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MILTON S. VAIL,
Secretary.

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Superintendent
of the Pacific Japanese Mission.
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T. KOMURO, A. KATO, and M. OBAYASHI.

AUDIT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNTS.

This is to certify that we have this day audited the accounts of Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent and Treasurer of the Pacific Japanese Mission, including an examination of all vouchers, and that we have found them correct: (1) Accounts under the regular Appropriations to the end of August, 1916; (2) Special Accounts to September 1, 1916, including the Conference Collections for 1915, and all other sundry accounts.

MILTON S. VAIL,
TOKUJI KOMURO,
Conference Auditing Committee.
Committees.

Standing Committees.


Benevolences—M. Yoshida, Y. Naito, K. Matsuoka.

Correspondence—S. Takata.


Education including Sunday Schools—S. Imai, M. S. Vail, Y. Manabe, S. Takata.


Resolutions—M. Obayashi, M. S. Vail.


Temperance and Social Reform—K. Baba, I. Haratani, S. Fujii.

Woman's Homes—M. Yoshida, T. Komuro, M. Obayashi, K. Baba.

To Report in 1917.

Audit—M. S. Vail and T. Komuro.

Fraternal Visits and Greetings—S. Kawashima, M. Obayashi, T. Komuro.


Publishing Minutes—Superintendent and Secretaries.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Conference Claimants—M. Yoshida, T. Komuro, Otoe So.

Examination—M. S. Vail, S. Kawashima, T. Komuro.


Special Committee of Reference—M. Yoshida, Otoe So, T. Komuro, S. Takata, M. Obayashi.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. Who are on Trial in Studies of First Year?
   1. Arauchi. It was recommended to discontinue P. T. Yanase.

2. Who are on Trial in Studies of Second Year?
   1. Haratani, S. Imai, I. Nishimura and S. Uemura, who were recommended to the California Conference.
   S. Toda has not answered the questions for admission.
   There are none in the Third and Fourth Years.

3. Who are Members of Conference in Studies of Third Year?
   K. Yoshioka and Y. Naito were recommended to the California Conference for admission and the former for ordination, Y. Naito having previously been ordained Deacon under the Seminary Rule.

4. Who are Members of Conference in Studies of Fourth Year?
   Y. Tsuda, M. Obayashi and Y. Yamaka were recommended to the California Conference for advancement to this class.

5. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?
   Katahide Yoshioka, in regular course, was recommended for ordination to the California Conference.

6. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?
   None.

7. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Elders?
   K. Matsuoka was recommended to the California Conference.

8. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?
   Kosaburo Baba.

9. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
   This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open session.

10. What is the Statistical Report for this Year?
    See Report.

11. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Treasurer?
    $1361.

12. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
    See Appointments.

13. Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held?
    Pacific Grove, California.
Appointments.

PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION, 1916.

All appointments in California unless otherwise noted.

Superintendent—Herbert B. Johnson. Box 29, Berkeley, Cal.
Bakersfield—Haratani, I. (Prob. California.)
Denver, Colo.—Kato, A. (E. Japan.)
Fresno—Yoshida, M. (Calif.)
Florin—Tsuda, Y. (California.)
Florin—Manabe, Y. (California.)
Imperial Valley—Nishimura, I. (Prob. California.)
Loomis—Naito, Y. (California.)
Los Angeles—Kawashima, S. (California.)
Oakland—Imai, S. (Prob. California.)
Oxnard—Baba, K. (Supply.)
Palo Alto—Fujii, S. (Calif. Supernumerary.)
Portland, Oregon—Yoshioka, K. (California.)
Pueblo and Colorado Circuit—Sasamori, J. (Supply.)
Riverside—Takata, S. (W. Japan.)
Sacramento—So. Otoe (California.)
San Francisco—Komura, T. (California.)
San Jose—Matsuoka, K. (California.)
Seattle, Wash.—Obayashi, M. (California.)
Selma Circuit—Saito, S. (E. Japan.)
Spokane, Wash.—Uemura, S. (Prob. California.)
Tacoma, Wash.—Supplied from Seattle.
Vacaville—Yamaka, Y. (California.)
President Anglo-Japanese School, San Francisco—Vail, Milton S. California.)

Evangelist—Hirotu, Z. (California.)
On furlough in Japan—Shirato, H. (Colorado.)
Returned to his Conference—Kanazawa, K. (East Japan.)
Returned to Japan—Arauchi, I. (Prob. California.)
To be discontinued—Yanase, P. T. (Prob. California.)
Supernumerary—Arima, S. (California.)
Supernumerary—Yoshimura, S. (California.)
Returned to his Conference—Toda, S. (Prob. California.)
Program.

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

September 6-10, 1916.

Dr. Herbert B. Johnson, Chairman.

Wednesday, September 6.

8 p.m.—Prayer-meeting. K. Matsuoka, Leader.

Thursday, September 7.

8:30 p.m.—Devotional Exercises, H. Shirato.
9:00 a.m.—Organization: Appointment of Committees. Statistical Reports, Etc.
10:00 a.m.—Lecture: "Successful Methods of Evangelism in America," M. Yoshida. Discussion.

11:00 a.m.—Itinerants' Club: Address, "St. Paul's Conversion and Its Influence on Theology and Life," Dr. R. R. Lloyd, Chicago.

7:45 p.m.—Address, "Organic Union of Methodism," Dr. E. P. Dennett.

Friday, September 8.

8:30 a.m.—Devotional Exercises, K. Baba.
9:00 a.m.—Lecture, "Successful Methods of Evangelism in Japan," S. Takata.
9:45 a.m.—Discussion: "The Local Church and Extension Work."
10:30 a.m.—Itinerants' Club: Address (Above Topic), Dr. R. R. Lloyd.

7:45 p.m.—Address, "City Missions Illustrated," Dr. George A. Miller.

Saturday, September 9.

8:30 p.m.—Devotional Exercises, S. Uemura.
9:00 a.m.—Lecture, "Religious Instinct," M. Obayashi.
9:45 a.m.—Discussion: "Plans for Aggressive Evangelism."
10:30 a.m.—Itinerant's Club: Address (Above Topic), Dr. R. R. Lloyd.

11:30 a.m.—Anniversary of the Preachers' Aid Society.

7:45 p.m.—Address, "Martin Luther and His Times," Dr. R. R. Lloyd.

Sunday, September 10.

9:30 a.m.—Love Feast, Led by M. S. Vail.
11:00 a.m.—English Sermon, Fay Donaldson.
2:00 p.m.—Missionary Sermon, T. Komuro (By appointment of the Bishop.)
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Services as provided.
Annual Meeting.

September 11-12.

Monday, September 11.

2:00 p.m.—Opening Session:
Address by Bishop Leonard.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Organization.
Woman's Homes.
Miscellaneous Business.

Tuesday, September 12.

8:30 a.m.—Devotional Exercises, S. Imai.
9:00 a.m.—Business Session:
Reports of Pastors.
Fraternal Addresses.
Miscellaneous Business.

2:00 p.m.—Closing Session:
Reports of Committees.
Miscellaneous Business.
Closing Address, Bishop Leonard.
Appointments.

Journal.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

Monday, September 11, 1916.

Following the Preliminary Meeting, which was held from September sixth to the tenth, the Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Seventeenth Annual Session on Monday, September eleventh, at two p.m., in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Santa Cruz, California.

Bishop Adna W. Léonard, D.D., LL.D., the President of the meeting, took charge of the Communion Services, assisted by Dr. H. B. Johnson and Rev. Milton S. Vail. After this service, the Bishop briefly addressed the meeting.
Members Present.

