asking for the pastor's return. The church has raised $100.00 per month and the Missionary Society has furnished $40.00. Interest and the salary of a manager and a married pastor are heavy items, but the prosperity of the work is a proof that the plan is wise.

SEATTLE, WASH.

(G. Tsuruda, Pastor, California Conference.)

Our work in Seattle is only two years old. For several years we kept out of the city because the Baptists were already work-
ing there, but in view of the large population—3,000 or more—and of its relation to our work in Japan and Hawaii and the Northwest, work was opened there two years ago. Twelve have been baptized this year, six received by letter and nine from probation. We have now twenty-three members, eight probationers and thirty inquirers. So encouraged were the members of the Seattle Methodist Preachers' Meeting, on the occasion of my recent visit, that they appointed a committee to solicit additional funds and to otherwise assist in pushing the work. Very enthusiastic special meetings were held in the hall of the Japanese Association. A merchant who was years ago connected with the San Francisco Gospel Society, gave the church an organ during the year. The local church raised $40.00 per month and the Mission supplies $45.00. The three great needs are property, a night school and a woman's home. Seattle is a great center for the Japanese in the Northwest, and should be a strong center for Christian work. There is much opportunity for aggressive work along social lines. The pastor has visited Kent regularly and reports the outlook hopeful. He has also alternated with the Portland pastor in visiting the work in Spokane.

**SPOKANE, WASH.**

The work here was organized by Brother Tsuruda and Dr. Swartz three years ago, and in view of having had no resident preacher for two years has done exceedingly well. It is twelve hours by train from Seattle and further from Portland, and should have a pastor, especially in view of the opportunities for working in the country round about. Here we have eighteen members, four probationers and fifteen inquirers. Four have been baptized during the year. The Epworth League of the First Church takes a deep interest, its members being of great help in the night school and Sunday-school. The little band of members raises $30.00 per month and the Mission has supplied $20.00 this year. The principal items of expenditure are rent and monthly travel of preachers from Seattle and Portland.

**POCATELLO, IDAHO, AND MISSOULA, MONT.**

From both of these places loud calls have come to take up work, but thus far it has been impossible. It is my plan to visit both of these places as early in the coming year as possible. Several of our best members have migrated to these newer fields, and we should follow them and through them reach others. The fewness of workers this year is a great embarrassment. The death of Brother Rokujubu, the return to Japan of Brother Yoshida and the dropping out of Brother Shimadzu to attend school greatly embarrasses us in adjusting the work, particularly in view of these new openings.
WORK AMONG WOMEN.

A fine field is opening for work among the women and children on this coast. A few years ago, nearly all the Japanese women that were to be seen here were of questionable character, enticed here for gain mostly by Chinese and Americans. When the history of this dreadful iniquity is written it will be known that scores and hundreds came in ignorance of what awaited them. The real Japanese woman is now to be seen in the cities and towns, and she is to be respected for her womanly virtues and true worth. The Woman's Home Missionary Society, through a special committee of ladies living in and about San Francisco, is carrying on a very successful work among women in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Honolulu. They have a fine home and school on Bush St., in charge of Miss Lake. She works outside also among the women, superintends our Pine St. Sunday-school and as a special feature meets all incoming ships. Miss Anderson represents this society in Los Angeles, her principal work being in visiting the homes, and Miss Grace Bowman has done similar work in Oakland during much of the year. Mrs. Humphries, who has long labored in our Mission in Oakland, is keeping up this work, though without salary nor relation to this woman's committee. I have already referred to fine opening for this kind of work in Seattle. I take great pleasure in commending the work of the women for their Japanese sisters.

NEW KOREAN MISSION.

During the entire year I have been planning for work among the increasing Korean population, but the lack of funds made the carrying out of the plans difficult in the extreme. Bishop Hamilton has been interested in the project from the first, as has Dr. George Heber Jones. Early in the year, Bishop Hamilton applied to the board of managers of the Missionary Society for special aid, but there were no funds available. I was not content and urged Secretary Carroll and Dr. Jones to secure us if possible a special gift for the purpose, at the same time suggesting a conference with other missionary bodies. The result of this was the assurance that other denominations had no intention of opening work among the Koreans on this coast and a personal pledge to stand by me in the enterprise. This first step then was to encourage our Korean Christians, both here and in Oakland. Next I had Brother Ahn collect and instruct his countrymen at work near Vacaville, and on the occasion of our visit I baptized nine. Later we secured a good house at 521 Page St., San Francisco, not far from Bishop Hamilton's residence, and furnished it with simple furniture, including thirteen beds. The double
parlors are used for an assembly room. We had a splendid meeting recently when Dr. Noble was in the city en route to Korea, Bishop Hamilton also being present. Last Sunday it was my privilege to be present again, when I baptized three more, and there are several other candidates. We now have eighteen full members, 22 baptized probationers, and 15 unbaptized probationers. Of these seven were originally Presbyterians. Of these 55 Christians, 17 are in San Francisco, 23 in Vacaville and 15 in Sacramento. The work is now well organized with myself as nominal pastor, assisted by three local preachers, one exhorter, two class leaders, three stewards and an Epworth League president. It is the plan to keep the work united, but work it in divisions. It is also our plan to make it as far as possible self-supporting from the first. The Korean brethren have already pledged $118.00 to the end of December, and we expect the dormitories to yield that much more. It is our hope to open a night school and an employment bureau, which will also assist. The young men are united and earnest and the outlook is hopeful.

