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Report of Herbert B. Johnson, D.D., Superintendent

Dear Bishop and Brethren: The year now brought to a close by this Annual Meeting has been marked by the extension of our field eastward, by the visit of Secretaries Forbes and Platt, Treasurer Shaw, and other officers and members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and by faithful work on the part of the pastors, resulting in substantial and very encouraging progress.

We are greatly heartened, Bishop Warren, by your recent published statement, showing that the Pacific Japanese Mission gained nearly 13 per cent in membership last year, being surpassed by only two Conferences in the group assigned to you this year.

I am glad to report that we are still advancing, the net gains this year being 50 per cent in probationers and ten per cent in full membership, or 16 per cent figuring both as one. There have been conversions and baptisms on all the charges. 134 adults and 11 children have been baptized. The following charges report gains in both probationers and full members,—Fresno (including Selma and Bakersfield), Los Angeles, Portland, Riverside, San Francisco and Seattle. Oakland holds her own in probationers and gains 13 in full members, and the reverse is true of Spokane. San Jose makes a nice gain in members and Sacramento in probationers. Vacaville’s loss will be explained later. In membership we have crossed the one thousand line, including probationers.

All the charges have raised their full apportionments for Home Missions except Los Angeles and Fresno. There will be a fine gain for Foreign Missions, some advance for Home Missions and Church Extension and a slight falling off in the smaller collections. The showing of all the churches for pastoral support is very commendable.

The Field and My Itinerary.

In my report a year ago I referred to our extensive work in California, Oregon and Washington and at its close recommended the extension of our eastern boundary to the Mississippi River to include the Japanese work already started in Colorado and the territory we hope to occupy beyond. The recent General Conference took favorable action, and our field now includes the actual and
prospective Japanese work from Canada to Mexico and from the Pacific to the Mississippi. Starting from San Francisco, our organized work now extends 530 miles south to Riverside, 1250 miles north to Spokane and nearly 1500 miles east to Denver and Pueblo.

During the year I have visited the southern part of the field four times, the Pacific Northwest three times, excepting Spokane, where a wash-out prevented my going in the spring, and I have made one visit to Ogden, Pocatello, Salt Lake, Pueblo and Denver, not to speak of visiting the Japanese and preaching to them in Chicago and Brooklyn in connection with my eastern trip. I have visited the work more frequently in Central California from Fresno to Sacramento, going to Vacaville nine times, where we have been seriously embarrassed in our church building plans owing to race prejudice and opposition in certain quarters.

Decreasing Opposition.

On the whole, there has been marked improvement in the attitude of the papers and the labor leaders toward the Japanese. In Oregon and Washington and in the cities which I visited east of the mountains, the relations of the two peoples are all that can be desired. This is also true of large sections of California. By way of illustration, I mention the favorable action some months since of the State Fruit Growers Association of California, as well as that of several Chambers of Commerce. It will also be of interest to note that in a recent editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle, the paper that led the opposition three years ago, the position is taken that agitation against the Japanese should cease, at least that no further efforts should be made to organize against them. However, the labor unions are still active and are determined to crowd out the Japanese. For example, a printed appeal of the Anti-Japanese Laundry League of San Francisco recently came into my hands, entitled "White or Jap—Which?" It called attention to the farms owned or rented in California by Japanese, and expressed alarm "lest they should reach into all parts of our industrial fields." The compilers of this sheet are authority for the statement that the Japanese in San Francisco are engaged in the following employments: "Bakeries, bath houses, banks, bell boy, barber shops, billiard parlor, cobbler, curio stores, decorating, doctor, employment agencies, florist stores, fruit stores, furnishing stores, gas fitting, grocery stores, house cleaning,
porters, restaurants, stationery stores, tin stores, tailors, watchmen, and all of the thirty odd building trades used in constructing a modern house.” This fiery circular closes as follows: "We ask you to buy from whites. We ask you to buy goods made by whites. We ask you to have your work of all kinds done by white men and women who live as you live and prize the ideals and country that you prize. We ask you to patronize only white labor.” The same influences that are operating to keep down the negro are at work to keep the Japanese from entering the more attractive and remunerative fields. Some criticize them for performing labor in the humbler fields, while others appear to fear them because they are ambitious.

Last November, on the occasion of the visit of several of the officers and members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Secretary Platt, in common with Mr. Earl Taylor, spent much time in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco in a personal study of conditions, and made public and permanent record of what they saw in a very superior collection of photographs. Dr. Platt subsequently wrote several articles for the press, and has taken pains to represent the Japanese as among the very desirable classes that are coming to us from foreign shores. He recognized the great opportunity for Christian work among them in this western half of our country and noted particularly their initiative.

Characteristics of The Field and The Work.

The Japanese are widely scattered, and our work is more or less affected by the occupation of the members this in large measure being determined by the location. For example, Oxnard, with its great sugar beet factory, is in the midst of the sugar beet fields of the south; Riverside is in the center of the great orange belt; the Santa Clara Valley, with San Jose as a base of operations, is famous for the quality and quantity of the prunes produced; in the same way, Fresno is noted for its grapes and raisins, Selma for its peaches, and Vacaville for various fruits; Spokane and Pocatello are railroad centers, and Pueblo has its smelter and steel mills; San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Denver, etc., are great industrial and commercial centers. The Japanese in all the cities, as in San Francisco, are variously engaged, a very large contingent being students.

With a field so large and with interests so varied, it is impossible to speak in detail of the work and to note
all the encouragements. The progress of the work from year to year makes more and more apparent what I have frequently stated,—that the Japanese Christians compare very favorably with our American church members, whether considered from the standpoint of intelligence, loyalty, devotion or benevolence. In their attendance upon the appointed means of grace, in their fidelity and loyalty to the church and the truth, and in their real sacrifice for Christ, both of time and of money, they stand high in any company of Christians. I will review the work in the charges under the four natural divisions,—the Pacific Northwest, General California, Southern California, and the New Territory Recently Added.

The Pacific Northwest.

Pastors reside in, and operate from, Portland, Spokane and Seattle, and during the past year a student in the University of Puget Sound, a local preacher, has labored efficiently at Tacoma, under the direction of Pastor Yoshioka of Seattle.

Portland.—This is the first station opened in the northland. In membership, with 111 full members and 23 probationers, it stands next to San Francisco, the mother church of Japanese Methodism on the Coast, Los Angeles surpasses it a little in full members. Portland leads in the wealth and business standing of certain of the members and in the value of church property. We have a fine large lot on the corner of 15th St. and Gilsan, with a substantial frame building used as a chapel and general church home, the whole being easily worth $20,000, or three times what it cost five years ago. There is a debt of about $2000, which must be provided for soon. The Epworth League, with 60 active and 15 associate members, is a power in various ways. This church, which has a fine body of young men, and which has largely been a young men's church, now has—like several other of our churches—several good families which are a great advantage in building up permanent work. This year 18 adults and one child have been baptized. Bro. E. Aibera, the pastor, is very anxious to open a branch mission downtown, with a preaching place, night school and extra dormitories. If a suitable place can be found, it is thought the work can be made entirely self-supporting. This church has paid over $300 for repairs, street-work, taxes and insurance, $160 for current expenses, nearly $150 for regular
benevolences and half the salary of the pastor. After the debt is paid, the church should become self-supporting.