The Bishop asked the Secretary of last year to call the Roll, and the following persons responded: H. B. Johnson, Superintendent; I. Haratani, Bakersfield; K. Yoshioka, Berkeley; I. Nishimura, Imperial Valley; H. Shirato, Denver; Y. Tsuda, Florin; S. Manabe, Florin; M. Yoshida, Fresno; Y. Naito, Loomis; S. Imai, Oakland; K. Baba, Oxnard; T. Komuro, San Francisco; Otoe So, Sacramento; M. S. Vail, Oakland; M. Obayashi, Seattle; Z. Hirota, San Francisco; S. Fujii, Palo Alto; and K. Matsuoka, San Jose. Y. Yamaka, returning to the Mission to resume work, was also present.

Absentees.

The Superintendent reported that S. Kawashima of Los Angeles had returned to Japan for a short furlough; that I. Arauchi of the Colorado Circuit was obliged to return home on account of family illness; that K. Kanazawa of Portland, as arranged at last conference, had re-entered the East Japan Conference in March; that T. Yanase of Riverside had been released to enter other work; and that S. Uemura of Spokane, and A. Kato of Tacoma were unavoidably detained at home.

Organization.

The following officers were elected: Secretary, Milton S. Vail; Japanese Secretary, M. Obayashi; Statistician, Y. Manabe, Assistant, I. Nishimura; Treasurer Emeritus, M. Yoshida; Treasurer, Y. Naito; Assistant, K. Yoshioka.

Standing Committees.

The Superintendent's nominations for Standing Committees were approved:


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Publishing Minutes—Superintendent and Secretaries.

Adoption of Program.

On motion of K. Baba, the printed Program was adopted as the Program of this Annual Meeting.

Introductions.

The Superintendent introduced the various members of the Annual Meeting to the Bishop, giving a short account of the life and work of each. J. F. Kellogg of the California Conference was also introduced.

Reports.

The character of Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent, was passed and he read his Annual Report which was received and ordered printed in the Official Minutes. After the passage of the character of Milton S. Vail, he read his report as President of the Anglo-Japanese School. It was received and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Seat of Next Annual Meeting.

Upon motion of M. Yoshida, it was voted to hold our next Annual Meeting at the seat of the California Conference.

Note.—The California Conference later decided to hold its next meeting at Pacific Grove, California.

New Financial Plan.

The Superintendent then gave an explanation of the new Financial Plan, and the Bishop supplemented it by giving some of his experiences as pastor.

The first business session was then brought to a close by a prayer and the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

Tuesday Morning.

Following the prayer service, the Bishop opened the second business session at 9 a.m., Tuesday, September 12. The evening before, he addressed the Annual Meeting on our Disciplinary Benevolences, particularly Missions. He emphasized the utter hopelessness of the world without Christianity.
Pastors' Reports.

The character of the following members of the Mission was passed, and they gave their reports in some detail: I. Haratani, Bakersfield; K. Yoshioka, Berkeley; H. Shirato, Colorado Circuit, Denver, and Pueblo; M. Yoshida, Fresno; Y. Manabe and Y. Tsuda, Florin; I. Nishimura, Imperial Valley; Y. Naito, Loomis; S. Imai, Oakland; K. Baba, Oxnard; S. Fujii, Palo Alto; S. Takata, Riverside; Otoe So, Sacramento; T. Komuro, San Francisco; K. Matsuoka, San Jose; M. Obayashi, Seattle; Otoe So, Vacaville. Z. Hirota reported his work as an evangelist, and the Superintendent reported for the following churches in the absence of their pastors: Los Angeles and Los Angeles Circuit, Portland, Spokane, and Tacoma.

Conference Claimants.

The following were introduced: J. S. Troxell, W. H. Lloyd, J. W. Shenk, all of the California Conference. The former two brethren, representing the California Conference Stewards, addressed the meeting on plans for the support of the superannuates, and on motion of the Superintendent it was voted that we appoint a committee to consider the matter and report at the next session of the Annual Meeting. M. Yoshida, T. Komuro, and Otoe So were appointed.

Dr. Shenk pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

Tuesday Afternoon.

The meeting reconvened at 2 p. m. with the Bishop in the chair. A hymn was sung and several of the members led in prayer, after which Mrs. Wm. C. Evans read the report of the Woman's Homes. The report was received and ordered printed in the Official Minutes.

Introductions.

The Superintendent of the San Francisco Home, Mrs. Lincoln, was introduced, as were also the following: Rev. M. Kobayashi, Secretary of the Dendo Dan; Mrs. H. B. Schwartz, formerly of Japan; Mrs. A. Holbrook, W. W. Case, of the California Conference, F. E. Urner, of the Kansas Conference, and M. J. Gough, nephew of the late noted temperance lecturer, John B. Gough.

Report of Committee on Examination.

M. S. Vail, for the Committee on Examination, reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination recommend the following to the California Conference:
1. That Iwakichi Haratani, Saburo Imai, Ichimatsu Nishimura, and Seijiro Uemura, who were on trial in the studies of the first year, be passed to the studies of the second year; that I. Arauchi remain in the same class, and that Peter T. Yanase, being no longer connected with our work, be discontinued.

2. That K. Yoshioka and Y. Naito, now on trial in the studies of the second year, be admitted into full connection, and that K. Yoshioka be elected to Deacon's Orders.

Note—Y. Naito has already been ordained Deacon under the Sem. Rule. S. Toda, not having answered the questions for admission into full connection, should be entered as on trial in the studies of the second year.)

3. That M. Obayashi and Y. Yamaka, who are now full members, be advanced from the studies of the third year to the studies of the fourth.

4. That K. Matsuoka be elected to Elder's Orders and discharged from the Conference Course of Study. We further recommend that Y. Tsuda be continued in the studies of the fourth year.

5. That Kosaburo Baba, having completed the course of study required and four years having elapsed since his ordination as Deacon, be elected to Local Elder's Orders.

T. KOMURO,
M. S. VAIL,
H. B. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Incorporation of the Mission.

The Bishop inquired as to the incorporation of the Pacific Japanese Mission, and the Superintendent reported that this is impossible under the present State law as a majority of the members are Japanese. He reported that all our properties are safely held by incorporated bodies as American Churches, the Board of Church Extension, the Denver Church Extension Society, and by Trustees of Japanese Churches incorporated before the present law was enacted.

In re S. Yoshimura.

Upon motion of H. B. Johnson, the following action was taken: In order to grant the request of Brother S. Yoshimura to withdraw from the Ministry of our Church to re-enter the Presbyterian Ministry, we recommend to the California Annual Conference that S. Yoshimura's conference relation be changed from Supernumery to Effective, and that he be permitted to withdraw from our ministry for the purpose named.
Salaries.

In harmony with the requirements of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, on motion of M. Obayashi, it was decided to recommend that the maximum cash salary of the pastors who are assisted by the Board be fixed for the current year at $800.

Official Minutes.

On motion of T. Komuro, it was voted that the English Minutes shall be the Official Journal of this Annual Meeting. The Superintendent and Secretaries were appointed to edit and publish the Minutes, and they were also authorized to make any verbal changes necessary in preparing the same for publication.

Address by M. Kobayashi.

Rev. M. Kobayashi, Secretary of the Interdenominational Board of Missions, addressed the meeting on the work of the Society (Dendo Dan) for the year. The Superintendent offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, that we have heard with pleasure the address of Rev. M. Kobayashi, bearing the fraternal greetings of the Japanese Interdenominational Board of Home Missions and giving an outline of the work of the year, that we congratulate this Society on the success already attained, and that we will endeavor during the coming year to assist the Society financially.

Mr. Kobayashi delivered an address on the importance of evangelizing the Japanese in South America. His paper contained facts and plans of such importance that, upon motion of M. S. Vail, it was voted that a copy be forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church asking its favorable consideration.