The City Church Extension Society of Los Angeles about a year ago opened a local Korean Mission in that city in charge of Mrs. Sherman, assisted by Mr. Hugh Cynn, a student in the University of California. So far the young men have been connected with one of the American churches there. In view of the Japanese and Korean work being united in supervision in Asia and in Hawaii, and of special advantages of such unity here, as it seemed to me, I invited Mrs. Sherman to co-operate with us and to report her work through this mission. She seemed willing, but found embarrassments, so that our Korean work at present is wholly within the bounds of the California conference.* I have recommended to the district conference making C. S. Ahn and Y. M. Park local preachers, and the recognition of K. H. Moon, late of Hawaii, as another. I also recommend, through this Mission, an appropriation for Korean work, to be made available January 1st next, the amount to be determined later.

CONCLUDING WORDS.

I have enjoyed my work exceedingly during the year, and am specially thankful for the health that the Lord has given me. I have led a strenuous life. My friends have frequently advised me to take it easier, but it has seemed impossible. There was no place to let go. I am anxious that this annual meeting shall mark a crisis in the religious history of each of us and that we may all enter upon the new year better equipped for service. The more I see of it, the more am I impressed with the importance of Christian work among the thousands of Japanese on this coast. We have a God-given work and must measure up to our opportunities.

* Since Conference adjourned the union between the San Francisco and Los Angeles work has been consummated.
FACULTY AND CLASS OF 1905,
OF THE ANGLO-JAPANESE TRAINING SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO.

Row I. From left to right. Teachers: Y. Ogawa, Miss Staples, Principal M. S. Vail, Monroe Scott, Pastor Z. Hirota, T. Fujita.


ANGLO-JAPANESE TRAINING SCHOOL, 1904-5.

General Review.

The past year has been one of hard, earnest work, resulting in marked success along educational lines. The teachers have themselves developed, in teaching others, and constantly better work has been done, and the class to graduate next May will be better trained than any previous one, and will surely do us honor. When we remember that all these young men are self-supported and must work hard, physically, the progress which they have made is truly remarkable.

Our students are bright, earnest, persistent and thorough. In their behavior they are polite and respectful, and to those who know how to sympathize with them, and to direct them rightly, it is a pleasure to be their teachers. All our instructors are well equipped to teach, and all take pride in doing their best.

In Mr. Monroe Scott (who was a teacher and principal of a high school in Florida) we have a valuable addition to our faculty. Prof. Scott is a kind, and thorough teacher; but, best of all, he is an earnest Christian, seeking to bring his pupils to Christ. Were all as earnestly interested in the spiritual welfare of the students, we would have a larger ingathering of souls. May the good Master impress upon us teachers, more and more, the need of helping the young people spiritually, as well as mentally.

Of the eight private schools for Japanese in this city, ours is still the best; but, in order to maintain our position, we must exercise care, and be persistent in our efforts. About one-third of the students are Christians, and about twenty joined the church during the year. We have seven teachers—four Japanese and three Americans. The enrollment for the year was two hundred and sixty-nine; five were young women. In the Preparatory Department, there were two hundred and four pupils, and in the Academic Department sixty-five, making a total of two hundred and sixty-nine. There were eleven graduates, who received diplomas in May. Our course of study has remained the same as last year.

Lecture Course.

We had an exceptionally good lecture course. Prof. James M. Dixon, who was Professor of English Literature for many years in Japan, and who is now Professor of English Literature in the University of Southern California, gave a lecture on "Burns and His Songs." Miss L. Hewett, one of our Missionaries to South America, gave a fine address on "Argentina." Rev. E. R. Dille, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church in Oakland, spoke on the "Building of Character."
Dr. Eli MacClish, President of the University of the Pacific, lectured on “The Young Man,” while Prof. Toronoske Yamada, Professor of Theology in P. S. B. I., Tokyo, Japan, addressed the students on “The Responsibility of Young Men,” and President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, gave his very practical lecture on “The Clean Life,” to a crowded house, and to the delight of all.

Needs.