**Spokane.**—T. Murakata, the supply pastor, was transferred from Oxnard last Conference and—with the exception of a few months when the work was opened five years ago as a branch mission—is the first Japanese pastor to reside in Spokane. He has worked faithfully and efficiently during the year and four adults and two children have been baptized. Several Japanese families have moved into the city during the year, and a woman's society of 23 members, affiliated with the Mission, has been organized. Several of these are Christians and much interest is shown by the others. As in the past, several members of the First Methodist Church have been of great assistance. A little band of twenty members and eleven probationers has made a splendid showing this year in self-support and benevolences. They have paid the rent of the Mission and their current expenses, and have given $68 for regular benevolences and quite a nice sum toward the support of the pastor. The pastor, aided by K. Yoshioka, a local preacher, has, without expense to the Missionary Society, visited several near-by towns in Washington and others in Idaho, specially Livingworth, Corbin and Ephrata. They have given special attention to section gangs and ranchmen. This is a kind of work that greatly needs to be done all over this western country.

**Seattle.**—This young mission is the marvel of all who have inspected it. Only four years old, it has 63 full members and 45 probationers and leads the list this year in 29 baptisms, besides several others which are the fruit of the special work in the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church. The mission, which is institutional in its character, provided four-fifths of the expenditure of about $250 monthly for rent, pastor, Bible woman and current expenses, and has a nice start toward a building fund. It will raise its apportionment of over $100 for Missions and Church Extension, besides the minor collections and the assessment for preacher's aid. The pastor, S. Yoshioka, has the confidence of his own people, the Immigration Bureau and the members of the City Methodist Union, who have recently subscribed $500 toward a temporary chapel. The city re-grade improvements make necessary an immediate change of location, and as no building suitable for our institutional work can be found with an assembly room sufficiently large, this plan has been decided
It contemplates the securing of property within two years, toward which the Japanese community has already subscribed about $3000.

When Bro. Yoshioka returned from Japan last year, he brought with him for work in his church Miss Kinugasa, becoming personally responsible for her traveling expenses from Japan, the rent of a house for the Woman's Home and nearly $1000 for furnishing and equipment. Miss Kinugasa is a graduate of our Woman's College at Nagasaki, Japan, and is in every way splendidly equipped for the work. Both she and the pastor and wife have sacrificed greatly to keep the Home open, which would have been impossible but for some special income to him for interpreting occasionally in the Immigration Bureau. The labor and sacrifice of these good people have resulted in many conversions and in adding many women to the church, and they should receive the financial support of all interested in missionary work among women. I heartily commend the enterprise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Tacoma.—Something over a year ago, Rev. J. W Miller began a night school among the Japanese of Tacoma, about a thousand in number, quite largely scattered throughout the city. The General Committee last fall, through the Tacoma City Union, made a grant in aid of $200, and work has been regularly carried on during the year by S. Higashida, a local preacher and a student in the University of Puget Sound. He has been aided by the young people of Bro. Miller's church and by Bro. Yoshioka, pastor at Seattle, who is really pastor in charge. Bro. Higashida and several others of the Tacoma Christians are products of the Seattle mission. Five have been baptized during the year and the outlook is hopeful. It is the desire of all concerned that Tacoma be hereafter recognized, both in the appointments and in the distribution of the Missionary money as one of our regular missions.

Central California.

This great field includes San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Vacaville, Fresno, Selma, and Bakersfield, besides several out appointments and other places where regular work should be opened, particularly in Stockton.

San Francisco.—The work in this great city has been
carried on under great difficulties during the year, but with very marked success. Twenty-two adults and seven children have been baptized, and the pastor, Z. Hirota, reports a net gain of sixteen members and six probationers. San Francisco, the mother Japanese church on the coast, though losing heavily in membership as a result of the fire, still maintains the lead with 136 members and thirty-one probationers. The Epworth League, which is well organized in all departments, has ninety active members and fifteen associates.

The Mission appropriation for the year was insufficient to pay the rent, not to speak of the extra building used for the School, so that the church has been entirely self-supporting so far as pastor's salary ($600) and current expenses are concerned. The church has also contributed $145 for the regular benevolences. We have waited for the Rehabilitation Committee to aid us in rebuilding, but so far have waited in vain. In sheer desperation, with the consent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, we have arranged to put our entire conference credit of $5,000 into the new building. Plans have been completed for a substantial building extending back seventy feet from the front line of the lot, with an auditorium seating 500, including gallery, and rooms below for school and other institutional church work. Later we plan to erect a brick or cement building in the rear estimated to cost $15,000 for dormitories, printing plant, and additional school accommodations. The Japanese are subscribing liberally, in view of financial conditions, and with a loan to be repaid from rehabilitation funds we hope to erect the front building within the next few months.

As the work for Japanese women and children is carried on quite separately by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, I will not attempt to cover it in this report. Mrs. Bishop Hamilton, who has been in charge of the Japanese and Korean Bureau, has taken a deep interest and will be greatly missed. A goodly number of women not connected with the work of the Woman's Board attend our services regularly, many of them being members. Miss M. Lake, Superintendent of the Home for Women and Children, will present her own report at this meeting.

Professor Vail, the principal of the Anglo-Japanese Training School in San Francisco, will also make his own report. I cannot speak in too high terms of the great work for Japanese young men that he and his associates
are doing. We are justly proud of our Anglo-Japanese School, and long for the time not only when we can get back into our own property but when we can re-open the theological department. It is a pressing need at the present time. Those who have received training here are doing splendid work in the field to-day. Most of the other missions have evening schools, some being very well attended. For the most part the teaching in these is voluntary.

Oakland.—I have never before known the Oakland Church to be in as good condition as at the present time. All the departments of work are well sustained. A special feature is the family meeting which is held weekly in various homes by turn, and which is well attended. The Epworth League is specially active. There has been a net gain of thirteen full members.

About $800 have been raised locally for pastoral support, current expenses, a new organ, and an old floating debt, besides $113 for regular benevolences. But the most encouraging financial showing is in the matter of property. Last year I referred, in my report, to a fine house and lot we had just purchased, for $3,000, for a mission home on the corner of West and Tenth streets where we are now assembled. The published statistics were in error in that $733 of the $2,000 reported as paid on the property represented borrowed money. Hence the debt of $6,000 was really greater by that amount. This year we incorporated the church, have assumed control of the property, and have expended $1,335 additional for interest, taxes, repairs, furniture, etc., not included in the above $800. These expenditures together with the unreported loan are provided for in about $1,000 raised in cash and a similar amount on subscriptions which are being regularly paid in installments. Hence the actual debt really remained as last year, $6,000. This we expect to liquidate during the year by a special effort aided by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Doctors Forbes and Plett looked over the property with Bishop Hamilton and expressed pleasure with the enterprise. This is a fine showing for a church having but eighty-four members, part of whom are absent. Great credit is due the pastor and to Brother J. Shimasake who had charge of the business end. Brother T. Kuranaga, who was formerly connected with the Canadian Methodist Conference in Japan, has served as supply pastor. He expects to unite with the California Confer-
ence and would have done so last year but for a misunderstanding.