In re S. Fujii.

M. Yoshida, for the Committee on Reference, reported recommending to the California Annual Conference that his conference relations remain the same, i. e. Supernumary. The report was adopted.

Missionary Sermon.

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

Committee on Examination.

The Bishop appointed the following Committee on Examinations: M. S. Vail, S. Kawashima, T. Komuro.

Mission Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Bishop announced the names of the members of the Mission Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as follows: H. B. Johnson, T. Komuro, Milton S. Vail and Messrs K. Komoriya of San Francisco and S. Takeshita of Oakland.
Otoe So moved that the Superintendent be requested to nominate three persons as Triers of Appeals, and the motion was carried. M. Yoshida, S. Kawashima and T. Komuro were appointed.

In re Zenro Hirota.

It was moved by H. B. Johnson, and the motion was carried, that we request the Bishop to appoint Z. Hirota as Evangelist.

Apportionments.

The Bishop announced the following apportionments:

- For the Board of Conference Claimants: $19
- For the Episcopal Fund: $75
- For General Conference Expenses and Authorizations: $60

The apportionments were accepted and the Superintendent was requested to divide the last item into two equal parts to be paid in 1917 and 1918.

Financial Plan.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the new Financial Plan was adopted.

Observance of Anniversaries.

Upon recommendation of the Central District Meeting, presented by Otoe So, it was decided to enter upon a special Evangelistic Campaign in commemoration of the seventieth birthday of Bishop Harris, our first Superintendent, and the thirty-fifth year of the ministry of the present Superintendent, Dr. H. B. Johnson. Otoe So, T. Komuro and M. Yoshida were appointed to co-operate with the Superintendent for the same.

Special Relief.

At the suggestion of the Superintendent and upon motion of M. Yoshida, it was decided to donate to H. Shirato $42, the amount of the Necessitous Fund in the Treasurer's hands, and to request a grant of $100 additional from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as special relief, because of his necessary return to Japan with his family on account of illness.

Statistical Report.

On account of the incompleteness of certain statistics, the editors of the Minutes were authorized to receive from the Statistician his report and complete the same.

Settlement Days.

In harmony with the new legislation, the last day of each quarter was fixed as Settlement Days: Nov. 30, Feb. 28, May 31, and Aug. 31.
Reports of Committees.

The reports of the committees were presented and adopted as follows:

Audit, M. S. Vail; Appropriations, H. B. Johnson; Benevolences, M. Yoshida; Christian Literature, M. Obayashi; Education, S. Imai; Epworth League, K. Yoshioka; Home Missions and Church Extension, H. B. Johnson; Self-Support, Otoe So; Temperance and Social Reform, K. Baba; Woman's Homes, M. Yoshida; Reference, M. Yoshida; Resolutions, M. S. Vail.

Statistician and Treasurer.

The Statistician and Treasurer presented their reports which were accepted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Approval of Minutes and Closing.

The minutes of all the sessions were read and approved. The Bishop addressed the conference, expressing appreciation of the courtesies extended and the work done. In a strong and practical way, he presented the opportunities for the new conference year. After the singing of a hymn and prayer by M. Yoshida, he read the appointments and pronounced the benediction, and thus closed sine die the seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Mission.

CERTIFICATION.

We hereby certify that the above is a correct report of the seventeenth session of the Pacific Japanese Mission, and that the English Minutes were adopted by the Mission as its official record of proceedings.

Attest: A. W. LEONARD, Presiding Bishop.
MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF HERBERT B. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION.

The Superintendent's Itinerary.

Bishop Leonard and Brethren:

Not including the extra time required to go to the General Conference, as in the past, I have spent nearly sixty nights in sleeping cars during the conference year. One needs an iron constitution to make the long trips from north to south, and specially to pass from the coast to the hot valleys and up over the mountains. This God has given me. My ability to follow for weeks at a time a pre-arranged itinerary is the marvel of our brethren. It is always a joy to meet the pastors, particularly those who are on the outposts like brothers Shirato in Denver, Nishimura in the Imperial Valley, and Uemura in Spokane. I have received nothing but courtesy and kindness from the pastors and their members, and I look back upon
the experiences of the years with great pleasure. It is also a rare
privilege to meet our American pastors of the various conferences
in this vast territory extending from the Mississippi to the Pacific
and from Mexico to Canada.

Our Japanese Neighbors.

Those who regard the Japanese people on the Pacific Coast as
belonging, with few exceptions, to a particular laboring class are
greatly in error. They are engaged in practically every occupation
except the building trades. Among the so-called farming class are
many who are graduates of our best colleges in Japan and America.
They are making use of the latest knowledge in the study of soils
and methods in the development of fruit and other products. Some
are experimenting in rice culture, others are growing cotton, while
many are engaged on their own account in developing not only ber-
ries and grapes but peaches, figs, cantaloupe etc. The largest pro-
ducer of potatoes in California is a Japanese whose wife and chil-
dren are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In our
membership we have a large number of merchants, photographers,
and students, both of high school and college grade. One objection
urged against the Japanese in certain quarters is that they are pro-
gressive and ambitious and hence real competitors.

Equipment of our Pastors...It is an interesting fact that eigh-
ten of the twenty-four members of the Pacific Japanese Mission
have been students in some of our Theological Seminaries, and most
of them are graduates. Drew, Garrett, and Philander Biblical In-
stitute in Tokyo have the largest representation, but five other
schools are represented.

In great contrast with a few years ago, all but five of our pas-
tors are married, and of these helpmeets all but two are in this
country. Practically all of these wives were trained in our Chris-
tian Schools in Japan, some of them taking special training in the
Bible, and it is needless to add that they are a great aid to their
husbands in their work, especially among the women and children.
We count ourselves exceedingly fortunate in being thus equipped
for our important work among the Japanese in this country.

District Meetings.

Our brethren from Bakersfield to Imperial Valley met for their
Southern District Meeting in Los Angeles, June 26-29 in connec-
tion with the twentieth anniversary of that church. Several pas-
tors from Central California were also present, including M. Yo-
shida of Fresno, the founder of the work at Los Angeles. Similar
meetings were held in Oakland on the 17th and 18th of August, at-
tended by all our pastors and some laymen from our Coast and Central California charges. Problems of vital interest to the churches of these sections were freely discussed, considerable time being given to devotions. As formerly, these meetings proved very helpful, and their influence will surely be felt for good in this Annual Meeting. It is to be regretted that our brethren in Colorado, Oregon and Washington are so widely separated that such gatherings are impracticable. It is, indeed, a great privilege for all to get together at our Annual Meeting. Were it not for the Japanese Preacher’s Aid Society, this would be impossible.

Benevolences.

Our Japanese Christians have always given loyally toward our Church benevolences. This is all the more commendable in view of the fact that other denominations working among them place little emphasis upon the general interests of the Church and comparatively little upon self-support. Last year our churches gave about $1.33 per capita for our Disciplinary benevolences, including hundreds of members who were geographically non-resident if not technically so. If the preliminary reports do not prove misleading, practically all of the churches will bring every cause up to the standard of last year, if not beyond, and will do much more for our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension which has always dealt so generously with us. Most of the churches report gains for the total benevolences and there only two or three which show losses, notably San Francisco where there was an error last year of $40, which the church made good, making their total contribution that much more than normal.

