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FOREWORD

A word of explanation is in order about the changed appearance and contents of the "Annual" with this issue.

The "Annual" this year is published in the form of a report of the work of the preceding year which has been carried on in Japan by the East Japan Baptist Convention and the Japan Baptist Missionary Group. That work is seen in the résumés of the Annual Meeting of the Convention and Annual Retreat of the Missionary Group, in the lists of more important actions taken by the executive committees of the two organizations, and by the tables of statistics and lists of officers, etc. Such a report, by its very nature, presents dry reading; but it is hoped that the contents of this pamphlet will contain much of value in the form of reference material for those who are interested in the progress and development of the Christian enterprise in which Northern Baptists are cooperating in Japan.

The editorial committee especially hopes that a study of this "Annual" will enable the reader to obtain a clear idea of the organization of Baptist work in Japan, the extent to which it is an indigenous enterprise, and the relationship between the East Japan Baptist Convention and the two Foreign Mission Societies and the missionary-representatives of those societies designated to Japan.

Former "Annuals" have contained much interesting material in the way of stories and pictures of various projects. Such material will be issued from time to time in the pages of "The Japan Baptist News", of which the first number was published last spring.
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Twenty-second Annual Meeting
of the
East Japan Baptist Convention
Mead Christian Center, Juso, Osaka
May 18-19, 1938

The Yodogawa Baptist Church played host to the Annual Meetings this year. In cooperation with the other Osaka churches, adequate preparations were made so that the sessions were carried on in a happy atmosphere. In spite of the emergency situation, there was a good attendance: one-hundred twenty seven delegates from churches and institutions, and eight delegates from the Missionary Group. The program centered round the theme, “The Evangelization of the Fatherland” (Romans 9:3, 10:2).

Officers

Chairman .......................... Rev. Takashi Nakai
Vice-chairman ....................... Mr. Chuhei Suzuki
Convention Pastor ................. Rev. Togo Hashimoto
Associate Pastor ................... Rev. Hiroji Oguri
Recording Secretary ............... Rev. Ryozo Hara
Recording Secretary ............... Mr. Zenzo Takamitsu

Program

Wednesday, May 18.

9:00 A.M. Opening Service ......... Leader, Convention Pastor.
Greetings .................... Chairman of Executive Committee
9:30  Organization of Convention
Business
10:30 65th Anniversary of Opening Baptist Work in Japan
12:00  Lunch
1:30 P.M.  Song Service
1:40  Business
3:00  Tea

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3:30 Business
5:00 Supper and Farewell Meeting for Missionaries Going on Furlough

7:00–9:00 Open Discussion on: 1. Problems of Evangelism
                                2. Self-support of Churches

Thursday, May 19.

7:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting ..........Leader, Mr. Seimatsu Hachimine
                                  Address .....................Mr. Kozo Abe
7:30 Breakfast
9:00 Convention Worship Service ....Leader, Rev. Hiroji Oguri
                                  Sermon: “The Prophetic Mission of the Church” ......
                                  Convention Pastor.
10:00 Business
12:00 Lunch
       Laymen’s Meeting
       Convention Photograph
2:00 P.M. Tea
       Group Meetings: Woman’s Association
                                  Laymen’s Association
                                  Young People’s Union
3:30 Business
5:00 Installation of New Officers
       Closing Service
5:30 Supper
       Meetings of Departments
       Meeting of Executive Board

At the opening session on Wednesday morning Dr. Chiba, Chairman
of the Convention Board of Trustees, delivered a short address of in-
spiration and challenge. Basing his remarks on the words of Jesus
spoken to the man at the pool of Bethsaida, “Rise, take up your bed
and walk,” Dr. Chiba said that at this time when the Convention is
observing the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of Baptist Beginnings it is ap-
propriate that the denomination should prepare to depend more upon its
own resources in contributing to the building up of Christian work in
Japan. In order to do this, he said, it is necessary for the Convention

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to establish a well thought-out financial plan covering a definite period of time. The establishment of definite principles to guide our work is essential.

Later on in the same morning there was a special service to mark the Sixty-fifth Anniversary of Baptist Beginnings. Brief addresses were given by Principal Takahashi of the Ella O. Patrick Girls’ School, Rev. Fujiwara of the Habu (Inland Sea) Church, Principal Sakata of Mabie College and Mary L. Colby Girls’ School, and Mr. Naruse of Osaka. They expressed deep appreciation for the help received from the two Foreign Mission Societies during the past sixty-five years, but united in saying that the future depended upon the united efforts of the East Japan Baptist Convention. The following points were emphasized: 1—we must have a closer contact with affairs outside the immediate area of church activities; 2—we must give careful attention to the aims we set out to accomplish; 3—we must reassert our dependence upon Baptist principles, especially affirming our loyalty to the Bible; 4—an effort must be made to make Christianity meet the special needs of the Japanese people, allowing for a full expression of the Spirit of Japan.

Following this anniversary meeting, there was a memorial service for two outstanding men who had died during the year. Rev. Akagawa of Osaka spoke very appreciatively of the life and service of his friend and co-worker through many years, Rev. K. Takeda who died on October 7, 1937; and Mr. N. Ando paid tribute to the memory of his father, Principal K. Ando who died on November 9, 1937.

The evening meal on this first day took the form of a combination welcome and farewell meeting for several members of the Missionary Group. To Miss Allen who returned from furlough last summer, to Dr. Benninghoff who returned in April, and to Miss Jesse who returned just in time to attend the Annual Meeting, hearty welcome was expressed; while farewell addresses were given to Miss Bixby and Miss Tharp who leave for furlough this summer and to Miss Pawley who is returning to America after completing a special term of three years.

Later on in the evening an Open Discussion gave opportunity for frank expression of opinions about the problems of self-support and independence of the local churches. It is impossible to record here all the sentiments expressed, but only a few representative ones are given. One leading pastor said that he hoped full authority for carrying on evangelism in Japan would be given to the Japanese; and he thought that
it would be best to devote such financial aid as is received from abroad to furthering the work of the church, instead of using it for educational and social work. Another pastor suggested that it is necessary to consider the problem of self-support from the point of view of the Convention as a whole; it is natural to think of each church individually, but because of the weak condition of the smaller churches it is a mistake to base the attainment of self-support on the work of the individual congregation. A plan must be worked out taking for a unit the Convention as a whole, so that the larger city churches can help the smaller churches of the country. A third leader hoped that as a result of this discussion and on the occasion of this Sixty-fifth Anniversary, the Convention would adopt a definite plan for the attainment of self-support—such as a Five Year Plan; and if not for full self-support, at least for the attainment of partial self-support within the given time. During the Open Discussion, a recommendation was introduced from a committee of laymen who had been appointed to study the proposed new budget. They suggested that during this forum the following question be discussed: that all matters dealing with personnel (including pastors of churches, principals of schools, and heads of social service projects) should be referred to the Convention Board of Trustees. Because the proposal was such a radical one (in the minds of many present) it did not receive much consideration at this time but was referred to a later business session of the Annual Meeting. A layman thought that closer attention must be paid to a number of questions, such as: are we carrying on evangelism with full regard to the special characteristics of the Japanese people? Do we Christians take a too careless attitude toward veneration of ancestors? Do we not lack a sense of urgency for carrying on social work?