San Jose.—Our Mission here is in the midst of the lovely Santa Clara Valley, with a Japanese population of three or four thousand. We occupy a good sized rented building midway between the business center and Chinatown. We have a corner lot with a fine lawn, and the splendid care which the young men give the property is the talk of all who see it. This and the two or three receptions given, one to the Japanese Consol General, have given the mission an enviable reputation in the city among both nationalities. The pastor, K. Nasu, who is also a student in the University of the Pacific, has labored indefatigably, and has visited Alvizo, Berryessa, and other outlying towns and camps to the limit of his time and strength. He recognizes that we have a great field here for aggressive Christian work. He expects to go East to continue his studies and will have the best wishes of everybody. There are twenty-eight members against twenty-two last year, and all are well organized for work. This little band has almost entirely sustained its pastor and makes a fine showing in benevolences. The Missionary appropriation covers the rent. We ought to own this fine property.

Sacramento.—Here we have a still larger Japanese population, it being estimated that there are ten thousand in the valley. In view of the change of pastors in the middle of the year, the church makes a fine showing. Rev. G. Tsuruda, after several years of faithful labor and with the consent of the Bishop, returned to Japan with his family the first of February and M. Yoshida, a former pastor, came back to us from Japan the same month to take his place. Mrs. Yoshida and their little boy came early in June. Both the pastor and his family were very cordially welcomed. She has already greatly interested herself in the many Japanese women residing in the city and the country round about. Brother Yoshida, like his predecessor, has visited regularly at Loomis, Fair Oaks, and at points on the river, and has made his influence felt far and wide. At the earliest moment possible, a pastor should be sent to Stockton for work there and in Lodi, Gault, Acampo, Antioch and other points.

The building on H street in Sacramento which we have occupied for years as a mission being in poor repair and the owner declining to do anything, early in the year we
decided to try and secure property. In March, through the kindness of Brother K. Kitagawa and several Japanese friends of the mission, a very good property was purchased at 417 P street for $5,300. The friends advanced $1,500 to be repaid the end of October, and the balance is carried on a mortgage for two years. The new mission home was at once occupied and is well adapted for our purpose. The canvass will be continued, and with the aid of the Board of Church Extension we expect to lift the mortgage within the limit. The work of the church has been well sustained during the year. Five adults have been baptized notwithstanding the change of pastors in midyear. We are now prepared for aggressive work.

Vacaville.—Few charges of any mission or conference have been so severely afflicted during the past few years as Vacaville. The death of the pastor, Brother Rokujubu, was followed by the loss of the property by fire. Then circumstances have seemed to necessitate a change of pastors frequently since. Soon after the last conference, S. Tanaka, a local preacher in Oakland, was secured as supply, but after nicely beginning his work was taken ill and had to spend many weeks in the hospital and then return to Japan. He writes that he is improving and hopes to return to the coast for further work.

After the fire referred to, I purchased a house and lot for $800, nearer the Japanese part of the town, half being provided with insurance and the balance from the contributions of the members and friends. Finding that we intended to build, the town trustees extended the fire limits to embarrass us. Recently they turned down a request to move the house to be used as a parsonage and to erect a neat brick church in mission style costing $2,700. This was done with the expressed determination to drive us into Chinatown. The best people in the town sympathize with us, and the trustees admit that they cannot prevent us building if we follow the plans submitted. This is a clear case of discrimination, as cheap buildings are being erected in that section. It is probable that we shall return to the old lot and modify the style of building.

The membership has been cut nearly in half by removals and disappointment because of this un-Christian treatment, but a strong and faithful band of fifteen members and a few probationers are determined to carry the enterprise to success. The present pastor, H. Tanaka, will be glad to return and lead them. A student in Drew Theo-
logical Seminary and a former student of our San Francisco Training School, he came to fill the gap early in June, and took up the work with enthusiasm. He sees a great field for work among the thousands of his countrymen in the Vaca valley. Besides providing part of the expenses necessary to sustain the mission during the year, this heroic little band of fifteen sends to conference nearly ninety dollars for regular benevolences.

Fresno.—We have in Fresno, a thriving city noted for its grapes and raisins in the midst of the great San Joaquin valley, a comfortable church building worth $4,000, a faithful company of intelligent and loyal Christians, and a splendid opportunity among the thousands in the city and surrounding camps. As an illustration of the regard in which the pastor and his members are held, a petition prepared and signed by them and endorsed by the Japanese community and the Preachers' Union of the city was presented to the City Council with the result that the notorious Chinese gambling dens have been closed.

The church has a strong Epworth League of forty active members which, like most of the Leagues, gives particular attention to street preaching and hospital visitation. All the various services of the church have been well sustained.

Besides meeting its current expenses, the society this year has raised $120 for street and sewer work, $25 towards a floating debt, and $110 for conference benevolences. It has also provided half the pastor's salary, and the ambition of the members is to become fully self-supporting. There are seventy members and twenty probationers, including Selma, and six have been baptized.

Selma and Bakersfield.—Pastor Kitazawa has also had charge of the work in these two towns, going to the former weekly and to the latter monthly. Bakersfield has been cared for locally by Miss Lydia Applanalp, who has conducted a very successful night school, and who has interested herself greatly in all the work of the mission. We occupy comfortable rented quarters at Bakersfield and own a small but neat church at Selma. The few Christians in both places have contributed well toward self-support and the benevolences.

Southern California.

Our organized work in this southland includes three charges—Los Angeles, Riverside, and Oxnard and Santa
Barbara—but there are great opportunities for expansion.

Los Angeles.—During the last session of the Southern California Conference, Bishop Neely dedicated our new mission property at Los Angeles free of debt. In order to do this, several of the brethren took upon themselves very heavy burdens, but they did it gladly. It was an occasion of great rejoicing as the members had struggled long and hard to secure it. During the year, the members have enlarged the little building in the rear that they built last year, classed as a parsonage, and now have a dormitory worth easily $2,000. There is some debt on this, but it is being paid in installments.

This church, under the pastoral care of T. Komuro, has had a splendid year spiritually. Twenty adults have been baptized, and there has been a net gain in membership of twenty members and eight probationers. The fifty-four active members of the Epworth League have nobly sustained the pastor. The local income from class money, Sunday offerings, dormitory fees, and special contributions has been about $85 monthly, which amount has gone for the running expenses of the church and dormitory, including repairs, taxes, salary of the dormitory manager, and the partial support of the pastor. The benevolent collections, which were excellent last year, show a falling off this year, for which I am very sorry.

Special mention should be made of the Japanese Temperance Society of nearly 250 members, organized largely through the labors of pastor Komuro, who for years has been a zealous worker in this field; also of the splendid work of Miss Anderson, the local representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society whose principal work has been home visitation. She has recently opened a night school for Japanese women, and in all her work cordially co-operates with the mission.

Los Angeles has a Japanese population of several thousand and is a great center. The pastor has visited Long Beach and Monito regularly, and Tropico and other places occasionally. There is an open door at Covina.

Oxnard and Santa Barbara.—We were unable to secure a worker last conference for this circuit where Brother Murakata labored so efficiently last year. Later, F. Sakaizawa, a local preacher from Los Angeles, was secured, but he has found it necessary to confine his labors to Oxnard. Brother Komuro, pastor at Los Angeles, has made occasional trips to both places much to the satisfaction
of the members and friends, and has been the nominal pas-
tor. In his absence, the Santa Barbara work has been
cared for by R. Shishido, a former member at Oxnard.
As a result of my last visit, the mission has moved to a
better location, and there is a better prospect than for some
time.