Nature of The Reports. It is not my purpose to give all of the facts concerning any of the churches. The pastors, at another session, will make their own reports. There are certain outstanding things, as improvements made or features of work emphasized, that should be reported here. By touching various phases here and there, I shall endeavor to give a comprehensive view of the work in all of its relations. For convenience of reference, I will use the outline of the five departments of the re-organized Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Church Extension, City Work, Rural Work, Frontier Work and Evangelism. These divisions overlap to some extent, but in the main they can be followed to advantage.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Property. We have property in fifteen of our Missions, valued last year at $150,557. Eight of them reported a total indebtedness at that time amounting to $16,795, the three largest being Denver,
Portland, and San Francisco. There has been a substantial reduction at three or four places, particularly at Denver and San Francisco. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has aided us very generously from year to year, but our Japanese members and friends are to be highly commended for their generosity and the sacrifice which they have made. Three churches have been built during the year, all on the San Jose plan, costing from $2,000 to $3,000 each, not including land previously purchased. Improvements have been made at Los Angeles and Riverside, and debts paid at Sacramento, Los Angeles, Denver, and San Francisco. These are all reported under their proper heads.

**CITY WORK.**

Seattle. M. Obayashi has led his church in Seattle to victory the past year. They have had an exceptionally good year. Twenty adults have been baptized and eight have been received from other churches. This church, which like many others was formerly made up of young men, is now almost exclusively a family church. By unanimous action at the Quarterly Conference, a campaign is to be entered upon at the time of my visit in October to clean up the entire indebtedness. The Sunday School is in good condition as is also the Kindergarten which is conducted by the Japanese Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The entire work of the church is well sustained. I have rarely witnessed or participated in a finer communion service than on the occasion of my recent visit.

North Yakima. By special invitation of the Japanese residents of North Yakima, and at their expense, our pastor at Seattle, M. Obayashi, has made them regular monthly visits and considerable interest has been developed. On my recent visit to the Northwest, I visited there with him and found several, including an entire family, nearly ready for baptism. There are several Christians of different denominations there, but the responsibility of developing the work naturally falls to us. The Japanese so widely scattered are difficult to reach with the means at our disposal, but their Christianization is of the utmost importance both to them and to our American communities.

Tacoma. Under the pastoral care of A. Kato, Tacoma in many ways has had its best year. Eight adults and one child have been baptized. A remarkably fine work is being carried on among the women and children in which Mrs. Kato, a graduate of Folts' Mission Institute, has had a large part. Several of her women are among the recent converts. Brother Kato has visited regularly at Fife where there is considerable encouragement among the Japanese farmers of that community.

Spokane... S. Uemura is serving a second pastorate in Spokane.
After an absence of two years, he took up the work again in May, 1915, this time as a married man. Mrs. Uemura is proving a great aid and is highly appreciated in the community. In the important work among the women, she is assisted by several American sisters, particularly Mrs. Dr. Gibson, the wife of the District Superintendent. When there recently, the woman's meeting was being held in the Deaconness' Hospital where special instruction was being given our Japanese women in the care of the ill and injured. In addition to the regular services, the Mission conducts a Dormitory and a Night School. The income of the Dormitory was nearly sufficient to pay the rent of the large building used as a mission. Brother Uemura is a master of finance. Five adults and one child have received baptism, and the entire community feels the influence of the special meetings held.

Portland. It was understood when K. Kanazawa was reappointed to Portland last Conference that he would return to Japan in time for the East Japan Conference in March. He left February first, since which time the work has been supplied by Rev. K. Nakano who is taking his furlough at Camby, Oregon. At considerable personal inconvenience, he has faithfully visited Portland semi-weekly for the mid-week and Sunday services, and the universal testimony is that the work has not suffered. However, a resident pastor is an imperative necessity. The taxes on our fine property have amounted to about $200 per year which, with other property expenses, more than consume the Mission grant. We owe much to Mr. T. S. McDaniel, one of our trustees, who has secured exemption for us next year. It is now expected that the long desired transfer of property can be consummated during the coming year. Two adults and one child have been baptised, and there are several inquirers.

Sacramento. Otoe So, the pastor at Sacramento, reports the baptism of ten children and twelve adults. Twenty-one have been received into full membership: fifteen from probation, four by certificate, and two from other communions. This looks good but the net gain is small. Nine have removed by certificate, ten have been transferred to the non-resident list, and one has died. However, the church is much stronger than in many years. I mention the changes to show the difficulties that our pastors have to overcome in building up self-supporting churches. All debts of whatever kind have been paid, the fence and steps have been repaired at a cost of ninety dollars, and $130 have been paid for taxes and insurance. In April a down town preaching hall was opened at a cost of fifteen dollars per month, this extra expense being borne by about a dozen of the members. The outlook is very hopeful.
San Francisco. T. Komuro, the pastor at San Francisco, has spent much of the year in a financial campaign collecting subscriptions for the new dormitory erected two years ago. In addition to these funds, this church raised last year over $400, through class money, $160 by Sunday offerings, and a considerable amount through special contributions for the current work. It has had large expense for taxes, insurance, and interest.

The meetings have been well attended and the interest was sustained notwithstanding the absence of the pastor. Ten adults, five of whom were students of the Anglo-Japanese School, and two children were baptised. Brother Komuro is deeply interested in prison work, and has made regular visits to the few unfortunate Japanese confined in San Quentin. His services are greatly appreciated both by the Chaplain and the men. Most excellent woman's meetings are regularly held, generally in the various homes.

San Francisco—The Anglo-Japanese School. The Anglo-Japanese School conducted on the first floor of our fine church property by Dr. M. S. Vail and a faithful corps of five additional teachers, had an enrollment of 117 for the fall semester and 136 for the spring. Two sessions are held, the afternoon school producing an income of $938, and the evening school, which is smaller, $230. Not including the salary of Dr. Vail, this is about two-thirds the cost of the school, the remainder being supplied by a subsidy from the Mission. The pastor, T. Komuro, has co-operated heartily. When possible, he has conducted the Chapel exercises. Emphasis is placed upon the clean life produced through Gospel influences. Systematic Bible study is conducted in the school. Five of the students were baptised during the year.

Berkeley. Our work at Berkeley is comparatively new and is very hopeful. K. Yoshioka, the pastor, has been greatly handicapped by supporting himself in part while carrying his studies in the Baptist Theological Seminary from which he graduated last May. He has laid strong foundations and is greatly beloved. In the city are over one thousand Japanese including quite a student body and about 200 children. The members are willing to do their utmost to make possible employing the full time of the pastor in the future, and they have promised at least an increase of $120 annually after this conference. Thanks to brother Hora, also a student, the Sunday School numbers fifty-three and is one of the best organized schools among the Japanese on the coast. The Epworth League has also been under his care and is active and efficient. Six adults and two children received Christian baptism during the year.

Palo Alto. Until a few months ago, the work in Palo Alto has been cared for either from San Jose or San Francisco. Brother
Komuro of San Francisco is held in high esteem in Palo Alto for his faithful ministrations during the past five years. Finding his duties increasing in San Francisco, he recommended bringing S. Fujii, a former member of the Mission, to Palo Alto who, with his wife, is doing fine work there. This little Society has promised an increase of $120 in self-support next year. Palo Alto, the seat of Stanford University, has been fortunate from the beginning in the aid of its Christian students. One of our official members, a graduate of last year, has recently returned to the home land to take an important position, and Mr. Oshima, who has been pursuing post graduate studies in Yale, is about to return to Japan as a professor in one of our most important Mission Schools. Thus we are constantly feeding the church in Japan with the finest of trained young men. This must be considered in connection with the small number baptised the past year, only two.

Oakland. S. Imai, a probationer of the first year in the California Annual Conference, began the year at Oakland with a membership of 49 and now reports 87, a net gain of 38, namely twenty from probation, ten by certificate, and eight from other denominations. The church is thoroughly alive and in the most hopeful condition known in many years. Twenty adults and three children have been baptised.