At the worship service on Thursday morning, Rev. Togo Hashimoto preached a sermon on the "Prophetic Mission of the Church". He stressed the responsibility of the church to be mindful of its mission of prophecy; he outlined the prophetic consciousness; and urged that the church serve the nation through evangelism. It was voted that the offering taken at this service (amounting to ¥52.71) should be forwarded for relief work in China.

Among the many actions taken during the business sessions of the Annual Meeting, the following are noted as of special significance (others appear in the list of actions, page 22):

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PLAN OF EVANGELISM (presented by Department of Evangelism). Evangelism during the next year will be carried out under the slogan of "Serving the Nation Through Evangelism". General evangelism will take the forms of: itinerant evangelism, union services, special observance of Baptist Day, Gospel Schools for training of laymen. The Department of Evangelism will help twelve churches in special activities. It will cooperate with local churches in the holding of Farmers' Gospel Schools, conferences with educational leaders and other groups in local districts. Included in the budget is an item of ¥200 to be contributed to the Western Baptist Convention for its Oriental Evangelism which it is doing among the Japanese residents of Dairen.

CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF CONVENTION BOARD OF TRUSTEES. According to the new plan, two trustees are to be elected from each of the Tohoku, Kwanto, and Kwansai District Associations; one trustee from the Inland Sea (and Ryukyu) Association; two from the Missionary Group; two from the Woman's Department; and four will be co-opted.

ORGANIZATION OF ALL JAPAN BAPTIST CONVENTION. This plan calls for the closer cooperation of the Eastern and Western Baptist Conventions. It was voted (1) to seek the cooperation of the Northern and Southern Mission Boards in the forming of one Board of Trustees for all Baptist work in Japan; (2) to unite all churches and institutions of the Eastern and Western Conventions into one All Japan Convention; (3) to unite the two periodicals; (4) the officials of the All Japan Convention are to be the Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees and the Secretaries of the two cooperating Conventions; (5) a meeting of the All Japan Convention is to be held every other year, instead of every three years as at present.

A statement was presented and adopted unanimously to the effect that in view of the emergency situation the members of the East Japan Baptist Convention, deeply conscious of their responsibility to help the nation through the Gospel, will unite in the endeavor to demonstrate through all the activities of the Convention during the coming year their sincere desire to serve their country.

In the closing service, special encouragement was given to Mr. Kotaro Kimura who leaves in the summer for a period of study at Berkeley Seminary.

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Organization of East Japan
Baptist Convention

Executive Board

1939—Kiyoshi Akagawa, D. C. Holtom, Soichi Saito, Hirotaro Tawara, Mrs. Tomiko Utsumi.

1940—Yugoro Chiba (Chairman), Kikusaburo Naruse, Seiichi Ono, Matao Sato, Shuzo Takahashi.

1941—Miss Thomasine Allen, Toshiro Miyaji, Miss Teru Ogawa, Hajime Watanabe, Mitsuhide Yamada.

Members-at-large: Toshiro Miyaji, Shuzo Takahashi, Hajime Watanabe.

Business Committee of Executive Board

Kiyoshi Akagawa, Yugoro Chiba (Chairman), D. C. Holtom, Shuzo Takahashi, Mrs. Tomiko Utsumi, Hajime Watanabe, Mitsuhide Yamada.

Japanese Secretary ............Jin Sugaya.
Missionary Secretary ........Marlin D. Farnum.

Officers of Annual Meeting 1939

President .......................Saburo Namioka.
Vice-presidents .................Genzaburo Shirayama,
J. A. Foote
Convention Pastor .............Riichi Fujiwara.
Associate Convention Pastor .Takao Komoto.
Auditing Committee .............Masamichi Suminokura, Ryoichi Sawano, Nobuo Ando.

Departments of Convention

1. Christian Workers' Benefit Department
Chairman—Toshiro Miyaji.
1939—Mitsuo Watanabe, Takuo Takahashi.
1940—Kenta Seno, Toshiro Miyaji.
1941—Kikusaburo Naruse, Shuji Sugiura.

2. Department of Religious Education
Chairman—Shigeru Aoyagi.
1939—Shigeru Aoyagi, Tógo Hashimoto.
1940—Isamu Chiba, Shigeo Otani.

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1941—Takihiko Yamakita, Saburo Yasumura.

3. Evangelistic Department
Chairman—Hajime Watanabe.
1939—Chumei Suzuki, Takashi Nakai.
1940—Hajime Watanabe, William Axling.
1941—Hiroshi Oguri, Hisakichi Saito.

4. Financial Department
Chairman—Michio Takaya.
1939—Michio Takaya, R. H. Fisher.
1940—Yodo Mukotani, Eizaburo Nakanishi.
1941—Shuhei Yamamoto, Takashi Osaka.

5. Publishing Department
Chairman—Kozue Tomoi.
1939—Keitai Fukutomi, Ukichi Kawaguchi.
1940—J. H. Covell, Ryozo Hara.
1941—Kozue Tomoi, Shozo Hashimoto.

6. Social Service Department
Chairman—Shuzo Takahashi.
1939—Genzo Ogura, Miss Nobu Kishi.
1940—Miss Thomasine Allen, Yoshitsugu Matsumoto.
1941—Tota Fujii, Seimatsu Hachimine.

7. Training of Christian Workers’ Department
Chairman—Ukichi Kawaguchi.
1939—Mitsuhide Yamada, Ryoichi Sawano.
1940—Teruaki Takahashi, J. A. Foote.
1941—Tasuku Sakata, Tadao Naito.

8. Woman’s Department
Chairman—Mrs. Tomiko Utsumi.
1939—Mrs. Tomiko Utsumi, Mrs. Tama Yasumura, Miss Winifred M. Acock.
1940—Miss Gertrude E. Ryder, Mrs. Orie Matsumura.
1941—Miss Teru Ogawa, Miss Misao Sato, Miss Thomasine Allen.

Delegates to National Christian Council
1939—J. A. Foote.
1940—Miss Thomasine Allen, Seijiro Kuroda, Kamori Shimose, Jin Sugaya.

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Hymnal Committee

1940—Hajime Watanabe.

Officers and Trustees of Schools

1. Mabie College (Kanto Gakuin)
   President Emeritus—Yugoro Chiba.
   President—Tasuku Sakata.
   Deans: Middle Department—Tasuku Sakata.
          College of Commerce—Genzaburo Shirayama.
          English School—Ryoichi Sawano.

   Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Hajime Watanabe.
   1939—J. A. Foote, Tota Fujii, D. C. Holton, Fusakichi Watanabe.
   1940—William Axling, J. F. Gressitt, Tasuku Sakata, Genzaburo
          Shirayama, Teruaki Takahashi, Masamichi Uchida, Shuhei
          Yamamoto.
   Executive Committee—Chairman Watanabe, William Axling, Yu-
          goro Chiba, Tota Fujii, Tasuku Sakata.
   Treasurer—J. H. Covell.
   Chairman of Administrative Committee—D. C. Holton.

2. Ella O. Patrick Girls' School (Shokei Jogakko)
   Principal—Shigeto Takahashi.
   Dean of Higher Departments—Iwao Kawamura.

   Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Mitsuhide Yamada.
   1939—Masatoshi Yoshii, Hisakichi Saito, Miss Thomasine Allen.
   1940—Mrs. Nakai, William Axling, Mrs. Mishima.
   1941—Winifred Acock, Mrs. Ando, Mitsuhide Yamada.
   Executive Committee—Mitsuhide Yamada, Masatoshi Yoshii,
       Mrs. Ando.
   Secretary—Masatoshi Yoshii.
Treasurer—(not elected at time of printing)

3. **Hinomoto Girls' School**
   Principal—Saburo Namioka.

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Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Saburo Namioka.
   1939—J. A. Foote, Mrs. Harue Hara, Mrs. Tama Yasumura.
   1940—Mrs. Y. Umeda, Kenta Seno.
   1941—Kozo Abe, Mrs. F. Mashimo, Miss Goldie Nicholson.
   Secretaries—Mrs. Harue Hara,
   Treasurer—Miss Goldie Nicholson.

4. **Mary L. Colby School** (Soshin Jogakko)
   Principal—Tasuku Sakata.

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Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Isamu Chiba.
   1939—Isamu Chiba, Winifred M. Acock.
   1940—Miss Chiyo Yamada, R. H. Fisher.
   1941—Mrs. Toshi Ogura.
   1942—Mr. Ryoichi Sawano.
   Secretaries—Mr. Ryoichi Sawano, Miss Winifred M. Acock.
   Treasurer—Miss Winifred M. Acock.

**Officers and Trustees of Social Institutions**

1. **Mead Christian Center**
   Director—Saburo Yasumura

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Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Noboru Otsuka.
   1938—Kenta Seno, Mrs. Teruno Kimura.
   1939—Shuhei Yamamoto, Mrs. Hibiko Naruse.
   1940—Mrs. Suzuki Sado, Mrs. J. A. Foote.
   Executive Committee—Mrs. Naruse, Mrs. Foote, Shuhei Yamamoto.
   Secretaries—Mrs. Naruse, Mrs. Foote.
   Treasurer—Saburo Yasumura.
   Auditors—Kenta Seno, Mrs. Foote.

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2. Waseda Hoshien Student Center
   Director—H. B. Benninghoff.
   Business Manager—Yodo Mukotani.

Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Tadaoki Yamamoto.
   1938—Riichiro Hoashi, Toshio Kakizaki, William Axling, J. H.
     Covell, Junichi Natori.
   1939—M. Shiozawa, R. Kagaya, Tota Fujii, Nobuo Tokita, Yodo-
     Mukotani.
   1940—Tadaoki Yamamoto, Makoto Tsujii, Teizo Tada, H. B.
     Benninghoff, Ukichi Kawaguchi.
   Secretary and Treasurer—Yodo Mukotani.
   Auditors—Tota Fujii, Nobuo Tokita.

Waseda International Institute
President—Tadaoki Yamamoto.
   Director—Junichi Natori.

3. Misaki and Fukagawa Tabernacles
   Honorary Director—William Axling.
   Director—Tota Fujii.
   Associate Director—Isamu Chiba.
   Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Tasuku Sakata.
   1941—Tasuku Sakata, Takihiko Yamakita, Tota Fujii, Takashi
     Nakai, Yuichiro Akimoto, Yodo Mukotani, R. H. Fisher, Masa-
     michi Suminokura, Shozo Hashimoto,
   Executive Committee—Tasuku Sakata, Tota Fujii, Takihiko Yama-
     kita.
   Secretaries—Marlin D. Farnum, Isamu Chiba.
   Treasurer—Marlin D. Farnum.

4. Rifu Rural Center
   Director—Hisakichi Saito.

5. Tenny Memorial Dormitory (for theological students)
   Director—Ukichi Kawaguchi.

6. Young Women's Dormitory
   Director—Gertrude E. Ryder.
   Matron—Miss Ine Isayama.

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Ryoichi Sawano.
1938—Mrs. Teruko Tomoi
1939—Miss Winifred A. Acock, Ryoichi Sawano.
1940—Mrs. Toshiko Sasaki, Kiyoki Yuya,
1941—Mrs. Farnum.
Secretary—Miss Ine Isayama.
Treasurer—Miss Gertrude E. Ryder.
Auditors—Kiyoki Yuya, Mrs. Toshiko Sasaki.

Actions of Executive Board
List of More Important Actions
Taken by
Executive Board of East Japan Baptist Convention
June 9, 1937—May 19, 1938

June 9, 1937

WASEDA HOSHIEN, RE-ERECTING BUILDING
VOTED To approve the plan of the Hoshien trustees to accept the gift
of an old building offered by Waseda University to be used for
the International Institute, and raise about ¥10,000 for removal and re-
building. It will contain classrooms on the second floor and a gymna-
sium on the first. Thanks for the generous gift were expressed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR BAPTIST HOUSE
VOTED To approve the purchase of land for the theological dormitory
(Tenny Memorial) near Denenchofu, and ask the following
persons to constitute the Executive Committee for the erection of the

July 3, 1937

FUKIAI CHURCH, KOBE, BUILDING REPORT
The Fukiai Church's Building Committee sends the following report:

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<td>200.00 Furniture</td>
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<td>Sale of Church land</td>
<td>6876.80 Equipment</td>
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<td>Church Members' Gifts</td>
<td>398.00 Business Expenses</td>
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Mothers' Association ...... 760.00 Dedication, etc. .............. 296.63
Graduates' Gifts ........... 444.88 Plans and Supervision .... 500.00
Interest .................... 9.16 Miscellaneous ............. 152.30

 Naples63.55 Napes63.55

UNIFIED FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN
VOTED To ask Mr. M. Takaya to be the Chairman of the Financial
Department, and refer to him the appointment of members of
the committee on the Unified Financial Campaign (an effort to raise
N3500 among the churches of the Convention for advance work).

September 14, 1937

JAPANESE SECRETARY OF CONVENTION
On recommendation of the sub-committee,
VOTED To ask Mr. Jin Sugaya, while continuing his work as pastor of
the Kawasaki Church, to serve until the next meeting of the
Convention as secretary, assisting the Chairman in the work of the
Convention, it being understood that he will give at least three days a
week to the work.

