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Secretary of East Japan Baptist Convention: Jin Sugaya
Missionary Secretary: M. D. Farnum
Treasurer: J. Fullerton Gressitt
CONVENTION THEME: Awakening the Christian Spirit (I Corinthians 6:20)

Of main importance in the proceedings of this year's meeting was the enthusiastic reception given to the plan for union with the Western Convention and the unanimous adoption of the plan. (For details of the latter see pages 18-21). Union of the two Baptist Conventions has been discussed for several years without achieving any definite results. However, the passage of the Religious Organizations Bill during the recent Diet session served to accelerate the movement toward union, since the government will want to deal with only one Baptist group in Japan.

The mentioning of a few items in Dr. Chiba's opening address will serve to indicate the matters which appear of primary concern and challenge to Convention leaders. Dr. Chiba said that there were three reasons for our regarding the past year with gratitude: notwithstanding the difficulties of evangelism at the present time, the number of baptisms (164) during the year compared very favorably with the report of a much larger denomination; the Financial Department had been able to "keep out of the red"; and the year had been marked by the finest cooperation of convention members. He observed that the attitude of the general public toward religion had undergone a change for the better, due perhaps to the fact that the Spiritual Mobilization Movement expects much from religious forces. According to Dr. Chiba the passage of the Religious Organizations Bill improves the opportunity for Christian evangelization, since Christianity is now recognized legally and is put on the same basis as Buddhism and Shinto. The nation is embarked upon a program of establishing lasting peace in East Asia but this cannot be accomplished, said Dr. Chiba, without the cooperation and contribution of the Christian forces. These latter must re-
cognize their responsibility to all the peoples of East Asia, for next to that of Europe and America, Japanese Christianity is the strongest in the world.

Delegates attending the Annual Meeting numbered 139. 104 represented churches, 8 were from chapels, 15 came from social and educational organizations, and 12 were members of the Missionary Group.

**Officers**

Chairman ................. Prof. Zenzaburo Shirayama  
Vice-Chairman.............. Rev. J. A. Foote  
Convention Pastor......... Rev. Riichi Fujiwara  
Associate Pastor.......... Mr. Takao Komoto  
Recording Secretaries...... Rev. Isamu Chiba,  
                             Rev. Hiroshi Suzuki

**Program**

**Wednesday, May 17th**

1:30-2:30 P.M. Opening Meeting..Leader, Convention Pastor  
                 Opening Address by Dr. Y. Chiba

2:30-3:00 Organization of Convention  
          Business ........ Chairman Shirayama

3:00 Tea

3:30-5:00 Business

6:00 Supper

7:30-9:00 Free Discussion
          Subjects: 1. Plan for Evangelism  
                 2. Union of the Eastern and Western Conventions.

**Thursday, May 18th**

6:30-7:30 A.M. Prayer Meeting.. Leader, Mr. Masahiro Suzuki  
                   Address by Rev. H. Watanabe

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Convention Worship Service ..Leader, Mr. T. Komoto,  
                  Associate Pastor  
                  Sermon by Rev. R. Fujiwara, Convention Pastor

10:30-11:00 Recognition of 25 Years’ Service  
       Guests of Honor: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fisher
11:00-12:00 Visit Art Gallery in Meiji Shrine Outer Compound
12:00-1:30 P.M. Lunch
1:30-2:00 Photograph
2:00-3:30 Sectional Meetings.
3:30-4:00 Tea
4:00-5:00 Business
6:00-7:00 Supper
7:00-9:00 Address by Mr. T. Matsuyama, M. P.
   “Religious Organizations Bill” and “Eastern Asia Evangelism”

Friday, May 19th
6:30-7:30 A.M. Prayer Meeting ……… Leader, Rev. K. Tomoi
   Address by Rev. R. Hara
7:30-8:30 Breakfast
9:00-11:00 Business
11:00-12:00 Memorial Meeting for Mrs. L. W. Bickel and Rev. Togo Suzuki
12:00-1:30 P.M. Lunch
   Farewell for Missionaries Going on Furlough
1:30-3:00 Business
3:00-4:00 Installation of Officers and Closing Session

Organization of East Japan
Baptist Convention

Executive Board

1940—Yugoro Chiba (Chairman), Kikusaburo Naruse, Seiichi Ono, Matao Sato, Michio Takaya.
1941—Miss Mary D. Jesse, Miss Teru Ogawa,* Mitsuhide Yamada, Haji-me Watanabe, Shuhei Yamamoto.