The regular services and the Sunday school crowd the assembly room, a suit of three rooms opening together in what was a former residence, the type of some of our older Missions. Plans are now under way to turn this building on the lot and, in connection with it, build a new modern church in front to cost $6,000. Notwithstanding the very heavy burden of purchasing the present property, which has greatly harassed the church, the members have already undertaken to raise $3000 toward this new enterprise. They have shown themselves worthy of help.

Los Angeles. All regret the absence from our Annual Meeting of S. Kawashima, the successful pastor of our church at Los Angeles. He returned to Japan early in July on account of pressing business matters and expects to be back in October, we hope with his family.

The Los Angeles Church has had a great year. The tangible results are thirty-five conversions and baptisms. About one-third of these resulted from special work by brother Kawashima in the Hollywood section where a union church has since been organized. We shall watch its future with keen and sympathetic interest. Emphasis is placed upon downtown street meetings near which a hall for Sunday School and evening services is maintained. The auditorium has been enlarged, beautified and refurnished at a cost of
over $500, one half being provided by the Board in Philadelphia. The last Sunday of June was observed as the 20th Anniversary of the founding of our work in Southern California. It was a great day. Hon. U. Oyama, the Japanese Consul, honored us by his presence and an address.

RURAL WORK.

Loomis. Y. Naito is just completing his fourth year at Loomis. He found a small company of members, who had been set off from Sacramento, and an opportunity. He reported last year a lot valued at $850, a parsonage worth $1000 toward which the Board in Philadelphia had given $200 and an indebtedness of $300. This has been paid, a small building erected at a cost of $150, and about $1000 has been raised toward a new church which is now being built. For this the board has granted $1500. Ten children and four or five adults are awaiting baptism in connection with the dedicatory exercises, the report of which will go over until next year. Brother Naito is pastor at large to all the Japanese in Placer County. The Japanese community at Loomis is more completely Christian than in any other place that I know in this country. The Sunday school is an important feature. Emphasis was placed upon the recent Children's Day exercises which were of unusual interest.

Florin. By far the largest percentage gain during the year has been at Florin, where ten adults and two children have been baptised and four have been enrolled by certificate. Having previously purchased a lot and building, which they remodeled into a school and hall, the Mission this year, through the generous aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, erected a neat bungalow church with rooms for parsonage at a cost of $2000. The property is held by the California Annual Conference, a corporation. Too much credit cannot be given to the pastor, Y. Manabe, and his associate, Y. Tsuda, who has had charge of the school.

Florin School. Y. Manabe was appointed as pastor at Florin last Conference and Y. Tsuda, who opened the work there, has given his entire time to the school which has furnished his support. Fifty eight students were enrolled during the year of whom twenty-one were girls from six to fourteen years of age. Eight were graduated from the eighth grade in June, the exercises being largely attended and of unusual interest. The students all attend the Sunday School, three receiving baptism during the year. The school is open from three to five in the afternoon and is designed to supplement the work of the American school, particularly in instruction in morals and Japanese penmanship and literature. The young-
er children are also assisted in their English studies. The educa-
tional problem is one of the most important among the Japanese on
the coast at the present time. Here and elsewhere we are helping
them to solve it, and our work is increasingly fruitful. A commit-
tee represents the parents with whom the Superintendent has had
delightful relations.

Vacaville. Eight adults and one child have been baptised at
Vacaville during the year. This is in pleasant contrast with the
past two or three years when the work has been very discouraging.
But for our fine property worth $3,150, with accommodations for
the pastor's family, we might have been tempted to leave the field.
Brother So, our pastor at Sacramento, about thirty miles distant,
has faithfully and conscientiously visited this charge monthly, and
sometimes more frequently, and his work has been richly blessed.
This field, including Suisun and Winters, was never more hopeful,
and the members strongly urge the appointment of a resident pas-
tor. Toward his support, they promise to raise twenty dollars per
month additional.

San Jose.—The last Quarterly Conference of the San Jose
Church is the best one that I have ever attended there. A new
Epworth League has been established, the Sunday School reorgan-
ized, and every department of the church is active. The people are
unanimous in their request for the return of their pastor, K. Mat-
suoka, greatly appreciating also the good work done by his wife in
the Sunday School and among the women. Twelve have been
baptised, including three children. As in the past, the pastor has
been faithful in visiting the Japanese people in the surrounding
towns and camps. One of those baptised is the fruit of the work in
Los Gatos. There is every prospect that the coming year will be
better than past one.

Fresno. Under the faithful pastoral care of M. Yoshida, the
nestor of our work on the coast and the founder of several of the
present churches, Fresno has enjoyed an exceptionally good year.
The members are united and earnest, and heartily support all of the
services. Mrs. Yoshida, like the wives of our other pastors, has
been helpful in work among the women. Thirteen adults and six
children have received Christian baptism.

Plans are well under way for building a six room parsonage
early next year, costing about $1200. The members have agreed to
raise three-fourths of the cost which will require special effort and
sacrifice. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension will
be asked for some assistance.

A New Circuit. M. Yoshida, pastor at Fresno, who has always
been an evangelist at large while faithfully serving his local church,
was relieved of the work at Bakersfield last conference, by the appointment of I. Haratani there, and began at once to give more attention to nearer fields at Fowler, Selma, Del Rey, Parlier, Reedley, etc. Through the kind co-operation of Rev. H. S. Ryder, the American pastor at Parlier, the pastors and members of several other nearby American Churches, and our brother Haratani of Bakersfield, a new enterprise has been undertaken which promises success. At the request of the churches at Parlier, Del Rey, Reedley, and Selma, and with their promised financial and moral support, I invited Rev. S. Saito of the East Japan Conference to take up Japanese work among them, and he has recently arrived in Seattle enroute to his new field. It is understood that he will do his work in connection with this Mission but that the new converts will become members of the contributing churches. This is a refreshing experience in a State where Americans are supposed to have little use for the Japanese.

Bakersfield. Our Mission at Bakersfield, 100 miles south of Fresno, is important because it is the only evangelistic force at work among the scattered Japanese in the upper San Joaquin Valley. It began through the faithful testimony of members who had moved there from other Missions, and was continued through the visits of our pastors from Fresno.

I. Haratani, who has labored there most zealously during the year, is the first resident pastor. Considerable of his time has been given to teaching in the night school, and in superintending the erection of the new church. The members, by their own efforts, had previously secured a lot and small building worth about $1000, and this year, with the co-operation and grant of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, they have erected a neat church, with rooms for the pastor, costing about $2500 and which is much like those being built in Loomis and Florin. Brother Haratani has sacrificed much and deserves great credit. Several adults and children are awaiting baptism at the dedication.

Oxnard. K. Baba, faithful pastor and pioneer at Oxnard, comes to us recommended for Local Elder’s orders. He passed a good examination when I was there recently, but his works speak louder than his marks of his fitness for the work of the ministry. Our fine property there is entirely due to his sacrificial work. He ministers to the Japanese in a very wide field including Ventura, Lompoc, Guadalupe, Santa Paula and Fillmore. Much of his work is done in the camps. Mrs. Baba is a great aid in the work among the women and children. Seven have been baptised and the same number received from probation besides one by letter. Several new members have been enrolled.
Riverside. Soon after the last Conference, the auditorium of our Riverside Church was considerably enlarged and the interior thoroughly refitted. It is now one of our most beautiful chapels. The total cost was over $500 of which the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension made a grant of $250, a total of $750 toward a church and parsonage property valued at $5000. Our church members are justly proud of their fine property.