BORROWING FUNDS FOR URGENT NEEDS
Several departments and some of the chapels and churches are
now receiving aid from the Unified Financial Campaign and are in fi-
nancial distress because funds are slow in coming in from the churches.
The Financial Department is trying to work out a plan to advance funds
and repay them from apportionments as received. The question was
discussed somewhat but was left to the Financial Department for more
careful consideration.

(Recommendations from Woman’s Department)

MEAD CHRISTIAN CENTER, ALTERATIONS
Mr. Yasumura met the Financial Department and presented blue
prints showing the changes being made on the “Community Building” at
Mead Christian Center, Juso, Osaka. Funds, N803.65, are being supplied
by the Kindergarten mothers and other friends.

Upon the approval of both the Financial and the Woman’s Depart-
ments,
VOTED To approve the alterations at Mead Christian Center, for which
all funds are supplied outside the budget.

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JAPAN BAPTIST ANNUAL

Mr. Chiba reported that the Publishing Department, in response to the request of the Missionary Group for conference regarding the Japan Baptist Annual, had appointed Mr. Kawaguchi to work with the missionary Publicity Committee.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1938-1939

VOTED To request the Board to make a gross appropriation of ¥56,771 for the financial year 1938-1939. (See P. 20)

DR. AND MRS. AXLING, SERVING BEYOND RETIREMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Axling will normally retire from service in August, 1938. Chairman Chiba was asked to talk with Dr. Axling about the matter, and upon his report that they would be willing to continue in service should they be requested to do so,

VOTED To request the Board of Managers to continue Dr. and Mrs. Axling in active service for an additional three years.

(NOTE: This was a routine action made necessary by a Board ruling to the effect that when a missionary reaches retiring age, "the period of service may be extended by agreement between the Missions and the Board, such extension to be reconsidered every three years.")

SHODOSHIMA, INLAND SEA, RECOGNITION AS CHURCH

VOTED To approve the request of the Shodoshima Chapel for recognition as a church. (Offerings are already more than required and it is expected that the membership will soon reach the standard.)

(NOTE: The Convention constitution provides that a chapel is qualified for recognition as a church when it has more than 20 members and its annual offerings for general expenses amount to ¥200.)

MISS THARP'S FURLough AND RETURN TO FIELD

VOTED To request provision for Miss Tharp's furlough (15 months) to begin in the summer of 1938, and her return to the field at its expiration.

MR. TOPPING'S LANGUAGE ABILITY

Dr. Deckers' inquiry as to Mr. Topping's language ability was reported. The immediate reaction was that his language ability is unusually fine; besides having done all the work required by the School of
Japanese Language and Culture, he has the natural advantage of one who has spent early years in the country.

(NOTE: Dr. Decker's was a routine inquiry in keeping with the Board's desire to obtain "definite and comprehensive information as to what missionaries have accomplished in language study in their first term.")

POLICY OF BOARD REGARDING SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

Dr. Decker's letter of October 5th was read, stating the Board's profound sympathy with the suffering peoples in the East and their purpose to continue Christian work to the utmost possibility.

VOTED To instruct the secretary to express to the Board of Managers our gratitude for their sympathy and say that we are praying for the speedy restoration of peace.

TAJIMA, HIMEJI FIELD, REQUEST FOR AID IN RURAL WORK

The request of the Tajima Chapel for ¥400 aid in rural work was heard with sympathy, and it was voted to suggest that they confer with the associated missionary, Mr. Foote.

MABIE COLLEGE, SELF-SUPPORT

In response to the request of the Board of Managers for full information as to Mabie College's present plans, after careful consideration the Board of Trustees of Mabie College presented plans which were approved, as follows:

VOTED To request the Board of Managers for an annual grant of ¥3700, beginning with 1938-39 and continuing for ten years or until the Endowment Fund shall have reached the sum of ¥100,000. (The interest on the Endowment Fund will then be available for current expenses.)

(Recommendations from Woman's Department)

CONVERSE MEMORIAL CHAPEL (REPORT)

Because of lack of funds, in order to have the Converse Memorial Chapel ready for the fiftieth anniversary, it has become necessary to
change the plans completely and erect a very simple building costing ¥12,000 instead of ¥30,000 as originally planned. The building is now in course of construction.

REINFORCEMENTS

VOTED To approve the recommendation of the Woman's Department requesting the Board to send two new missionaries to Japan at the earliest possible date.

FURLOUGH, MISS BIXBY

Approving the Department's action,

VOTED To recommend that Miss Bixby take her furlough (due in June, 1937) from the summer of 1938, for fifteen months.

MISS PAWLEY'S RETURN TO AMERICA

Deep regret was expressed that Miss Pawley's home responsibilities make it impossible for her to remain longer than the three years contracted for.

VOTED To request the Board of Managers to provide passage home for Miss Pawley in the budget for 1938-1939.

ZAIDAN HOJIN FOR MEAD CHRISTIAN CENTER

Mr. Yasumura finds that there would be many advantages in organizing a Zaidan Hojin (Foundational Juridical Person) for Mead Christian Center, and Osaka City authorities have told him that this will be possible if the Convention will send him a certificate that the appropriation (¥4800) is used for the Center's work. General approval was expressed and it was voted to study the question carefully.

HINOMOTO GIRLS' SCHOOL, SELF-SUPPORT IMMEDIATELY IMPOSSIBLE

Miss Bixby gave in detail the conditions to be met in bringing Hinomoto Girls' School to self-support. The Woman's Department recorded its judgment that because of the lack of land, buildings and equipment, and the impossibility of raising money rapidly, the School cannot attain self-support in the near future; and it was,

VOTED To approve the recommendation of the Hinomoto Girls' School trustees that the goal of buildings and equipment for a school of 450 be reached before raising the question of land, buildings, and
equipment for a student body of 600 (as is required for self-support).

FINANCIAL REQUESTS, 1938-1939

VOTED To request the Woman's Board to appropriate in gross for the year 1938-39 the sum of ¥31,800. (See P. 20, 21)

TRAINING OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS

VOTED To amend the rules governing young women studying on scholarships, as follows: 1. Students shall pay their own medical bills.
2. From April, 1938, the scholarship shall cover the dormitory board and ¥5 for miscellaneous expenses including travel.
3. The amount to be allowed for books shall be determined at the beginning of each term, in consultation with the Committee on Training of Christian Workers.
4. Each student shall call at the home of the Chairman of the Woman's Department or of some member of the Committee on Training every month in order to get better acquainted and to receive her allowance. At present ¥1 a month shall be allowed for this travel.
5. The amount of the scholarship is subject to change according to circumstances.

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

As a part of the new plan to hold women's conferences for fellowship and inspiration, it was,

VOTED To hold a meeting for the women of Kanto District at the Young Women's Dormitory February 8, 1938, expenses to be borne by the Woman's Department. Women from outlying towns and villages will be specially urged to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Recognizing the loss to Baptist work caused by the inability of the Girls' Schools to carry on Sunday Schools now as was formerly done, the Woman's Department is trying to make a plan to build up Sunday Schools, first in the Kansai, possibly Tatsuno and Kanzakikawa or Tsukamoto.