* Deceased

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Business Committee of Executive Board

Yugoro Chiba (Chairman), Kiyoshi Akagawa, R. H. Fisher, Mrs. Aiko Sasaki, Michio Takaya, Hajime Watanabe, Mitsuhide Yamada.
Convention Secretary ................. Jin Sugaya.
Missionary Secretary .................Marlin D. Farnum.

Officers of Annual Meeting 1940

President .................. Teruaki Takahashi.
Vice-Presidents ............. R. H. Fisher, Ryoichi Sawano.
Convention Pastor ........... Shinshichi Mitamura.
Associate Convention Pastor Hisakichi Saito.
Auditing Committee .......... Eizaburo Nakanishi, Saburo Yaguchi, Yasuo Yukawa.

Departments of Convention

1. Christian Workers' Benefit Department
Chairman—Kiyoshi Akagawa.
1940—Toshiro Miyaji, Kenta Seno.
1941—Kikusaburo Naruse, Shuji Sugiura.
1942—Shigeo Nakatani, Takuo Takahashi.

2. Evangelistic Department
Chairman—Hajime Watanabe.
1940—W. F. Topping, Hajime Watanabe.
1941—Hiroshi Oguri, Hisakichi Saito.
1942—Takashi Nakai, Chumei Suzuki.

3. Financial Department
Chairman—Michio Takaya.
1940—Yodo Mukotani, Michio Takaya.
1941—Takashi Osaka, Shuhei Yamamoto.
1942—Nobuo Ando, D. C. Holtom.

4. Publishing Department
Chairman—Shigeru Aoyagi.
1940—Keitai Fukutomi, Ryozo Hara.
1941—Shozo Arakawa, Kichigoro Kawamata.
1942—Shigeru Aoyagi, Ukichi Kawaguchi.

5. Religious Education Department
   Chairman—Kozue Tomoi.
   1940—Isamu Chiba, Yutaka Matsudaira.
   1941—Takihiko Yamakita, Saburo Yasumura.
   1942—Miss Kishi Abe, Togo Hashimoto.

6. Social Service Department
   Chairman—Yugoro Chiba.
   1940—Miss Thomasine Allen, Yoshitsugu Matsumoto.
   1941—Seimatsu Hachimine, Seigo Kubota.
   1942—Ryotaro Iso, Tsunesaburo Shibuya.

7. Training of Christian Workers’ Department
   Chairman—Teruaki Takahashi.
   1940—J. A. Foote, Teruaki Takahashi.
   1941—Tadao Naito, Tasuku Sakata.
   1942—Kenkichi Kawamura, Ryoichi Sawano.

8. Woman’s Department
   Chairman—Mrs. Aiko Sasaki.
   1940—Miss Yama Shimamura, Miss Gertrude E. Ryder.
   1941—Miss Mary D. Jesse, Miss Teru Ogawa (deceased), Miss Toku Sato.

Delegates to National Christian Council

1940—Miss Thomasine Allen, Kamori Shimose, Jin Sugaya, Hajime Watanabe.
1941—H. B. Benninghoff.

Hymnal Committee

1940—R. H. Fisher, 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.