There is a great difference in the type of Japanese in
these two centers, those at Oxnard being largely con-
ected with the sugar industry, while those at Santa Bar-
bara are mostly employed in families, stores and hotels.
Not infrequently, there are thirty in Hotel Potter alone.
The monthly expenditures at Santa Barbara have averaged
about thirty dollars, with only six provided by the Board of
Missions. At Oxnard, with a cheaper rent but with the
salary of the Assistant pastor to provide for, the expenses
have averaged $36 monthly, half of which the Missionary
Society has supplied. We should have a good, live pastor
to work this great field from Guadalupe to Santa Paula.
The greatest discouragement has been in the migration of
members to the larger centers.

Riverside.—Our most southern mission is Riverside,
about sixty miles from Los Angeles, where we have a good
mission building worth easily $3,000, and which has been
repainted and refitted this year at a cost of $100, entirely
from local contributions, American friends aiding in part.
Two dozen extra chairs have been purchased, and the sum
of $120 is in hand toward street improvements which have
been assessed. The forty-one members and eleven proba-
tioners, some of whom are absent, have, besides meeting
their current expenses, provided for half the support of
the pastor and contributed nearly $100 for regular belevo-
lences.

The pastor, S Fujii, has been specially active in camp
visitation with encouraging results. In this work he has
been nobly sustained by the Epworth League, which has
thirty-three active members. Branch missions, with night
schools, are conducted at Arlington and High Grove. Six
have been baptized, but the most encouraging event of
the year has been the sending out of ten young ministers,
one to prepare in the University of Southern California
and the other in Mr. Moody's Bible Institute in Chicago.
We shall expect great things from Brothers Ito and Kiniwa.
The Japanese have always been greatly respected and
appreciated in and about Riverside, where they have much
to do in producing and marketing the oranges that have
made the city and county famous. It is not the small wages that they receive that make them desired, but their sobriety and faithfulness, together with their care in picking the fruit. The San Francisco Chronicle in a recent editorial has this to say concerning “Help in Fruit Harvest”: “From our country exchanges we learn that throughout the fruit districts of the State there is complaint of insufficient help. In this city there is said to be an unusual amount of idleness. It is a pity that the idle men cannot be brought into contact with the work which cannot get done. There are some transient white men going about the country, but from some sections the report is that they are of no use to any fruit grower. There are very few fruit growers, indeed, in the State who do not greatly prefer white help if white men can be had. But a white man who drinks all Sunday and does not show up for work Monday is worse than no help, for the fruit he handles may rot on the way to market. Neither can wages be paid except to an active man who can move quickly on a ladder. and an intelligent, careful man who will learn quickly when fruit is in a condition to pick, and pick none which is not in condition.”

This is very different from the former editorial statements of this paper that it is better to allow fruit to rot on the trees than to employ Japanese. The case could not have been put stronger as showing why the Japanese are desired and sought after in the fruit sections of California. Throughout the State, many of the bosses and contractors are Christian men who have learned their English and developed their morals in our missions. It is a pity that it is not true of all. A man of the type indicated make fine Christians when converted.

Sub-District Meeting.—Last April a sub-district meeting was held for three full days in Los Angeles, all the above named charges and Fresno and Bakersfield being represented. A similar meeting was held in San Francisco in February and one in Seattle in March. The superintendent attended all, and the programs of all were practically identical. It will be well, in this way, to make permanent record of the topics discussed which, following an address of the superintendent on “The Open Door,” were Bible Study, A vision of the Christ—Isaiah 42: 18; A Vision of the River—Ezekiel 47: 1-9; Stand Still: Go Forward—Exodus 18: 13-14; The Call and the Calling—Mark 1: 16-20; The Preacher at Work—I Thessalonians 2: 3; The Secret of
Success—I Timothy 4: 12-16; and A Farewell Exhortation—II Timothy 4: 1-5. Then addresses on the following topics were provided, some of the leading American pastors taking part.—The Bible Basis of Evangelism; Prayer as a Resource; The Call of the King; Opposing Forces; One Religion for the Race; World-Wide Evangelism; Temperance Reform; Outdoor Preaching; Country Work; The Visiting Evangelist; The Church and Social Reform; Recent Missionary Triumphs; Winning and Training the Children; Helpfulness of the League; Personal Responsibility; Searching and Saving the Last Man; and Victory Through Christ. Prayer meetings and sermons were interspersed, the last service being a consecration service. So profitable were these meetings considered, that the three days' program just closed resulted. This annual session has been anticipated with much pleasure in view of this rich program, and the presence of our Senior Bishop with us.

The New Territory East of the Mountains.

During the past two years, I have been in correspondence with several in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska concerning the desirability of opening work among the Japanese east of the mountains. In my last report, I referred to opportunities, and to what had already been done by Rev. J. F Porter of Pueblo. A petition was sent to the General Conference by the Pacific Japanese Mission, and it was my privilege to represent it in person before the great committee on Boundaries. Favorable action being taken, on my way home I made a careful, personal examination of conditions, especially in Colorado, Utah, and Idaho, and became more than ever convinced that in addition to the organized work in Pueblo we should at once open work in Denver and in Ogden, not for the residents of these cities only but for the Japanese in outlying districts naturally reached from these centers.

Pueblo.—Without the sympathy and zeal of Dr. Porter, pastor of the Northern Avenue Methodist Church, the work in Pueblo would not have been started. During the past year, he has had as an assistant Rev. Hachiro Shirato, who came specially from Japan to take up this work. There are about three hundred Japanese in the city, mostly males, and representing the humbler classes. In the country sections an additional number is engaged in raising sugar beets. Notwithstanding that most of those in the city are employed in the steel mills, working twelve hour shifts.
day and night, many have shown a deep interest in the night school and other services provided for them, and eight have been won to Christ. The work which first started in Dr. Porter's church has been carried on during the past year in a special building near the mills, where a good reading and rest room was provided. Brother Shirato has come to feel the need of a Mission Hall and dormitory, much in line with our institutional work here on the coast, and on the fifteenth of August changed to that plan of work, becoming personally responsible for the extra expenses involved. This form of work has its advantages and its dangers. On the one hand it provides a Christian center and home, and brings the pastor into almost constant contact with a select number. On the other hand there is danger of alienating the masses for whom the mission is opened. On the whole, this plan has worked very well in all our coast work, and we shall hope for the best results there. Experience here has taught us that the highest success is obtained through the cordial co-operation of the Japanese and American Christians.

The General Missionary Committee recognized this Pueblo work last November by making an appropriation of $415 immediately available. This embarrasses us somewhat now, as the amount of missionary money available for distribution at this annual meeting is naturally that much less. Brother Shiroto, the assistant pastor, has received twenty-five dollars per month. The rent and fixtures added quite an item. Toward the total expense, the Japanese have contributed a considerable sum in various ways.

Denver.—It is needless, Bishop Warren, for me to advise you as to conditions in Denver. From every standpoint it is a great center. While there, a gentleman deeply interested in the Japanese came specially from Cheyenne, Wyoming, to see me. Two hundred and fifty Japanese in the city met to welcome me and to hear me speak. There is a great opportunity for the right kind of man.

A little more than a year ago, Brother H. Shigeta, a former local preacher in our church and who has had much experience in our work on the coast, opened a self-supporting mission there, making it undenominational. Being busy with his work in his restaurant business, he could give but a limited amount of time to the mission. But he has been active and devoted, and has been ably seconded by several Christians, particularly some of our own young men who
have gone there from Portland or some of our California missions. Brother Shirato has also made occasional visits from Pueblo.