VOTED To aid each of these Sunday Schools to the amount of ¥30 (¥60 for the two), from the gifts of the National Woman's Society.
November 19, 1937

MEGURO CHAPEL, TOKYO, BUILDING

VOTED To accept with approval the plan of the Finance Department to set the budget for the erection of the Meguro Chapel at ¥2000—¥1650 for the building and ¥350 for equipment; borrowing ¥1100 and repaying it from the rent appropriation.

(Recommendations from Woman's Department)

ELLA O. PATRICK GIRLS' SCHOOL, DEFER PAYMENT OF LOAN

Because of the long illness of Principal Ando, followed by his death on November 8th, Ella O. Patrick Girls' School has made slower progress than was expected and, at the end of September, was in debt for running expenses. In accordance with the recommendation of the trustees and of the Woman's Department,

VOTED To request the Woman's Board for permission to defer payment of interest and the first instalment of the $7000 loan to the School, for one year.

December 17, 1937

MR. AND MRS. FARNUM, CHANGE OF DESIGNATION

Mr. Farnum was present and stated briefly some of the difficulties confronting his family. For health and family reasons,

VOTED That Mr. and Mrs. Farnum should move to Tokyo, an appropriate designation to be made later.

MR. KOTARO KIMURA, PASTOR, TANABE CHURCH, OSAKA, STUDY IN AMERICA

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Foote and the promise of President Fleming to provide for the necessary expenses for study in the Berkeley Divinity School,

VOTED To approve Mr. Kimura's desire to go to America for three school years in the Berkeley Divinity School on the above arrangement, it being understood that he will provide his own travel.

January 27, 1938

DESIGNATION OF MR. AND MRS. FARNUM

VOTED To designate Mr. and Mrs. Farnum to Misaki Tabernacle, as the associated missionaries.

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VISIT OF DR. W. H. BOWLER
VOTED To ask Miss Tharp, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Sugaya to make an itinerary for Dr. Bowler when information regarding his approaching visit is received.

DR. DECKER'S VISIT TO THE ORIENT
The dates of Dr. Decker’s visit to the Far East, in connection with the Madras Conference, in December, 1938, are not fixed.
VOTED To welcome Dr. Decker to Japan.

March 4, 1938

INLAND SEA, WORK
After hearing Mr. Farnum’s opinion,
VOTED That the Executive Board take final action on matters pertaining to the evangelistic work of the Inland Sea field.

MR. AXLING, SECRETARY EMERITUS OF MISAKI TABERNACLE
In harmony with Director Fujii’s request,
VOTED To make Mr. Axling Secretary Emeritus of Misaki Tabernacle.

KAMAISHI MEN’S HOSTEL
The Financial Department reported with hearty approval the plan of the Kamaishi Church to move to the church grounds and enlarge a building offered by a member of the church, the building to be used as a hostel for office men and others connected with the mines for whom there are now no suitable living quarters in Kamaishi. A member of the church will be in charge of the hostel. The necessary funds, ¥2200, are to be secured as follows: gifts in hand, ¥700; gifts to be secured, ¥800; Kamaishi Church, ¥200; borrow, ¥1000.
VOTED To approve the above plan, with the understanding that ¥20 a month will be paid on the loan, from the Kamaishi Church’s budget.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, GIFT TOWARD BUDGET
In accordance with the request of the N. C. C. (January 27th),
VOTED To make a gift of ¥50 from the Reserve Fund toward the work of the National Christian Council for the current year.

(Recommendations from Woman’s Department)

MISS NICHOLSON TO HINOMOTO GIRLS' SCHOOL
VOTED To designate Miss Nicholson to Hinomoto Girls' School during Miss Bixby’s furlough.
MISS FELICIA GRESSITT TO MARY L. COLBY GIRLS' SCHOOL

Upon request of the trustees of Mary L. Colby Girls' School,
VOTED To ask the Board to make it possible for Miss Felicia Gressitt
to do part-time work at Mary L. Colby Girls' School, begin-
ning September 1st, as Miss Pawley will return to America during the
summer.

REQUEST FOR NEW MISSIONARY (See P. 15)
VOTED To reiterate our request for the appointment of at least one
new missionary, with the understanding that her first designa-
tion would be to the School of Japanese Language and Culture, Tokyo.

MORIOKA, HCMARE CHRISTIAN CENTER

The Woman's Department presented with approval Miss Allen's
request for permission "to move her work from Morioka to some needy
country place where no Christian work is being done; to take a vacation
of several months for rest, further preparation for such work, and con-
sideration of several possible places for work." After discussion with
Miss Allen, the Business Committee agreed that the closing of the work
in Morioka was unavoidable.
VOTED To approve Miss Allen's desire to close the work in Morioka
and rest for a time in Tokyo.

April 20, 1938

FUKAGAWA TABERNACLE CLINIC, TOKYO
VOTED To approve the plan to erect a clinic building in connection
with Fukagawa Tabernacle, the cost, to be about ¥10,000, which
is to be secured in gifts, none to be requested from the Board.

INLAND SEA EVANGELISTIC WORK

Regarding the inquiry of the Standing Committee of Missionary
Group as to the policy of the Executive Board with reference to mis-
missionary connection with the Inland Sea field,
VOTED To express the opinion that it is not well to send a missionary
to the Inland Sea field and that the Executive Board should
continue to bear direct responsibility for the work.

MISSION RESIDENCE, SHIGEI, INLAND SEA
VOTED To suggest to the Shadan that the mission residence and land
at Shigei be sold, except that part of the land now being used

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by the Church young people for the growing of oranges.

**JAPAN BAPTIST HISTORY**

**VOTED** To issue Volume III of "A Short History of Baptists in Japan" (by Tateo Takahashi) and ask the Publishing Department to collect the materials.