P. T. Yanase, a first year's probationer, took up the work after conference, but a change was soon found to be necessary because of lack of adaptation. We were fortunate in securing from Japan, after their western conference, S. Takata, a graduate of Kwansei Gakuen and an elder. His wife is a daughter of the parsonage. As in the past, the Epworth League has placed emphasis upon the work in the Japanese camps, some of them several miles distant. Three have been baptised during the year. The question of federating with the Congregational Mission has come up from time to time and is somewhat acute at present. Our members are very anxious to do the best possible for the community.

THE FRONTIER.

Imperial Valley. The Japanese are widely scattered through the Imperial Valley located just north of the Mexican line, and from one to one hundred feet below sea level. It is one of the garden spots of California and the Japanese have helped to make it so. They are largely engaged in raising cantaloupes for which the valley is famous. I. Nishimura has been there two years and is longing to return to the intense heat for work among his countrymen. Two children have been baptised during the year, and several adults candidates are awaiting my next visit. The pastor is held in high esteem and drives a fine horse and buggy given to him by the people, the second so presented. Comparatively few people live in Brawley, the center of the circuit, the work being largely done through visitation, a very necessary type of work. The pastor now reports twenty-four full members. The Mission is one of the newest.

Pueblo, Colorado. With the encouragement of the Northern Avenue Church in Pueblo, H. T. Shirato came from Japan in 1907, nine years ago, to take up work among his countryman working in the steel mills of that city. After his marriage, a couple of years later, he was transferred to Denver but still has charge of the Pueblo work. In addition to the regular services, a dormitory and night school are maintained, the latter through the co-operation of American Christians. Some specially fine young men have been produced. Brother Shirato has traveled extensively through the State and into surrounding States, and has ministered particularly to the Japanese farmers in the Arkansas valley. The Pueblo Mission reports twenty-five full members and two adults and one child
baptised last year. In the absence of the pastor, the dormitory is conducted by our lay brethren and is a real Christian home and center.

Denver. The fine church property at Denver is the pride of the pastor, H. T. Shirato, and his members and friends in Colorado. Valued conservatively at $25,000, it was purchased from the Denver City Church Extension Society for a third of that figure because no longer suited in location for American work. The refitting and furniture cost $3,553 in addition and it is now a fine institutional plant. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension granted $4,000. The pastor now reports an equity of $2,300, in our Glenarm Street property, reliable pledges of over $1000 and a net indebtedness of about $2500 in addition to these resources. He and his good wife have labored unceasingly, and there is universal regret that their health is so broken that they must return to the home land with their children for rest and recuperation. He reports 47 resident members in addition to the 25 at Pueblo. Three children were baptised during the year. Several of the members live in the Platte Valley near Fort Lupton.

Colorado Circuit. By an additional appropriation to the Colorado Circuit, brother Shirato has been enabled to enjoy the services of a co-pastor. His brother, I. Arauchi, was reappointed there last conference, but was compelled to return to Japan at the end of the year on account of ill health. Both of the brothers have suffered severely from rheumatism. Brother J. Sasamori, a graduate of the University of Denver and a brother of the late Dr. Uichiro Sasamori, accepted appointment and has heartily and most effectively co-operated with brother Shirato in the whole inter-mountain field. One or the other has traveled at large all of the time. Several of the members live in the Platte valley near Ft. Lupton where there is a fine opportunity for Christian work. Brother Shirato, while pastor at Denver and Pueblo, has been an evangelist at large, and by his return to Japan leaves an important place to be filled by his successor.

EVANGELISM.

The Dendo Dan. As in the past, the Dendo Dan, Interdenominational Board of Home Missions, has been helpful by making possible, through a central organization, a united front before the non-Christian part of the Japanese communities, and by sending their evangelists to the scattered and otherwise unreached people. In this work our brother Z. Hirota has been active and helpful. It is hoped that plans may be completed at this conference to have him return to our own fold for similar work. He will be cordially wel-
Special Evangelistic Services. During the past year special evangelistic meetings were held more generally than usual. This was due to the co-operation with the plans of the Methodist Forward Movement and to the coming of Evangelist Kanamori from Japan on the invitation of the Dendo Dan, which represents all the Protestant Japanese Churches. Meetings were held from Southern California to Canada and several hundred converts were reported. In most cases they were not converts at all, but persons awakened or slightly stirred religiously and who had no adequate conception either of Christ's teachings or of the new birth. It was a modern example of the truth taught in the parable of the Sower. Our pastors so-operated most heartily and did their best to conserve the results. Most who came into fellowship with the church had previously been known as inquirers. Many were brought to decision and living faith. Others previously unrelated to the Mission were enrolled as inquirers. The meetings on the whole were a great help, and we greatly appreciate the efforts made by Mr. Kanamori.

Denominational Efforts And Plans. Much time was spent at our last Annual Session in considering the plans of the Methodist Forward Movement, and doubtless our unusual year is largely due to this. The plan that will be most effective in the future, if I am not greatly mistaken, will mean the faithful following of the suggestions of our Commission on Evangelism, now specially related to us as a department of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. This looks to the use of all methods, as special meetings, personal work, the observance of special days, etc. The handbook which is soon to be republished is the best manual on the subject yet produced, and is adapted to all nationalities and circumstances. Our churches place emphasis upon the observance of special days, as Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, etc., with fine results.

THE BROADER CHRISTIANITY.

Emphasis is placed upon individual conversion. Through extra meetings and by personal work our membership is gradually increased. But our pastors and members are not content with going through the ordinary services of the Church. Many of our buildings are adapted to the newer forms of institutional work or social service. Most of them have reading rooms. Our dormitories furnish Christian centers. For example in the new one at San Francisco there is an ample social room with musical instruments where pleasant evenings are spent and where daily prayer and song services are held. Our Epworth Leagues are alive to the opportunities of street preaching and hospital visitation. One of the most
fruitful kinds of work is in connection with family meetings which are held weekly from place to place as opportunity offers. Those who judge the extent of our work by occasional visits to the public services fail utterly to comprehend the real situation.

The San Francisco Home. The Ellen Stark Ford Memorial Home for Japanese and Korean women and children has been filled during the year to its capacity, under the supervision of Mrs. Lincoln, and the co-operation with our local Japanese Church has never been finer. A much needed fire escape, so strongly urged by the late Mrs. C. B. Perkins, has been erected as a memorial to her and nothing could be more suitable. Our Japanese members and friends are invited to contribute to this worthy object both in the interest of the children and in appreciation of the work done.

A fine Kindergarten is conducted in the Home, the larger girls attending the public schools. A fine Christian influence is maintained. Similar work, though on a smaller scale, is carried on by the women in Seattle and Los Angeles. Mrs. Wm. C. Evans, the Bureau Secretary, will make a report of their work which we very greatly appreciate.

Bible Women Needed. Year after year I have begged for Bible women. For a time this experiment was tried in Seattle and is now being successfully worked in Los Angeles where Mrs. Kataoka is proving herself a real jewel. She lives in the Woman's Home, and spends her afternoons in visiting. She has 130 families on her list. She is faithful in attending all the meetings of the church, and is a splendid aid in the Sunday School and the women's meetings. The Roman Catholics, though recently entering the field, have more than half a dozen salaried Japanese women at work in Los Angeles alone. Like the Buddhists, who are giving special attention to women and children, they are following our methods. Would that the way might open for our carrying on this kind of work more extensively!

CLOSING WORDS.

The record of the year is closed. It has been a good year. 178 adults and 39 children have received Christian baptism, the largest number in any one year since I took up the work twelve years ago. The difficulties have been great but the pastors have been faithful and have met the situation with consecration and wisdom. We face the new year with great expectancy. The best human aids will be tested in Evangelism and in developing self-support. The new Financial Plan will be put into operation. But, as in the past, our chief dependence must be upon the Holy Spirit, and His aid we will constantly seek.
A sacred writer says: "My people perish because of the lack of knowledge." The present Godless war, in which fifteen nations are engaged in a life and death struggle, threatens the overthrow of the highest developed civilization found in all history. Knowledge of God as our common Father, knowledge of Jesus as mankind's universal Saviour; knowledge of the Holy Spirit as the Guide unto truth and life and peace would have made impossible the devilish strife that is rapidly bringing upon the whole earth a veritable hell.