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Hajime Watanabe.
1939—J. A. Foote, Tota Fujii, D. C. Holton, Fusakichi Watanabe.
Executive Committee—Chairman Watanabe, William Axling, Yugoro Chiba, Tota Fujii, Tasuku Sakata.
Chairman of Administrative Committee—D. C. Holton.
Secretaries—J. F. Gressitt, Genzaburo Shirayama.
Treasurer—R. H. Fisher.
Auditors—J. F. Gressitt, Tota Fujii.

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

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Mitsuhide Yamada.
1940—William Axling, Mrs. Mishima, Mrs. Nakai.
1941—Miss Winifred M. Acock, Mrs. Tama Ando, M. Yamada.
1942—Miss Mary D. Jesse, Hisakichi Saito, Masatoshi Yoshii.
Executive Committee—Mrs. Mishima, Mitsuhide Yamada, Masatoshi Yoshii.
Secretaries—Miss Winifred M. Acock, M. Yoshii.
Treasurer—Miss Mary D. Jesse.
Auditors—M. Yamada, M. Yoshii.

3. Hinomoto Girls' School
Principal—Saburo Namioka.

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—W. F. Topping
1940—Mr. Kenta Seno, Mrs. Y. Umeda

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1941—Kozo Abe, Mrs. F. Mashimo, W. F. Topping
1942—Miss Goldie Nicholson, Mrs. Kimiyo Yamamoto, Shigeo Nakatani
Principal Namioka (ex officio).
Secretaries—Kozo Abe, Miss Goldie Nicholson.
Treasurer—Miss Goldie Nicholson.
Auditors—W. F. Topping, Kenta Seno.

4. Mary L. Colby School (Soshin Jogakko)
Principal—Tasuku Sakata.
Dean—Keijiro Nakanishi.

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Isamu Chiba.
1940—Miss Yamada, R. H. Fisher.
1941—Miss Winifred M. Acock, Mrs. Toshi Ogura, Mrs. Kiyo-
shi Morita, Miss Yama Shimamura.
1942—Ryoichi Sawano.
1943—Isamu Chiba.
Principal Sakata (ex officio).
Secretaries—Miss Winifred M. Acock, Ryoichi Sawano.
Treasurer—Miss Winifred M. Acock.
Auditors—Isamu Chiba, R. H. Fisher.

Officers and Trustees of Social Institutions

1. Mead Christian Center
Director—Saburo Yasumura. (resigned).
Associated Missionary—Miss Margaret E. Cuddeback.

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Noboru Otsuka.
1939—Mrs. Hibiko Naruse, Shuhei Yamamoto.
1940—Noboru Otsuka, Mrs., Suzuko Sado.
1941—Mrs. Teruno Kimura, Kenta Seno.
Secretaries—Miss Margaret E. Cuddeback, Mrs. H. Naruse.
Treasurer—Miss Margaret E. Cuddeback.
Auditors—J. F. Gressitt, Kenta Seno.

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

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Tadaoki Yamamoto.
1939—Tota Fujii, Shota Kagaya, Yodo Mukotani, M. Shiozawa, Nobuo Tokita.
1941—M. D. Farnum, Riichiro Hoashi, D. C. Holtom, Toshio Kakizaki, Junichi Natori.
Secretary—Junichi Natori.
Treasurer—Yodo Mukotani.
Auditors—Tota Fujii, Toshio Kakizaki.

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

3. Misaki and Fukagawa Tabernacles
Honorary Director—William Axling.
Director—Tota Fujii.
Associate Director—Ryokun Takasato.
Associated Missionary—M. D. Farnum.

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Board of Trustees:
Chairman—Tasuku Sakata.
Secretaries—R. Takasato, M. D. Farnum.
Treasurer—M. D. Farnum.

4. RIFU RURAL CENTER
Director—Hisakichi Saito

5. Tenny Memorial Dormitory
Director—Ukichi Kawaguchi

6. Young Women’s Dormitory
Director—Gertrude E. Ryder
Matron—Ine Isayama
Board of Trustees:
   Chairman—Kiyoki Yuya
   1940—Mrs. Toshiko Sasaki, Kiyoki Yuya.
   1941—Mrs. M. D. Farnum, Mrs. Teruko Tomoi.