**ALLOTMENT OF BUDGET FOR 1938-1939**

**VOTED** To allot the budget for 1938-39 as given below:

**ABFMS, SUMMARY OF BUDGET, REQUEST AND ALLOTMENT 1938-1939**

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(Recommendations from Woman's Department)

**ALLOTMENT OF WOMAN'S BUDGET, 1938-1939**

**VOTED** To allot the budget for 1938-39 as given below:

**WABFMS, SUMMARY OF BUDGET, REQUEST AND ALLOTMENT FOR 1938-1939**

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MORIOKA  Miss Allen ...... 1650  1650†
OSAKA    Mead Christian  
         Center ..........  4800  4800

TRAINING OF CHRISTIAN
WORKERS .................... 1000  1000
SPECIAL EVANG. CONFERENCES
AND MEETINGS ............... 1000  1000

II. Educational Work ...............¥15550  ¥15550
HIMEJI  Hinomoto Girls'  
        School ........¥5000  ¥5000
SENDAI  Ella O. Patrick  
        Girls' School .. 8550  8550
YOKOHAMA Mary L. Colby Girls'  
        School .......... 2000  2000

III. Other Items .................¥5060  ¥5130
Woman's Department ............¥ 450  ¥ 450
Christian Workers' Benefit Depart-
         ment .................... 250  250
Taxes and Insurance ............ 2200  2200
Language Study—Miss Cuddeback  250  250
        "        "        Patten ... 250  250
Japan Baptist Annual (English)  100  100
Convention Office Expense ......  60  60
Reserve Fund ................... 1500  1500

¥31800  ¥31800

Appropriation in gross from WABFMS, 1938-39, ............¥31800
Designated Gifts:
Burton Bible Class, Himeji Bible Woman ..................... 70
Kindergarten Training School  ......................... 3150

WABFMS, Total Appropriation .......................¥35020

† Morioka work was closed March 31, 1938. New place of work is not decided.
FINANCIAL REPORT 1937-38; PLAN FOR ONE TREASURY
VOTED To refer to the Secretaries, the Treasurer, and the Finance Department the making of a complete report of the finances for 1937-38, and the consideration of a plan to have all moneys of the Convention pass through the hands of one treasurer.

MARY L. COLBY GIRLS' SCHOOL, PREACHING PLACE
Mary L. Colby Girls' School has secured the full-time service of Rev. Nobuo Tokita, who is director of religious work. Principal Sakata presented a request for recognition of the group of believers there as a preaching place. After some discussion, the question was tabled.

(Actions Taken at Business Sessions of Annual Meeting, May 18-19)

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION, ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
VOTED To amend the Constitution according to the plan of the Kanto Association, and elect trustees as follows:
7 representatives of the Associations; 2 from the Woman's Department; 2 from the Missionary Group; 4 members-at-large to be nominated by the Executive Board. Those now on the Board will finish their terms; hence, this year only three members-at-large will be elected. Each Association shall elect a chairman, who shall be its representative on the Executive Board.

ALLOTMENT OF BUDGET, 1938-39
The Executive Board's recommendation for the allotment of the budget was discussed and a committee appointed to give it further study. One of their proposals was that the apportionments requested from the member organizations be increased 10%. After full discussion and in harmony with the committee's report,
VOTED To allot the budget for 1938-1939 as below:

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CHANGE IN METHOD OF MAKING APPORTIONMENTS

VOTED To approve the Executive Board's recommendation that the rate at which aided churches are assessed Convention Dues shall be based on one-half the amount of aid they receive, instead of the total aid as heretofore.

SHADAN. SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT

(NOTE: The term Shadan means a property-holding body incorporated in accordance with Japanese law. As it is awkward to render the expression in English, the Japanese term is used consistently throughout the pages of this report. Up to the present, membership in the Shadan has been entirely missionary; but recently negotiations have been completed to revise the constitution of the Shadan so as to include Japanese in the membership.)

VOTED To approve making a supplementary agreement with the Boards of Managers of the ABFMS and the WABFMS when the revised Shadan Constitution goes into effect, including the following points: 1) The name "American Baptist Foreign Mission Society" includes both Societies. 2) Missionary residential properties are held in trust for the Societies and if sold, the proceeds shall automatically revert to the Society concerned. 3) Transfer or contribution of properties to a similar legal body shall be made only after full consultation with the Board of Managers.

ELECTION OF CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVES IN SHADAN

It being understood that the two Boards of Managers have already approved the revised Constitution of the Shadan with the exception of the points covered in the supplementary agreement, in order that there may be no loss of time when final action is appropriate here,

VOTED To authorize the Executive Board to elect necessary trustees for the Shadan up to the number of 20.

CONVENTION SECRETARY

VOTED To approve the recommendation of the Executive Board and ask Mr. Sugaya to serve for another year on the present half-time basis.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY

Miss Tharp was elected missionary secretary for a three-year term, but during her furlough,

VOTED To ask Mr. Farnum to be missionary secretary of the Convention.
EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY
VOTED To ask the Secretary to write letters of greeting to Mr. Hanaoka, Mr. Hayashi, and Mr. Yasumura, who are in the war zone.

VOTED To express sympathy to Mr. T. Miyaji, whose son was killed in action. The Convention stood for a moment of silent prayer.

May 19, 1938

ORGANIZATION
CHAIRMAN Mr. Chiba was elected chairman.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE Besides Chairman Chiba, who is ex officio chairman of the Business Committee: Mr. Akagawa, Mr. Holtom, Mr. S. Takahashi, Mrs. Utsumi, Mr. Watanabe, Mr. Yamada.

ROKUMANTAI CHO, OSAKA, USE OF FUNDS
The residential property at Rokumantai Cho, Osaka, having been sold for ¥17,304.35 net and the Board having appropriated ¥10,000 of this amount for projects on the Osaka field, Mr. Foote presented the following plan for the use of the fund:

Nara church building, ¥4000 (the church to raise in addition ¥7000 in America and $1000 in Japan); purchase of land in Tanabe, ¥5500; for Kizu land, ¥500. Total, ¥10,000.

VOTED To approve the above plan with the condition that Sec. Sugaya investigate the Kizu land before purchase is made.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL'S RURAL CENTER
The N. C. C. having asked us to send them students, upon Mr. H. Saito's (Director of Rifu Rural Center) recommendation,

VOTED To send Mr. E. Suzuki, the cost of ¥5 a month to be borne by the Evangelistic Department from its budget for rural work.

N. C. C. SOCIAL SERVICE DISCUSSION
The N. C. C. plans to hold a meeting for the discussion of social service, at Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo. They ask us to send twenty delegates. The cost is ¥1 each.

VOTED To refer the matter to the Social Service Department with power.

INLAND SEA WORK, ASSOCIATED MISSIONARY
VOTED To appoint Secretary Sugaya as the associated missionary for the Inland Sea work. It is understood that this transfers the funds to him.

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Annual Retreat of Japan Baptist Missionary Group

Meeting at Gotemba, May 14-16, 1938

Though the Annual Meeting of the East Japan Baptist Convention was held in Osaka, the Missionary Group this year departed from the previous custom of holding its Retreat in the same place as the Convention, and met at Ninooka, Gotemba. This was to make it possible for a larger number, especially the families, to attend.

The cottages of Mr. and Mrs. Bouldin, Mr. and Mrs. Hereford, and Miss Acock were placed at the disposal of the Missionary Group. By the careful planning of the Committee on Arrangements, everything was most comfortably and economically planned. With the exception of one of the wives and two of the "big" children, all members of the mission family at the time present in Japan were in attendance upon at least some of the sessions of Retreat. Several things contributed to make it a Retreat long to be remembered: the good attendance, the very adequate preparations that had been made for our comfort, and the ideal weather which made it possible for us to look up to Mt. Fuji's majestic peak almost constantly.