There are 9000 people in San Francisco who cannot speak or understand the English language—the common tongue of our great Republic. Alarmed at the great increase of people in America who, because of the lack of knowledge of our institutions, laws and holy purposes threaten to destroy our very liberty, the Federal authorities of the United States are giving attention as never before to the teaching of English to the millions of foreigners in our midst. Our public schools do not fully meet the demand for the study of English, and hence the Federal Government is seeking to supplement the work.

The teaching of English is not a direct teaching of the Gospel, but it is a means to an end, and more over it is the teaching of a language, that is more thoroughly saturated with Gospel thought and ideas than can be found in any other two languages in this sin-cursed world.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension need make no apology for spending a few hundred dollars yearly in teaching the English language, and for imparting through this language the news of salvation of God to thousands of Japanese youth that have entered our country through the Golden Gate. This is my thirteenth annual report of the School and it is also the thirty-seventh anniversary of my entrance upon missionary work among the Japanese and I thank God for the wonderful opportunities granted in educational work among a truly remarkable and responsive people.

Grade of Work, Text Books, Teachers, Pupils and Lectures.

The grade of our school is in part that of our grammar and high schools. We use McDuffey's readers, the State spellers, State geography, State histories, Renouf's Universal History, Montgomery's History of England, Maxwell's and Saito's Grammar, Rhetoric, American and English Literature, Moral Science, Hygiene, Civics, the Bible, The Life of Christ and the Graded Sunday School Lessons.

We have had six teachers all the time and for a short period one extra.
Mrs. T. Komuro, the pastor's wife, rendered excellent assistance for a few weeks. The teachers have been very faithful and the high standard of the teaching has been maintained. The total number of pupils during the Fall term was 117, of whom 14 were women and 103 were young men. There were two graduates. Five young men professed Christ and were baptized. Various lectures were given, and the pastor, Rev. T. Komura addressed the pupils every week at chapel exercises and every possible opportunity was given to impress the students with the importance of becoming followers of Christ.

The reputation of the good work of the School has spread throughout the State of California and beyond, so that our central mission stations would be glad to establish similar schools were there money at hand and proper teachers could be found to make the schools successful.

Library and Needs.

Addition of another 100 books has been made by a friend of the school and Miss Lulu Heacock purposes to give us some books from her sainted father's library. Dr. Henry R. Heacock was presiding elder of the San Francisco District years ago and at that time gave Bible instruction to Bro. Myama, our first Japanese convert in California.

We need very much several copies each of the books used in the Conference Course of Study—books that can be used by our preachers who find it a burden sometimes to buy for themselves. Rev. J. M. Jackson, pastor of the Eighth Ave. Church, Oakland, made the first contribution of books to the Ministers' Text-book Library. The school would gladly receive any books now in the Conference Course of Study that friends may donate, and we will see to it that our preachers have access to them in their preparation for examinations.

Seven years ago the school ran behind $400 and a friend advanced that money; this is now all paid off and the school is now out of debt and we have a small balance on hand. We should have $100 with which to purchase new school apparatus. To carry out various improvements and to keep the rooms in good condition money is greatly needed, but so urgent is the call for financial aid from the churches, we have not the heart to ask for any increase over the small appropriation of last year. We need the prayers of God's people for grace and daily strength to accomplish more for Christ in bringing to the Saviour a truly great, aggressive and fertile people.
## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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The above accounts were audited and approved by H. B. Johnson and T. Komuro.

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### BUREAU OF JAPANESE AND KOREAN WORK.

Mrs. William C. Evans, Chairman.

The time has returned to summarize the year's work and it may not be too much to say in this my first report, that each day some time has been spent in diligent endeavor to do something substantial for the Japanese and Korean people. I feel it is a great privilege for me to be selected to do this work and I pray that God's Holy Spirit will rest on all we try to do. We rejoice in the salvation of some of the girls, and we feel confident that some of them will do definite Christian work among their own people.

The spirit of the Home has been very beautiful. The care of the older girls over the smaller ones and the babes in the nursery has been remarkable in many ways.

We acknowledge with gratitude and thanks to all who have done so well for us this past year, and we earnestly crave their continued interest and help.

The Ellen Stark Ford Home at 2025 Pine Street, San Francisco, has had a blessed year. We have had a family of forty-five; nine women have come and gone, and we trust that the Christian spirit has touched their lives in a measure at least. We are so
grateful that we are able to care for these women, for sometimes the thought comes to us if they did not have a Christian home for a City of Refuge what would become of them. We are thankful to report that the much needed fire escape has been erected and now feel that in case of fire our children can easily be removed with safety. The Kintergarten with Miss Rockwood, our excellent teacher, has kept a full attendance notwithstanding the Roman Catholics have invaded our territory and established a kintergarten within a few blocks of ours. Mrs. Lincoln is the Superintendent, beloved of this Home.

Susannah Wesley Home of Honolulu still continues to prosper under our splendid Superintendent, Miss Barret. She has gone back after her rest in the United States, full of plans for the new home on Woodlawn property. The National authorized us to sell our old property and to raise money to build our new modern Home, which is so greatly needed. Please pray for this Home and do all you can to help us.

The work of the Jane Couch Memorial in Los Angeles has had quite an uplift this year. We have more women and children in the Home than ever in the Home before. Mrs. Kataoka is the most devoted Bible woman it has ever been my privilege to meet and is doing excellent work among the Japanese women and children. Today I am in receipt of a letter from the Southern California Conference, saying that they could no longer support the Home in the future as they have done in the past. And unless the National takes over the work or some one is raised to help us we will certainly have to retrench, and I feel that we ought not to do this, for it is God's work. Surely, somehow, the way will be provided to maintain this much needed Home.

Catherine Blaine Home of Seattle seems to have taken on a new lease of life. The kintergarten has been having the most successful year. Twenty mothers were present at the closing exercises. Several children are in the Home, and Mrs. Carter, our splendid Chairman, is greatly encouraged by the outlook of the coming year.

The present condition of our work is most encouraging, and we are happy to note that we feel that God has been with us, and that the women who have passed through the Home are much improved in their domestic and social condition. The children that have come under our supervision have been taught of the things of Christ and we feel that salvation and success has crowned our efforts in saving the child to the Church. We have tried to do this in the spirit of love, and as we finish this, our Annual Report, may we say that God has given us abundantly above all we can ask or
think, and to Him shall all praise and glory be given now and evermore. Amen.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY ASKINGS FOR 1916-7.

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| Total for Year        | 13250.00               | 13250.00           |

The above was adopted by the Annual Meeting of 1916.

MILTON S. VAIL, Secretary.

We heartily approve the above.

A. W. LEONARD, Bishop.
H. B. JOHNSON, Superintendent.
Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 12, 1916.
Benevalences.

Our Treasurer's Report shows a grand total for Disciplinary Benevalences of $1,361, showing a gain of $30. The committee carefully examined the Reports and found that every Church had raised its apportionment in full. We sincerely regret that the collection for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was not as large as our Superintendent urgently requested us to raise, but we did the best we could.

M. YOSHIDA, Chairman.
Y. NAITO, Secretary.

Christian Literature.