List of More Important Actions
Taken by
Executive Board of East Japan Baptist Convention
June 21, 1938—May 17, 1939

June 21, 1938

MARY L. COLBY GIRLS' SCHOOL, PREACHING PLACE
   Request from Principal Sakata had been previously received asking
   that the group of believers at the school be recognized as a preaching
   place and the request had been tabled. After removing it from the table
   and discussing the request, it was

VOTED To approve the location of a preaching place at Mary L.
   Colby Girls' School (Kanagawa).

MISS PATTEN, DESIGNATION
   Upon recommendation from the Woman's Department, it was

VOTED To request the Woman's Board that Miss Patten be appointed
   a regular missionary; and that she be released from Shokei
   Jogakko to enter the Language School in Tokyo from September, 1938.

July 28, 1938

KIZU CHAPEL, PURCHASE OF FARM LAND

VOTED To approve the expenditure of ¥500 from the Rokumontai
   Cho property sale for the purchase of 500 tsubo of farm land
   at Kizu.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' BENEFIT DEPARTMENT—PRINCIPLES
   Discussion was given to the following recommendations which had

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been made by the Department.

(1) To have all Baptist workers beneficiaries of the department.
(2) To make it possible for those whose membership has been forfeited, due to failure to make the regular payments, to become eligible for the benefits. This is to be secured by allowing such workers to pay a two-month assessment each month; half of which will be applied on the current month and half to be credited as a back payment.
(3) The Convention office to subtract one percent of the total salary item of aided churches, the same to be applied to the Benefit Fund.

VOTED To approve the above recommendations and refer them to the Christian Workers' Benefit Department for action.

DR. AXLING, ABSENCE FROM THE FIELD TO ATTEND MADRAS CONFERENCE

Chairman Chiba reported receipt of letter from Dr. Axling asking for Business Committee's approval to be away from the field between the dates of November 10, 1938 and January 20, 1939 in order that he may attend the International Missionary Council at Madras as a delegate of National Christian Council.

VOTED To approve the request.

MISS ALLEN, OPENING OF WORK AT KUJI, IWATE PREFECTURE

The following recommendation was introduced from the Woman's Department:

"Inasmuch as Miss Thomasine Allen has investigated Kuji in Iwate Prefecture where she has held Daily Vacation Bible Schools several years, and has ascertained that within a radius of ten miles there are ten villages where no Christian work is done; that an influential man in the town assures her a welcome for her and her work; that the way seems entirely open for her to begin work at once, by correspondence the Officers of the Woman's Department,

VOTED To recommend approval of Miss Allen's desire to open Work in Kuji, Iwate Prefecture and to use money available from the gift for Kuji, to put up a home at once.

VOTED To approve the above recommendation.

AID TO CHURCHES, TYPHOON AND FLOOD DAMAGES

By the typhoon of September several church buildings were damaged. Aid was provided as follows:
(1) **VOTED** To send Harajuku Church ¥50 and Shiba Church ¥100 from the Reserve Fund towards repairs.

By the typhoon which struck Shikoku on September 3rd, the Shodoshima Church was damaged to the extent of ¥516. The church can pay 10% of this amount and requests the balance as special aid.

(2) **VOTED** To authorize the Treasurer to pay the Shodoshima Church ¥464.40 from the account for repairs in the Fukuin Maru Account.

(3) **VOTED** To instruct the Treasurer to pay from the Woman’s Reserve Fund the sum of ¥800 towards typhoon repairs at Soshin Jogakko.

**October 25, 1938**

**BUDGET REQUEST, ABFMS**

**VOTED** To request the Home Board (ABFMS) to make a gross appropriation of ¥54,149.00 for the financial year 1939-1940. (For details see “Request” column in table on page 15.)