Both before going East and at the time of my visit, a desire was expressed for us to take over the work and establish in Denver a regular Methodist mission. This in my judgment is the best thing to be done. It will give stability and standing to the work there. I found the mission rather badly located on account of the necessity for cheap rent, which re-acted in the matter of securing American lady teachers.

It was my privilege to address the Denver Methodist Preachers' Meeting concerning opportunities for Japanese work, and at my request they kindly appointed a committee to co-operate with us in this new enterprise. There are in and about Denver about one thousand Japanese, many of them representing a very desirable class. The conversion of a few hundred, or even tens, will mean much to the up-life of Japanese society there. I trust that we shall find a way, at this Annual Meeting, to put this work on its feet, and that we shall have the hearty co-operation of Denver Methodism.

Inter-mountain Work.

There is a great field stretching from Idaho Falls south to Salt Lake City and beyond, several hundreds of Japanese being employed on the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, and Salt Lake Railroads, not to speak of many otherwise employed in the cities and towns. I found a great many students, particularly in Salt Lake and Ogden. This latter is the natural center for work in all that region, and the right kind of a man can do great good. The most important kind of work in my judgment, is that of a traveling evangelist. If the right man is available, Dr. S. H. Kirkbride, Secretary of the Central Agency of the American Bible Society, has promised co-operation in his support, as has Dr. George Miller, Secretary of the Pacific Agency. It is probable that there are four thousand Japanese in the inter-mountain States. Though quite widely scattered, they can be and should be reached.

The only Christian organization among Japanese in the cities which I visited is a Japanese Young Men's Christian Association—a kind of undenominational mission—in Ogden, of which Brother N. Sato of our San Francisco Church is the president and leading spirit. Certain local Presbyter-
ians have shown some interest in the Japanese work there, but I was assured by the Japanese that there is no denominational work there. The visiting evangelist sent should naturally center in Ogden, but he would find much to do in Pocatello, and other towns and camps.

**KOREAN WORK.**

As noted last year, we exchanged our Korean work in San Francisco with the Methodist Church, South, for their Japanese work in the city, which was entirely educational. Thus the only work left among the Koreans is that conducted by Mrs. Florence Sherman in Los Angeles, backed up by the City Union and by Dr. Adkinson, the District Superintendent, in particular. Mrs. Sherman was formerly a missionary of our church in Korea, and at my request has submitted her own report, which I incorporate in this. In the future, I recommend that the Los Angeles City Union be requested to take entire supervision of this work.

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**Korean Work in Los Angeles**

*By Mrs. Florence Sherman, Supt.*

Since our work for the Koreans commenced in 1904, we have tried to make a real Christian home for them, to help them find employment, to help them in the pursuit of their studies, and above all else to help them in real Christian living. To this end we have kept up a Sunday preaching service in Korean, Sunday-school class, and Epworth League and Bible study class. We are conducting a day school in which regular Grammar School work is being taken up, the teaching force consisting of the superintendent and Korean students from our University. An employment department is kept up, thereby helping to make it possible for them to be self-supporting. The superintendent rents apartments in the home, thereby making it possible for her to have continuous oversight of the work, and to render them any service at any time.

The political condition of our people in Korea has made it hard for our people to settle down enthusiastically to prepare themselves for future usefulness, and some have gone home—better men, we are sure, than they would have been had not the Christian influence been possible with which we have been able to surround them. Others are faithfully pushing ahead in their studies, and we expect
some day to hear of the important part they have taken in the work for Christ in Korea.

They have certainly needed sympathy and help, and we are so glad by the help of the Church to do our little part to help them, with the thought before us that we were not only trying to help them to be better Christian men and women, but that we were helping the cause of Christ in Korea. Nearly all our Koreans are Christians, belonging to the First Methodist Church, and some of them during the year have greatly encouraged our hearts with the development they have made. At present we have fifteen, besides the pastor, stopping in the mission. Our pastor, Mr. Cynn, has done splendid work during the year.

Financial Statement—Korean Work.

Rent... . per month $18 Per year $216
Superintendent’s Salary, per month 25 Per year 300
Pastor’s Salary . per month 20 Per year 240

$60 $756

Of the above, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension provides $285, and the Los Angeles City Union the balance. The income from room rent just about pays the running expenses of the mission outside the rent.

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The Proposed Japanese Methodist Church, San Francisco
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Thorough Training in English and Japanese,
Including partial High School course.
Nine Instructors; four Americans and five Japanese.
Three sessions daily, except Saturday and Sunday.
Emphasis placed upon Moral and Religious instruction.

MILTON S. VAIL, Principal.

General Review.

The past year has been a very successful one in many ways. The rented rooms at 1538 Post Street, San Francisco, have been filled with earnest and determined pupils. The rooms with their high ceilings have been airy, pleasant and attractive, though, at times they were over-crowded and the necessity of having three classes in one room rendered it difficult to reach the best results because of the noise. Our classes resembled, too much, buzzing Sabbath schools.

Both teachers and pupils entered with zest into the work of the year and labored with devotion, harmony and success. Prof. Monroe Scott who served us most faithfully for four years was obliged to resign the last of April because of serious heart trouble, and he is now in Bala, Penn., in a home for the aged, where the principal of this school found him this summer, nicely located, where he was most kindly received and where he will be tenderly cared for so long as he may live. All honor and praise to those who, moved by Christianity, erect and maintain such homes for the truly worthy.

Prof. Scott’s memory is precious to his pupils and collaborators; he wrought well and successfully.

We have had nine teachers, four of whom were women and five men, and of these four were Americans and five were Japanese. There was an enrollment of three hundred and sixty pupils, of which twelve were women, and of these three were married, and in two cases the husbands accompanied their wives to study English and they all made excellent progress.

Lectures and Religious Instruction.

Aside from the less formal talks given by the Principal twice a month the school has profited by the lectures given by Mr. Buchanan, a representative of the Laymen’s Missionary Movement, Rev. Harry Milnes, Revs. Drs. Ward Platt, H. B. Johnson, E. R. Dille, Bishop Anderson and Pastor Z. Hirota. These lectures were highly appreciated by the pupils.

Lectures on the Life of Christ were given twice a week by the Principal to voluntary hearers, and it is proposed to have Bible study classes at least four times a week the present year. Our cramped condition has delayed our re-beginning of the theological training class, which was
broken up at the time of the earthquake and fire.

Instruction is given in morals in the regular course, Gow's text being used as a basis of study, and also the Bible itself.

The Principal, aside from his duties in the school and the multitudinous little things that come to him in connection with his other duties, has religious work in Oakland on Sundays at the Japanese Mission, where he has had a fine class of young men, to whom he lectures on the Sunday-school lessons. Pastor Hirota, Mr. Paulsell, Mrs. Sanford and others have had charge of the Sunday-school work in San Francisco, and to them success has been the blessed reward. The number of pupils converted, the pastor will report; but the good done by example as well as precept cannot be estimated in numbers. Examine the photographs of the pupils who have just entered the school and then examine those taken after they have been with us for two or three years and behold what God hath wrought through the love of Jesus and the patient teaching of earnest Christian men and women! Attention should be called to the fact that our pupils, who are all self-supporting, gave one hundred dollars to the cause of Mission work.

Needs.