Officers of Retreat

Chairman .......................... R. H. Fisher
Secretary .......................... Miss Tharp
Committee on Arrangements ........ Miss Pawley, Chairman;
                                 Miss Acock; Mrs. Covell;
                                 Miss Tharp.
Music Committee ..................... Miss Bixby
Finance Committee .................. Mr. Fisher
Committee on Lodgings, Annual
                                       Convention .................. Mr. Foote

Program

Saturday, May 14.
6:00 P.M Supper
7:30 Devotional Service  Leader, Miss Pawley
8:00 Business
**Sunday, May 15.**

7:30 A.M. Breakfast

10:00 Worship
Communion Service
Preacher, Dr. Holtom
Pastor Holtom

12:00 Lunch

2:00 P.M. Address
Discussion
Dr. Axling

3:30 Recess

4:00 Young People’s Meeting
Home Correspondence
Leader, Frances Foote

5:30 Recess

7:30 Service of Song and Prayer
Leader, Dr. Bouldin

**Monday, May 16.**

7:00 A.M. Breakfast

8:30 Meeting of Shadan
Election of Officers and Committeemen
Unfinished Business

10:00 Address
Discussion
Dr. Benninghoff

11:30 Closing Devotional Service
Leader, Retiring Chairman

12:00 Adjournment and lunch.

The opening devotional service on Saturday evening was made significant by Miss Pawley’s very effective reading of the entire fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Here, too, was introduced the “Conference hymn”, “The Kingdom of God” (Milligan-Heins).

On Sunday morning before the worship service, there was a beautiful baptism when Dr. Foote baptized his two daughters, Frances and Miriam. At ten o'clock, we met in the Ninooka Chapel for worship. Dr. Holtom preached the annual sermon on the subject “Fear and the Kingdom” (Luke 12:32). During the Communion Service, Frances and Miriam Foote, Henry Fisher and Alice Covell (the latter two had been baptized during the spring at Mabie College) were received into the fellowship of the Mission Church.

Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Dr. Axling made a report on his visit to North China during last April. After a recess for tea there occurred what always proves to be one of the most interesting events of our Retreat program. This was the reading of letters from many of
the "mission children", former members of the mission, and friends; after which the young people of the mission family presented a program of music.

A very happy Sunday was brought to a close in the evening by a helpful service of song and prayer led by Dr. Bouldin, pastor of the Yokohama Union Church.

Monday forenoon, Dr. Benninghoff spoke informally on "Thoughts on Returning from Furlough". And at half past twelve, the forty-ninth Annual Meeting of Japan representatives of the A. B. F. M. S. and W. A. B. F. M. S. was concluded with the closing devotional service, led by the retiring chairman, Mr. Fisher.

This brief report does not make mention of the business sessions—the more important items of business are included in the "List of More Important Actions" on pages 35, 36 and the result of nominations to various offices is seen in the list of "Officers and Committees" given below.

Japan Baptist Missionary Group
Officers and Committees, 1938-1939

Secretary                      M. D. Farnum
Standing Committee             H. B. Benninghoff, Chairman, 1939
                                 Miss Allen, 1939
                                 J. A. Foote, 1940
                                 J. H. Covell, 1941
                                 Miss Ryder, 1940
Chairman of Retreat            Miss Cuddeback
Representatives on Boards of Trustees
American School in Japan       R. H. Fisher, 1939
Kindergarten Training School   William Axling, 1940
Woman's Christian College      Mrs. Fisher, 1939
Auditor of Missionary Accounts R. H. Fisher

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Correspondence with Mission Children & Former Members of Mission

Mrs. Fisher, 1939.

Mrs. Farnum, 1940.

Health Advisors

Mrs. Fisher, 1939.


Language Committee

H. B. Benninghoff, 1939.

Publicity & History Committee

Secretary,

Miss Acock

J. H. Covell

Shadan

J. A. Foote, William Axling.

Miss Ryder, J. H. Covell,

R. H. Fisher.

Mission Church Organization

Pastor

H. B. Benninghoff

Deacon

R. H. Fisher

Deaconess

Miss Acock

Clerk

Miss Patten

List of more Important Actions
Taken by Missionary Group
Upon Recommendation of Standing Committee
September 6, 1937—May 16, 1938

September 6, 1937

(Enlarged Meeting—Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh Present)

HOUSE FOR MRS. STANNARD AND CHILDREN, OF NINGPO

Since it is impossible for Dr. Stannard’s family to go into China under the present circumstances, he is anxious to get them comfortably settled and try to go on alone. After considerable discussion it was,

VOTED To make arrangements for Mrs. Stannard to occupy the Komazawa residence.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, HOUSING SURVEY

Report was made of a letter received from the National Christian Council asking how many missionaries could be accommodated in vacant
houses or in homes in the five large cities, should the evacuation of China be necessary.

SENDAI, FOREIGN HOUSE; BUZZELL HOUSE

In order to make the foreign house available as a dormitory, for which there is a pressing need, Mr. Ando has asked Miss Patten and Miss Jesse if they would be willing to move to Buzzell House. They have thought it over carefully and agreed to do so. Therefore, VOTED To ask the Woman's Board to pay the taxes and upkeep for Buzzell House, it being expected that the school will pay such expenses for the house on the school grounds.

BAPTIST HISTORY

Due to Mr. Axling's resignation from the committee, VOTED To ask Miss Tharp to be chairman of the committee to edit Mr. Wynd's manuscript on Baptist history. Mr. Covell was asked to succeed Mrs. Gressitt, who is soon to go on furlough.

October 19, 1937

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL BOARD

Dr. Decker's letter of December 30th was read, VOTED To express our appreciation of the policy adopted by the Boards of Managers regarding the situation in the Far East, and to assure them of our readiness to render such assistance as is possible in caring for refugee missionaries from China.

RECOMMENDING SALE, ROKUMANTAI CHO, OSAKA

Mr. Foote reported a definite offer for the property, and it was, VOTED To cable the Board recommending the acceptance of the offer of ¥18,000 less 2½% commission, all the expense of transfer and an equal share of the commission to be borne by the buyer. An immediate reply by cable is requested.

TRANSFER OF 75 BLUFF, YOKOHAMA, TO MABIE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

In order to secure exemption from taxation and to make available to Mabie College Foundation any income from the property, which is already promised to the Foundation by the Board,
VOTED To recommend that the Board grant the request of the Mabie College Foundation for the immediate transfer of the 75 Bluff property to the Foundation.

APPROPRIATION IN AID OF AMERICAN SCHOOL IN JAPAN
VOTED To request the Board to appropriate for the American School ¥1800 for the year 1938-1939 on the following basis: Covell children, 3; Farnum 1, possibly 2; Fisher, 1; Foote, 2; Topping, 1. It is understood that should any portion of the appropriation be not needed on the basis of ¥200 per child in attendance at the School, it will revert to the Board.