**ELECTION OF “SHADAN” TRUSTEES**

The Constitution for the new “Shadan” (Property-holding body) is still being studied by the authorities but approval is expected in the near future. To make it possible to put the new Constitution into effect as soon as approval is obtained, it was

**VOTED** To refer to the Business Committee the naming of the twenty members of the Shadan trustees to be chosen from the “churches and other organizations using Shadan land or property”.

**UNIFYING KINDERGARTEN WORK**

After Chairman Aoyagi of the Religious Education Department made such a suggestion, it was

**VOTED** To ask the Religious Education Department to study the possibilities of unifying the kindergarten work which is carried on by the Convention.

**BUDGET REQUESTS, WABFMS**

**VOTED** To request the Woman’s Board to appropriate in gross the sum of ¥31,800.00 for the year 1939-40. (For details see “Request” column in table on page 15.)

**November 24, 1938**

**REQUEST FROM KANTO GAKUIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

At a special meeting of the Kanto Gakuin Trustees on November
5th, it was voted to make the following request to the Board of Managers through the Convention Executive Committee:

"It is requested that ¥50,000 be granted during the next six years for permanent buildings for the college.

**SUMMARY:**
- Purchase of land and houses .......... ¥8000.00
- Removal and remodelling of chapel building 10000.00
- New classroom building, semi-concrete .... 25000.00
- New classroom building, frame .......... 10000.00
- Remodelling of gymnasium ............. 5000.00
- New dormitory building ............... 5000.00

**¥63000.00**

(The difference between the amount required and the amount requested of the Board will be secured locally.)

**VOTED** To approve the request of the Kanto Gakuin Trustees to the Board of Managers for a grant of ¥50,000 for permanent buildings for the college.

**REQUEST FROM SHURI AND NAHA (OKINAWA) CHURCHES**

Due to white ant devastation, the Shuri Church building is in dangerous condition and the church wishes to move to a new location. The present lot can be sold for ¥800 with which a new lot can be purchased. Some of the materials in the present building can be used. One of the church members will make a contribution of ¥1000.

At Naha, the church building had to be taken down four years ago due to white ant devastation; now the kindergarten building is badly damaged by white ants and there is a desire to move to another location. There are three other denominations and two other kindergartens in the neighborhood.

**VOTED** To ask Secretary Sugaya to visit the Okinawa Association in the near future to investigate the situation.

**COOPERATION WITH DR. KAGAWA**

Dr. Kagawa is establishing a sanitarium on the island of Teshima, which is near Shodoshima (Inland Sea). He is eager not to interfere with Baptist work in the islands. It is planned to organize a church on Teshima which Dr. Kagawa will be glad to make a Baptist church if the Convention wishes to cooperate in the work. As an admirer of Captain Bickel, he would like to call it the "Bickel Memorial Church". It was
VOTED To express approval and to cooperate with Dr. Kagawa in his plans for evangelism on Teshima.

February 7, 1939

REDESIGNATION OF MR. AND MRS. COVELL

The Missionary Secretary reported having received a letter from Mr. Covell dated January 9, 1939 in which the latter stated that on January 6th he had been advised by President Sakata to stop teaching in Kanto Gakuin and asking that the question of his future work be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

President Sakata was present at this discussion and made a full statement of the particulars in the case. After some discussion, a recommendation was read from the Personnel Committee which had met earlier in the day. It was

VOTED To approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that Mr. and Mrs. Covell move to Tokyo; that Mr. Covell assume the responsibilities of Mr. Gressitt as Associated Missionary for the Suginami, Meguro, and Hatagaya Chapels; that Mr. and Mrs. Covell cooperate with the other Tokyo churches in work for students and young people. The question of residence for Mr. and Mrs. Covell is referred to the Standing Committee of the Missionary Group for action.