In the course of study marked out after years of experience, and in our general methods of imparting knowledge we have reached a good stage; but to carry out our plans successfully we must have our new buildings as soon as possible. The golden opportunity that is ours today will have passed ere long, if we are not more properly equipped.

May the long delayed rebuilding speedily take place, and may Christian people who have the money give of their means to this department of God's work on earth—the Christian education of foreign peoples in our beloved land. We need a larger appropriation for general expenses, and should have an extra appropriation sufficient to cover the deficits caused by our being obliged to pay house rent. We need the constant prayers of God's people, that being guided by the Holy Spirit we may continue to successfully carry on a glorious work in the Anglo-Japanese Training School of San Francisco.
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

First Session.

The Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its ninth Annual Session in the Mission building in Oakland, California, Friday, September 4th, 1908, at 9:30 a.m., Bishop Henry White Warren presiding.

Opening.

Dr. H. B. Johnson, the Superintendent of the Mission, read the sixteenth chapter of John, verses 1-16, and after the singing of a hymn Bishop Warren led in prayer; three verses of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," were sung, and the Bishop gave an interesting, instructive and very helpful address to the Conference, after which the roll was called and sixteen of the workers were found present.

Organization.

The following officers were elected: Secretary, Milton S. Vail; Japanese Secretary, T. Komuro; Statistical Secretary T. Kitazawa; Treasurer, M. Yoshida.

Committees.

The Superintendent nominated the following committees which were approved:

Church Extension and Home Missions—T. Komuro, T. Kuranaga, M. Yoshida.
Education—M. S. Vail, S. Fujii, K. Nasu.
Resolutions (Ketsugi Iin)—M. S. Vail, M. Yoshida, T. Murakata.

Standing Committees.

Audit.—M. S. Vail and Pastors at San Francisco and Oakland.
Program and Entertainment—Superintendent and Pastor of Entertaining Church.
Introductions.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. White, pastor of First Methodist Church; Rev. W. Martin, pastor of the Alameda Church; Mr. C. S. Takeshita, Mrs. F. A. Fujita, Mrs. Sara Russell, Mrs. Eleanor M. Humphreys, Mr. Charles Lombard, Rev. Jesse Smith, Superintendent of the Seamen's Home, Oakland, and Miss Laura G. Dillon. Bros. F. Sakaizawa, T. Tanka, and H. Kamoi were also introduced, these brethren being connected with our work.

Reports.

The Superintendent's Report was then read, showing substantial progress in the various fields. The Superintendent announced that the statistical reports from all the charges had been handed in to him.

Reports of the following charges were then read: Bakersfield, Fresno and Selma, T. Kitazana; Los Angeles, Oxnard and Santa Barbara, T. Komoro; Oakland, T. Kuranaga; Missoula, Ogden, Palo Alto, Pasadena, Reno and Pocatello, Dr. Johnson; Portland, E. Aibara; Riverside, S. Fuji; Sacramento, N. Yoshida. Dr. Johnson read the report of the Korean work as prepared by Mrs. Sherman, who has charge of the work in Los Angeles.

The meeting then adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Warren.

SECOND SESSION—Saturday, September 5, 1908.

The second session of the meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m., Bishop Warren taking charge of the devotional exercises. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, and after two corrections, were approved.

Reports.

The following reports were read: San Jose, by K. Nasu; Seattle, in the absence of the pastor, was read by the Japanese Secretary. Bro. Y. Yoshioka was providentially detained at home. Dr. Johnson followed with a verbal account of the flourishing work in Seattle. San Francisco, Z. Hirota; Anglo-Japanese Training School, Principal Milton S. Vail; Spokane, T. Murakata; Stockton and Tacoma, Dr. Johnson; Vacaville, T. Tanaka.

Introduction.

Rev. A. J. Hanson was introduced and in an interesting address told how many years ago he was the teacher of Rev. K. Miyama, and how he regarded this fact as of much more value to him than a decoration by the Emperor himself would be.
Drs. F. D. Bovard and E. R. Willis then addressed the meeting in words of encouragement, appreciation and good cheer. Dr. James, Superintendent of the Chinese Mission, then spoke for a few moments to the delight of his hearers.

**Woman’s Home.**

Miss M. Lake, Superintendent of the Japanese Woman’s Home in San Francisco, read her report, and it was voted that the same be printed in our Minutes.

It was voted that the English Minutes be the official record of our proceedings.

**Distribution and Estimates.**

Moved by M. S. Vail and carried, (1) "That, in view of the impossibility of making the distribution of Mission money until the appointments are fixed, the matter of redistribution and estimates be referred to the committee already appointed, with power, subject to the approval of the presiding Bishop; (2) That as we have for years been dependent upon a supplementary appropriation, made available for the new year, to carry the work for a full year, and as we are desirous of opening work in Denver and other places east of the mountains, we recommend that the committee provide first for the work to December 31st next, and then for the work for the months following, subject to the action of the General Missionary Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, and carried, that the Secretary and Superintendent edit the Minutes and that they be authorized to make any verbal changes that may be thought best.

**Reports of Committees.**

The following reports were read:


(2) Home Missions and Church Extension, T. Komoro.

(3) Education, Milton S. Vail.

(4) Epworth League and Sunday Schools, T. Murakata.

(5) Temperance and Social Reform, T. Komuro.

(6) Audit, M. S. Vail.


The usual disciplinary questions were put and answered (see Disciplinary Questions).
Next Annual Meeting.

It was voted to hold our next Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Moved by E. Aibara that a committee be appointed to transfer and arrange the new matter found in the latest editions of the Discipline.

The meeting then adjourned with the singing of the doxology and with the benediction by Bishop Warren.

THIRD SESSION—Sunday, September 6, 1908.

The Conference met at 8 p. m. and listened to an excellent sermon by the Bishop on Hebrews, first chapter and first verse. The sermon was interpreted by Rev. Z. Hirota.

The resolutions were read, the minutes approved, the appointments were read and the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission adjourned sine die with the singing of the doxology, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Bishop Warren.

MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

CERTIFICATION.

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

Attest: HENRY W. WARREN, Bishop in Charge.
MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

Q. 6. Who have been discontinued? None.

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

Q. 8. What members are in studies of the third year?
(a) Admitted into full membership this year: None.
(b) Admitted into full membership previously: None.

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

Q. 10. What members have completed the Conference course of study?
(a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: None.
(b) Elected and ordained Elders previously: None.

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

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

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


Q. 26. What is the aggregate of benevolent collections as reported by the treasurer?

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

Pacific Grove, Cal., Sept. 20, 1908.

I hereby certify that F. Sakaigwa and H. Jnaka, members of the Pacific Japanese Mission, were admitted on Trial into the California Annual Conference, holding its session at Pacific Grove, September, 1908.

HENRY W. WARREN.

Pacific Grove, Cal., Sept. 20, 1908.

I hereby certify that I have transferred T. Kitazawa from the Oregon Annual Conference into the California Annual Conference, and the following into said Conference from the Methodist Church of Japan: E. Aibara, S. Fujii, M. Yoshida, and T. Kuranaga, all being elders.

HENRY W. WARREN.

I hereby certify that on the 20th day of September, 1908, I ordained H. Jnaka a Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Pacific Grove and at the session of the California Annual Conference. This was done under the Missionary Rule.

HENRY W. WARREN.
REPORTS.

Auditing.