In order to help the positive, systematic and unifying activity of our Church, we, the Committee on Christian Literature recommend the following:

1. That we publish a monthly magazine to be called the American-Japanese Christian Advocate.
2. That we publish religious tracts and pamphlets.
3. In order to carry out the above plans we seek some way to raise at least $300 during the coming year.
4. That the pastors take up this matter with their churches and do their best to get as much financial help as possible for the above purposes.
5. We would call attention of everybody interested to the following facts concerning our religious or church papers printed in the Japanese language.
   (a) The North American Christian Advocate, published in Seattle, Wash.,—500 copies—represents the interests of the work in the Great Northwest.
   (b) The Kwasui (Living Waters) published in Denver—300 copies—represents the interests of our work in the Intermountain regions.
   (c) The Japanese Methodist Review, published in Los Angeles—800 copies—represents the interests of our work in Southern California.

These papers are all issued monthly and are very helpful, both for our members in the cities and in the rural districts.

M. OBAYASHI, Chairman.
S. IMAI, Secretary.

Education.

Your committee desire to report:

1. That as preachers of the Gospel of Christ we must give our especial attention to the education of the children of whom there are more than ten thousand in California alone, because education without religion is a curse.
2. That greater stress should be placed upon Sunday School work, and we gladly accept the suggestion of Dr. Edgar Blake that an Annual Sunday School Institute be held in each of our central stations—one in the north, one in the center and one in the south—and, in order that our work may be uniform we all adopt the Standard Lesson Helps of our Publishing House.

3. We heartily commend the work of our Anglo-Japanese School and we rejoice at the success attained and trust that the coming year may be more fruitful than ever.

4. We congratulate the Board of Education on securing Abram W. Harris, LL. D., to succeed Doctor Thomas Nicholson, who, having most efficiently wrought as Secretary of the Board of Education, has been elected General Superintendent of our Church.

S. IMAI, Chairman.
M. S. VAIL, Secretary.

Epworth League.

To elevate and educate our young people under Christian influences is very vital. We have sixteen leagues with over 500 members. In the activities of these leagues not only is emphasis placed upon hospital visitations, literary work, street preaching and camp meetings, but also upon the forward movement for the evangelization of their own communities. We recommend:

(1) That debating classes, literary societies and social entertainments be encouraged.

(2) That we exert ourselves in every possible way to direct the ambitions of our young people Godward, that they may ever be found seeking Christ and the highest Christian ideals.

K. YOSHIOKA, Chairman.
Y. NAITO, Secretary.

Home Missions And Church Extension.

We are increasingly grateful to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the aid rendered us in the support of our pastors and in the erection of church and parsonage buildings. Our property has increased during the past ten years more than five fold—from less than $30,000 to more than $150,000. Our Japanese members and friends have given to the point of sacrifice, yet without the generous aid of the Board these results could not have been accomplished. We now have sixteen churches and several parsonages. Three churches have been built during the year by the aid of the Board—at Bakersfield, Florin and Loomis.

We respectfully and urgently request an authorization of $2,300, as follows:
San Francisco installment on new Parsonage and Dormitory.$1000
Oakland for new Church edifice to cost $6,000.

Fresno for a Parsonage to cost at least $1200, the balance to be raised locally.

Total asking $2300

Note—The above estimate contemplates the following in 1917:

Oakland to complete the new church $2000

Denver Church to complete the enterprise 1000

San Francisco Parsonage and Dormitory 1000

H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

M. OBAYASHI, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions would present the following:

Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, D. D., LL. D.

We would enumerate a few of the many reasons that come to our mind why we are glad that Bishop Leonard has been assigned to the San Francisco Area and to hold our Annual Mission Meeting of 1916. (1) He is a man of broad culture and learning, having spent years in Italy, Porto Rico, in the eastern, central, and western portions of our own county, and all this has peculiarly fitted him to understand men of different countries, and to properly sympathize with the strangers within our gates.

(2) He has intimate relations with our Missionary workers in Japan which have given him special opportunities of getting acquainted with Japanese trend of thought and ways, and hence he is prepared to help us Japanese preachers as few can, and as none can who have not had his experiences.

(3) The name of Jesus is uppermost in Bishop Leonard's thought, and his loyalty expressed in nearly every address he makes inspires us to be more loyal ourselves to the living Christ.

We give to Bishop Leonard and his family a most hearty welcome, and we will ever pray that God will grant him true success in the great work committed to his hands.

Herbert B. Johnson, D. D.

We desire to place on record our great satisfaction that our Superintendent was one of the four men selected at large by the Bishops at the late General Conference, held in Saratoga, to serve on the Judiciary Committee.

In his tireless consecration to our Japanese work, Dr. Johnson sets an example of self-abnegation and devotion to duty that we will try to emulate. We sincerely trust in the leadership of Dr. Johnson and, under his Christlike and sympathetic direction, we are bound to advance to still greater success.
Dr. Harry E. Milnes and the Santa Cruz Church.

For the courtesies shown our Annual Meeting by the Santa Cruz Church, and for the uniform kindness of Dr. Milnes, the pastor, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tann.

Mr. and Mrs. Tann invited us to a sumptuous banquet at which we enjoyed a material, social, and spiritual feast, and the good time we had at their home will long remain a happy memory. We thank brother Tann and his beautiful Christian family for their expressions of Christian love and hospitality. Upon them and upon all who have, in any way, assisted us in our work in the Master's cause, we bespeak the blessings of our Father in Heaven which indeed make rich and add no sorrows.

M. OBAYASHI,
M. S. Vail.

Self-Support.

From year to year we have been growing in self-support. We heartily approve of the new Financial Plan, and we will do our best to carry it out in every way. Our aim is complete self-support for all our churches at the earliest possible date.

In connection with systematic giving on the part of our members, there must also be a spiritual quickening, and hence we urge all our preachers to pray and plan and work for a revival of religion that shall result in great good along all lines.

OTOE SO, Chairman.
S. IMAI, Secretary.


Temperance and Social Reform.

Your committee would report:

(1) That we again urgently recommend that Temperance and Social Reform Societies be formed in all churches, and we admonish all our people to give special attention to this matter.

(2) That we preach at least one a year on these subjects and that we co-operate with all good people in this great work in every possible way.

(3) That we will encourage our people to subscribe for papers and other literature on these matters in order that they may be thoroughly informed on these subjects.

(4) That we will gladly aid all we can the Japanese Associations and others in their efforts to maintain order and to break up the gambling dens.

K. BABA, Chairman.
I. HARATANI, Secretary.
Woman's Homes.

We express our heart felt thanks to the ladies in charge of the work for women and children in Seattle, San Francisco and in Los Angeles for their deep interest and earnest efforts to elevate the Japanese women and children. The number of single women coming from Japan is decreasing, but the number of married women and children is increasing rapidly. Because of these facts those in charge of work among women and children are carefully studying the situation and are doing their best. We rejoice in their splendid work and also in that of Mrs. Kataoka in Los Angeles, and in that of Mrs. Nishimura in Seattle.

M. YOSHIDA, Chairman.
K. BABAA, Secretary.

Reference.

Your committee of Reference, appointed by the Preliminary Meeting, respectfully recommend:

1. That, if possible, a pastor be sent to the Vacaville charge this year.

2. That, owing to the shortness both of men and of money, no new work be opened in the Inter-Mountain States this year, but that this be done as soon as possible.

3. That we express our appreciation of the deep interest manifested by the Japanese community of Riverside in sending brother G. Sase to consider with us the Christian interests in Riverside; and further that in view of the fact that the two Mission Superintendents (Congregational and Methodist) have not yet had sufficient opportunity to consider the plans suggested for federation, the whole matter be referred to our Superintendent without recommendation.

4. That the Mission meeting suggest to the California Annual Conference that the Conference relations of S. Fujii remain unchanged for the present year.

M. YOSHIDA, Chairman.
OTOE SO. Secretary.
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