April 15, 1938

ANNUAL MISSIONARY RETREAT
 Conversations with members of the Missionary Group indicate general approval of Mr. Foote's suggestion that the Retreat be held in the Kanto.
VOTED To hold the Retreat at Gotemba May 14-16th, beginning on Saturday 4 P.M. and closing Monday noon. Details of arrangements and program were committed to the Kanto members of the Standing Committee with power. Travel to be pooled.
Chairman: Miss Allen's resignation as chairman of the Retreat was accepted with regret. Mr. Fisher was elected to succeed her.

MISSIONARY IN INLAND SEA FIELD, POLICY
VOTED To suggest that the Executive Board define its policy with regard to missionary connection with the Inland Sea field.

May 14-16, 1938

(Actions Taken at Business Sessions of Annual Retreat)

TIME OF DR. DECKER'S VISIT TO JAPAN
VOTED To suggest to the Executive Board the advisability of asking Dr. Decker to change his itinerary and make an extended visit to Japan on his way to Madras.

EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY IN SENDAI AND OSAKA
VOTED To recommend that the General Board's property used by Ella O. Patrick Girls' School be exchanged for the Woman's Board's
property in Osaka used by the General Board as a residence for Mr. and Mrs. Foote.

REMODELLING JUSO HOUSE, OSAKA OCCUPIED BY MR. AND MRS. FOOTE

VOTED To recommend that the Juso house be remodelled to make two apartments (first floor and second floor), and to ask Mr. Foote to get an estimate on the cost, on the basis of sketches presented to the Standing Committee.

SPECIAL FUND IN CARE OF MISSIONARY GROUP

The Standing Committee presented for discussion by the Missionary Group the question of asking the Board to place at the disposal of the Group a small fund to cover such items as language study, travel, and moving expenses. The Missionary Group,

VOTED To refer the question to the incoming Standing Committee for study and report as soon as practicable.

SALE OF SHIGEI, INLAND SEA, RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

The Standing Committee "voted to bring to the Missionary Group for discussion the possibility of selling the mission residential property in Shigei if and when a reasonable price is offered." After considerable discussion, the Missionary Group

VOTED To recommend that the Shigei residential property be offered for sale.

CONSTITUTION OF SHADAN

VOTED To instruct Mr. Fisher to file the revised Constitution of the *Nippon Baptist Dendo Shadan* (official name of Shadan as registered with Government) with the Government as of May 16th and send the supplementary document to the two Boards.
DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARIES

(NAME AND ADDRESS:)

Acock, Miss Winifred M., 1922—1 of 8 Nakamura, Kanagawa, Ku, Yokohama. (Tel. Kanagawa 2175).

Allen, Miss Thomasine, 1915—Kuji, Iwate Ken.

Axling, Rev. (D. D.) and Mrs. William, 1901—5 Nichome, Shirakawa Cho, Fukagawa Ku, Tokyo. (Tel. Kanda 3115).

Benninghoff, Rev. (D. D.) and Mrs. Harry B., 1907—551 Itchome, Totsuka Machi, Yodobashi Ku, Tokyo. (Tel. Ushigome 3687).

Bixby, Miss Alice C., 1914—c/o C. E. Bixby, 133 Chatham Road, Syracuse, N. Y., U.S.A.

Covell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard, 1920—1 of 73 Kanoe Dai, Naka Ku, Yokohama. (Tel. Kanto Gakuin, Choja Machi, 201, 1253).

Cuddeback, Miss Margaret E., 1931—50 Itchome, Minami Dori, Moto Imasato, Higashi Yodogawa Ku, Osaka.

Farnum, Rev. and Mrs. Marlin D., 1927—820 Nichome, Shimouma Machi, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo. (Tel. Setagaya 2674).

Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Haigh, 1914—1 of 73 Kanoe Dai, Naka Ku, Yokohama. (Tel. Kanto Gakuin, Choja Machi, 201, 1253).

Foote, Rev. (D. D.) and Mrs. John A., 1912, 1911—58 Itchome, Minami Dori, Moto Imasato, Higashi Yodogawa Ku, Osaka.

Gressitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fullerton, 1907—475 Nichome, Kami Kitazawa, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo.

Holtom, Rev. (Ph. D., D. D.) and Mrs. Daniel C., 1910—1 of 4 Miharu Dai, Naka Ku, Yokohama. (Tel. Kanto Gakuin, Choja Machi 201, 1253).

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On faculty of Mary L. Colby Girls' School (Soshin Jogakko).

Special work with women and children, Northeastern District.

Honorary Secretary of Misaki and Fukagawa Tabernacles; Associated Missionary, Churches of the Northeastern District, Honorary Secretary of National Christian Council.

Director of Waseda Hoshien (Garden of Service) Student Center.

On furlough.

On faculty of Mabie College (Kanto Gakuin).

Associated Missionary, Mead Christian Center.

Associated Missionary, Misaki Tabernacle, Acting Secretary of Missionary Group.

On faculty of Mabie College (Kanto Gakuin).

Associated Missionary, Churches of Osaka District.

Mission Treasurer; On faculty of Mabie College (Kanto Gakuin).

Professor, Theological Department, Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo.

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Jesse, Miss Mary D., 1911—5 of 12 On faculty of Ella O. Patrick Girls' Kita Yoban Cho, Sendai. School (Shokei Jogakko).


Patten, Miss Lora M., 1936—51 Language Study. Itchome, Demma Cho, Yotsuya Ku, Tokyo.

Ryder, Miss Gertrude E., 1907—51 Director of Yotsuya Young Women's Itchome, Demma Cho, Yotsuya Dormitory. Ku, Tokyo.

Tharp, Miss Elma R., 1918—c/o R. On furlough. E. Tharp, 500 E. 5th St., Ellensburg, Washington, U.S.A.

Topping, Rev. and Mrs. Willard F., Associated Missionary, churches of 1926, 1921—Himeji, Japan. Himeji district.

Retired or Not in Active Service

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Bickel, Mrs. L. W.—c/o Mrs. Gervase Lee, 76 All Saints Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, England.

Briggs, Mrs. F. C.—34 Chestnut Terrace, Newton Center, Mass., U.S.A.

Dearing, Mrs. J. L.—Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

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Hamblen, Rev. and Mrs. S. W.—329 W. Elm St., Granville, Ohio, U.S.A.

Harrington, Mrs. C. K.—c/o ABFMS, 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Mead, Miss Lavinia—Hotel Maryland, 13th & LaSalle Sts., Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.

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Scott, Mrs. J. H.—c/o Mission Secretary, Steadman, Rev. and Mrs. F. W.—5863 Kennedy Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

Topping, Rev. and Mrs. Henry—475 Nichome, Kami Kitazawa, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo.

Wilcox, Miss Edith F.—38 Forest Avenue, Providence, R. I., U.S.A.

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