Your committee hereby certify that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mission, together with all vouchers, and have found them correct. Dr. Johnson's accounts have been kept with the care and accuracy of an expert:

MILTON VAIL,
Z. HIROTA.

Christian Publications.

There are few people in the world so fond of reading books, periodicals, and daily papers for recreation and knowledge as are the Japanese. These are imported from Japan in great abundance. In every town and hamlet where the Japanese reside in any numbers may be found an agency for distributing Japanese literature. Even on this coast alone, the following papers and magazines are being published in Japanese:

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This will show how important publication work is for spreading a knowledge of the Gospel.

Our Missions now publish three monthlies, one in San Francisco, one in Los Angeles and one in Portland. But feeling it important to have a stronger monthly as our organ, we, your committee, recommend the strengthening of our San Francisco paper and its adoption as the Official Organ of all our churches.

For several years we have been importing Christian pamphlets and tracts from Japan, but so widely different are the conditions here from those in Japan, that very few of them are really helpful to the people in this country. There-
fore, we recommend the production here of many new pamphlets and tracts better adapted to the needs of our work here.

As Japanese printing in this country is attended with much difficulty, the cost being very high, we strongly recommend the restoration of our printing plant, destroyed by the great fire, at the earliest moment possible. It is impossible for us to do this without some outside help, but in view of the great opportunities for good through the printed page, we trust that the way may soon open for us to re-establish our Printing House, which proved such a great blessing to our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. HIROTA,
T. KOMURO,
H. B. JOHNSON,
T. KURANAGA.

Education.

Your committee respectfully submit the following:

(1) We re-affirm the position taken last year of the necessity of educating the mind and body together with the training of the soul.

(2) We have great faith in the work being done for students by our Board of Education, and we trust that its rules may be such as to allow financial aid to be given by the Board to very needy and worthy schools of our church. We will further the interests of the Board in every possible way.

(3) Recognizing the absolute need of a Training School for our Christian workers we heartily endorse the work done by our school in San Francisco, and urge that sufficient financial aid be granted to sustain the work in these times made hard by the loss of our buildings by earthquake and fire.

(4) We again urge the immediate reopening of theological classes in our Training School, and advise all our young men looking forward to the Christian ministry to attend our Central School in San Francisco.

(5) We are very grateful for the timely aid given to our night schools by Christian ladies and gentlemen of the American churches; but as these services have been entirely voluntary, there were irregularities from time to time, which, of a necessity worked to the detriment of the schools
and so we would urge the great desirability of making appropriations as early as possible, for at least the partial support of some of these American teachers, as is advantageously done by other denominations. Great good is being done by these night schools as feeders of the churches.

M. S. VAIL,
S. FUJII,
K. NASU.

**Sunday Schools and Epworth League.**

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

Our Sunday-schools show a slight increase in enrollment and an increase in average attendance, but we do not lay great stress on this fact, as we feel that the spiritual and educational results are excellent. We advise (1), that as there are many grown-up and well-educated persons in our schools, great care be taken in the selection of properly qualified teachers; (2), as the number of families has greatly increased in our midst, we urge the necessity of educating the women and children in the Holy Scriptures.

**Epworth League.**

As this department of our work is very helpful, and there are many bright young people attending the meetings, thus greatly encouraging us, we advise, (1), that the churches put forth their best efforts to interest and win for Christ those as yet outside the pale of the church, and, (2), that all churches that have no charters secure them as soon as possible.

T. MURAKATA,
H. TANAKA,
T. KITAZAWA.

**Home Missions and Church Extension.**

We, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, respectfully submit the following:

(1) We gratefully acknowledge the timely assistance given by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, which has made it possible for us to secure very valuable pieces of property in different places of our field of labor during the past few years.

(2) We recommend that $4,000 be appropriated for the Oakland church this year, and that $3,000 be appropriated for Sacramento next year.
(3) Heartily appreciating the great and good work being accomplished by our Board, we will further its cause in every way possible.

T. KOMURO,
M. YOSHIDA,
T. KURANAGA.

Temperance and Social Reform.

There are two or three temperance societies on this coast, and we acknowledge that the Temperance Society is an important organization in spreading the spirit of gospel temperance, and so we earnestly urge our preachers to help the work in every way. The work of social reform is making good progress at present; our Consul and Consul General are helping us directly and indirectly; there are very good opportunities to do something for this work, and, therefore, we earnestly urge that all the preachers of the Japanese M. E. Church help this movement all they can, and that they become leaders in this movement for social purity.

T. KOMURO,
T. KITAZAWA,
M. YOSHIDA,
H. TANAKA.


Our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving to God, for the Lord has been mindful of us.

Seventy-eight girls and children have been members of our home (for longer or shorter time) during the past year.

We have a number of Japanese and Korean little children. Our youngest a baby girl of eleven months.

We have outgrown our home of fifteen rooms. The plans for a dormitory that will accommodate twenty children, a dining room that will seat fifty and a large laundry and drying room are now in the hands of an architect. We will use our present dining room for another schoolroom.

We have a kindergarten in the home for the little ones from 1 to 3 p.m. We have been very fortunate in securing Miss Edna Rockwood, a kindergarten teacher, for this department. All the children of school age are attending school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Japanese language is
taught in the home from 3 to 5 p. m., and the Korean lan-
guage from 4 to 5 p. m. We are praying that our girls will
return to Japan and Korea as Christian teachers and work-
ers among their own people. So they must be trained in
their own language. The girls are taught housework and
plain cooking. All through the past winter Mrs. Newman
taught cutting, fitting and sewing three days a week, which
was well attended by our young married women.

A number of our girls have gone out to work as domes-
tics in the city, Oakland, Berkeley and interior.

The most important part of our work is the moral and
religious training we are trying to give the girls. We have
our morning and evening Bible study. Our three Bible
classes on Sunday. Our Japanese girls are organized into
a King's Daughters' Circle, where they conduct their spirit-
ual meetings. Their special work for the past year has
been the dressing of one of our little orphan girls in the
home, and they have kept her dressed very comfortably all
the year.

Our Korean women are organized into a Queen Esther
Circle (as they are all working out in families in the city).
They hold their meetings in the home every Thursday after-
noon. They have done much in helping one another.

We have had a number of women to seek the shelter
of the home from the interior.

All incoming steamers from Japan have been met. There
has been a great decrease in number of Japanese
women coming to this port. But still we have found many
women and children who needed our help. All the young
women coming to be married have been sent to our home,
and there married by a Christian minister.

The greater number of women who have entered our
home this year have heard the gospel for the first time. We
pray that all that have entered our door this last year will
find the Savior. We have already had the privilege of see-
ing some come into the light of the gospel. We are looking
forward to a very happy year in the Master's service.

“We know not what the path may be,
As yet by us untrod,
But we can trust our all to Thee,
Our Father and our God.”

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RESOLUTIONS.

Bishop Henry White Warren, LL.D.,

Whereas, Bishop Henry W. Warren, our senior Bishop, who, by his world-wide knowledge of affairs, by his thorough culture, his deep spiritual insight and devotion to things divine, by his various visits to the Orient, is well prepared to understand and sympathize with us in our peculiarly difficult work of teaching the religion of Jesus to our people in America,

Resolved (1), That we rejoice in his presidency of our Mission at this stage of our history, especially because of his broad-mindedness and impartiality, and because of his devotion to the building up of the church of God in every land; (2) We pray that the Father's richest blessings may rest upon him in all his work during the quadrennium just begun.