All schools are charitable institutions and need constant help. Our School needs larger and brighter recitation rooms, though by using the Chapel as a recitation room, we can get along for the present. There should be a room that could be used as an office for the Principal; as it is, the room he now uses must also be used as a teachers’ waiting room. We need money for a Library, and better apparatus; and we also need money that might be used in aiding very needy cases, though, from principle, we do not propose to support any man. We need the prayers of God’s people for this English School.

The Biblical and Theological Training Class.

In accordance with the expressed wishes of last year’s Conference, a three years’ course of study for Biblical and Theological Training has been marked out, and a class of six or eight young men will begin the work soon after the close of this Conference. The general direction will be under the Principal of the School, who, with the Superintendent of the Mission, the pastor of the San Francisco Church, and the pastor of the Oakland Church, will form the faculty. The text books used will be in the Japanese and English languages. As the Principal has just closed a quarter of a century of his life work as a Christian educator among the Japanese people, he may be pardoned a personal reference.

The late Dr. Stephen M. Vail was one of the founders of the first Methodist Theological School in America. He numbered among his friends Isaac Rich, Jacob Sleeper and Lee Claflin, and these men were the founders of Boston University, which is a child of Concord Biblical Institute. Being well acquainted with Daniel Drew, he urged him to do all he could for the training of Methodist preachers, and Daniel Drew founded the School known as “Drew Theological Seminary.” Dr. Vail wrote a work on “Ministerial Education,” and a copy of this book was placed into the hands of Mrs. Eliza Garrett, by her pastor in Chicago, and, as a result, Mrs. Garrett gave her whole fortune to the institution known as “Garrett Biblical Institute,” the income of which now amounts to more than thirty-five thousand dollars a year. This would seem to be enough for one man, and yet not satisfied, Dr. Vail gave his youngest son (and also his youngest daughter, Miss Jennie Vail), to the training of young men in Japan, and thus it happened that the blessed privilege was granted the son of helping to lay the
foundations of our educational work in Japan, and he is proud to number among his pupils such men as Yamada Toronosuke and others, who form the backbone of our work in the Island Empire.

It is, indeed, a privilege to be permitted to have a part in the beginning of this work in America, which we hope and pray may prove a great blessing to the Japanese in this land. May our Father in heaven grant great success to our new undertaking, and may the Master render it a source of mighty power, not only in deepening and widening the intellectual view, but also in building up and in strengthening the faith of the young men who are to preach Jesus, the only source of salvation for a sin-cursed world. We want this school to graduate men who shall be filled intellectually and spiritually, and who will stand by a pure and holy purpose to spend their lives in the work of saving souls.

We need money for books, and Mrs. Russell has given the first donation—$5.00. May the widow's God bless this giver and cause the gift to be multiplied in its influence for good.

If our School is to become a model institution, we must have the prayers of all our preachers that we may do and dare great things for God. Brethren, forget not to pray frequently for the Anglo-Japanese Training School in San Francisco, through whose Golden Gate are coming to us so many who are hungry for intellectual and spiritual life.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON S. VAIL,
Principal.

The following is the Treasurer's report:

School Treasurer's Report.

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Collected for:

- Pastors' Salaries: $2,048.00
- Bishops: 40.00
- Current Expenses: (Institutional Churches): 3,325.00
- S. S. Expenses: 140.00
- Church Indebtedness: 327.00
- Benevolences:
  - Missions: 420.00
  - Church Extension: 300.00
  - Bible Cause: 29.00
  - Minor Benevolences: 33.00
  - Other Benevolences: 1,581.00

Total Amount Collected: $8,243.00
Average per full Member: 11.80
Average per Member including Probationers: 9.10

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* For Home Missions only.
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Beginning from the left hand. Upper Row: (1) Prof. Monroe Scott; (2) Rev. G. L. Pearson; (3) Rev. Z. Hirota and child; (4) T. Murakata; (5) Rev. S. Yoshioka; (6) Y. Shiozaki; (7) Rev. K. Ukai; (8) Mrs. G. L. Pearson; (9) Rev. E. R. Willis; (10) Mr. Mari.

Second Row: (1) Mrs. Z. Hirota; (2) Mrs. Y. Hosai; (3) Miss M. Lake; (4) Mrs. H. B. Johnson; (5) Mrs. M. S. Vail; (6) Miss Vail; (7) Mrs. S. Russell.

Third Row: (1) Rev. T. Komuro; (2) Rev. M. Yoshida; (3) Supt. H. B. Johnson; (4) Bishop Joseph F. Berry; (5) Dr. Thomson, Bible Agent.


Fifth Row: (1) K. Nishimura; (2) T. Matsukawa; (3) T. Ichikawa; (4) Y. Hosai; (5) Rev. M. Shichimadzu.