Dr. H. B. Johnson.

Our indefatigable Superintendent has travelled thousands of miles in the interests of our Mission work the past year, and has been a father and a brother beloved to us, his colleagues in Christian work. We cannot fully express to him the deep appreciation we feel toward him; but we assure him of our love and loyalty, and will gladly follow him as a leader wherever he may desire us to go, and we pray that God may keep him in perfect health, and that the joy of the Lord may be his daily strength.

Rev. George B. Smyth, D.D.

We have again heard with great pleasure Dr. Smyth, as he addressed us on the subject of Missions. Dr. Smyth, by his thorough knowledge of Eastern affairs in general and of Mission work in a special sense, is prepared to speak with accuracy, and to impart missionary information that only a few men are possessed of. He has a peculiarly happy way of transmitting this knowledge so that one hearing is deeply impressed and has given to him a deeper interest in the cause of Missions. We will always give Dr. Smyth a hearty welcome, and we wish him God-speed in his great work.

Dr. F. D. Bovard.

To Dr. F. D. Bovard, who has honored us by his presence and has inspired us by his words of encouragement and God-speed, we owe a debt of gratitude for his manly,
upright and fearless championship for righteousness in the California Christian Advocate, and we wish him and the Advocate the greatest possible success.

M. Yoshida.

Bro. M. Yoshida, our senior minister, who labored so successfully for fourteen years among us, has just returned, after an absence of two years in the home land, and to him we give a most hearty welcome, praying that he may be even more successful in the future than in the past in winning precious souls for Christ.

Oakland Church.

We heartily thank the Oakland church for the kindly entertainment given us during this Annual Meeting, and we pray that, as the church is now so beautifully located, God will graciously add many spiritual gifts this present Conference year.

American Friends.

To our many American friends in various parts of the country who have so kindly rendered assistance during the past year we take this opportunity of expressing our sincerest appreciation and heartfelt thanks, and hope they will continue to help us the coming year, for are we not all co-laborers with God?

M. S. VAIL,
M. YOSHIDA,
T. MURAKATA.
PROGRAM OF NINTH ANNUAL MEETING PA JAPANESE.

PRELIMINARY MEETING—SEPTEMBER 1-3.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.
9:30-10:00 A. M.—Devotional Meeting.
10:00-10:20 A. M.—Address, "Bible Study for Personal Edification and Helpful Service," T. Kuranaga.
10:20-11:00 A. M.—Discussion.
11:00-11:20 A. M.—Address, "Camp Visitation; Bible and Tract Circulation," T. Kitazawa.
11:20-12:00 A. M.—Discussion.

1:30 P. M.—Devotional Meeting.
1:45-2:10 P. M.—Address, "Importance and Opportunities for Family Evangelism," T. Komuro.
2:10-2:30 P. M.—Address, "Personal Evangelism," H. Sakai­zawa.
2:30-3:30 P. M.—Discussion of both subjects.
3:30-4:30 P. M.—Review and Comparison of Statistics.
8:00 P. M.—Social Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.
9:30-10.00 A. M.—Devotional Meeting.
10:00-10:20 A. M.—Address, "Methods of Successful Evangelism," E. Aibara.
10:20-11:00 A. M.—Discussion.
11:00-11:20 A. M.—Address, "Helps and Hindrances to Revivals," H. Tanaka.
11:20-12:00 A. M.—Discussion.

1:30 P. M.—Devotional Meeting.
1:45-2:10 P. M.—Address, "The Care of Young Converts," M. Yoshida.
2:10-2:30 P. M.—Address, "Pastoral Work by Correspondence," T. Murakata.
2:30-3:30 P. M.—Discussion of both subjects.
3:30-4:30 P. M.—Miscellaneous Matters.
8:00 P. M.—Prayer Meeting: Consecration and World-wide Missions.
Consecration and World-wide Missions."
Address, Dr. George B. Smyth.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.
9:30-10:00 A. M.—Devotional Meeting.
10:00-10:20 A. M.—Address, “Christian Benevolence,” S. Fujii.
10:20-11:00 A. M.—Discussion.
11:20-12:00 A. M.—Discussion:
   1:30 P. M.—Devotional Meeting.
2:10- 3:00 P. M.—Discussion.
3:00- 3:20 P. M.—Address, “How Secure Efficient Pastors for Our Coast Work?” T. Komuro.
3:20- 4:30 P. M.—Discussion.
8:00 P. M.—Reception to Bishop Warren.

ANNUAL MISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4-7.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.
9:30-12:00 A. M.—Opening Conference Session:
   Devotional Exercises.
   Organization.
   Address of the Bishop.
   Superintendent’s Report.
   Pastors’ Reports.
   Report of Training School.
2:00 P. M.—Statistical Session.
3:00- 3:45 P. M.—Home Missions and Church Extension.
3:45- 4:30 P. M.—Committee Meetings.
8:00 P. M.—Evangelistic Service.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.
9:00- 9:30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
9:30-12:00 P. M.—Conference Session:
   Disciplinary Questions, etc.
   Committee Meetings.
8:00 P. M.—Evangelistic Service.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6.
9:30-10:30 A. M.—Love Feast, led by S. Fujii.
10:30 A. M.—Sermon by M. Yoshida.
11:30 A. M.—Lord’s Supper Administered by the Superintendent.
8:00 P. M.—Sermon by Bishop Warren.
   Appointments.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.
9:30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 A. M.—Redistribution and Estimates.
### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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### Raised for Benevolences:

- **Home Missions and Church Ext’ n.**
  - 1908: 790
  - 1907: 777
  - Gain: 13

- **Foreign Missions**
  - 1908: 291
  - 1907: 240
  - Gain: 51

- **Education, Tracts and S. S.**
  - 1908: 51
  - 1907: 47
  - Gain: 4

- **American Bible Society**
  - 1908: 21
  - 1907: 30
  - Gain: 19

- **Other Benevolences (Special)**
  - 1908: 770
  - 1907: 30
  - Gain: 45

- **Total for Benevolences**
  - 1908: **1,923**
  - 1907: **1,923**

*This is over $15 per capita.

**This is nearly $2.50 per capita.

Note.—Mission appropriations not included in any of the above.
### STATISTICS No. 1—PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION

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- Total: 232 779
- Probable Value: $54650
- Personages: 1
- Paid on Debt Ch. Property: $200
- Present indebtedness Ch. Property: $540
- Total: 10588

#### 1907

- Gain: 158 706
- Loss: 74 73
- Probable Value: $52300
- Personages: 1
- Paid on Debt Ch. Property: 500
- Present indebtedness Ch. Property: 3896 3860
- Total: 8350

*Partly covered by subscription, xLot.
### Statistics No. 2.—Pacific Japanese Mission, 1908.

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*Average attendance only.
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**Claims**

- 1906: $5531
- 1907: $5289
- Gain: $242

**Receipts**

- 1906: $3605
- 1907: $3843
- Gain: $242

**Salary of Pastor**

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**Mission**

- 1906: $4451
- 1907: $4093

**Support, Supts.**

- 1906: $11850
- 1907: $9132

**Books, etc.**

- 1906: $1257
- 1907: $593

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*This includes some items not reported in this way last year. The design is to show self-support rather than pastoral support. In addition, of course, must be noted current expenses, benevolences and contributions for indebtedness, etc.

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