ATSUGI (KANAGAWA) CHURCH REQUEST: APPROVAL FOR CALLING ORDINATION COUNCIL

Secretary Sugaya reported a request from the Atsugi Church that the Business Committee approve the calling of an ordination council for Pastor Yushiro Abe. It was

VOTED To approve the calling of an ordination council to proceed with the ordination of Pastor Yushiro Abe at Atsugi on March 21, 1939.

MR. Z. MATSUMOTO RECOMMENDED FOR WORK IN CHINA

VOTED To recommend Mr. Zenji Matsumoto to the National Christian Council for welfare work in China.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Following the request made at last year's annual meeting that the Executive Committee study the recommendation that a Personnel Committee be appointed to deal with the personnel of the Convention, it was

VOTED To ask Messrs. Watanabe, Aoyagi and Takaya (coopting the
Chairman and Convention Secretary) to study the matter and prepare report for the next Annual Meeting.

February 27, 1939

DR. AND MRS. AXLING: EXTENSION OF ACTIVE SERVICE

VOTED To request the Board of Managers to continue Dr. and Mrs. Axling in active service for an additional two years, until Dr. Axling reaches the age of 70. It is recommended that Dr. and Mrs. Axling’s furlough be advanced so that they leave as soon as can be arranged after May 1, 1939 to be absent from the field for ten months providing health permits.

March 31, 1939

KANTO GAKUIIN REQUEST FOR MISSIONARY TEACHER

Request was presented from the Kanto Gakuin Board of Trustees for a missionary teacher to take the place of Mr. Covell. After some deliberation, it was

VOTED To refer the request of Kanto Gakuin trustees for a missionary teacher to the Missionary Group Standing Committee for discussion.

MISS GERTRUDE RYDER: EXTENSION OF ACTIVE SERVICE

As Miss Ryder’s retirement is due in the fall of 1939, and the question of her successor is a difficult one—with the shortage of missionaries, it was

VOTED To recommend to the Woman’s Board that Miss Ryder’s retirement be postponed at least one year or until 1940.

April 27—8, 1939

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS BILL: STUDY COMMITTEE

There is some probability that the Religious Organizations Bill may go into effect next year instead of the year after as originally planned. Secretary Sugaya suggested the need of a committee to study the provisions of the Bill.

VOTED To appoint the Chairman and Convention Secretary a committee to carefully study the provisions of the Religious Organizations Bill. Additional members may be coopted.
REV. JIN SUGAYA: RECOMMENDED FOR FULL-TIME CONVENTION SECRETARY

VOTED To recommend to the Annual Meeting that Rev. Jin Sugaya be asked to serve as full-time Convention Secretary for one year.

ALLOTMENT OF 1939-40 BUDGET, ABFMS

VOTED To allot the 1939-40 ABFMS budget as given below:

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ABFMS, Appropriation for 1939-40 ￥46,936

MORIOKA CHURCH: REQUEST FOR USE OF MISSION RESIDENCE

Mr. Matao Sato of the Morioka Church presented the plan of the church for establishing a Domestic Science School for which the use of the Morioka residence is requested, the school to become a member of the East Japan Baptist Convention.

VOTED To register the opinion of this committee that if a detailed plan covering running expenses and organization is set up, the project be looked upon with favor.

ALLOTMENT OF 1939-40 BUDGET, WABFMS

VOTED To allot the 1939-40 WABFMS budget as given below:

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Care of Property ................. 2200  
Reserve Fund ...................... 1540  
Missionaries' Supplementary ...... 2250  

￥31800  ￥29000.00

May 17, 1939

MR. AND MRS. J. H. COVELL, REDESIGNATION

Chairman Chiba presented a letter from Dr. Decker requesting approval for the temporary transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Covell to the Central Philippine College, Iloilo. Discussion brought out the reasons which led to Dr. Decker's having recommended the transfer to the Board.

VOTED To approve the action of the ABFMS in temporarily designating Mr. and Mrs. Covell to the Central Philippine College, Iloilo.

ACTIONS ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

May 17-19, 1939

REV. JIN SUGAYA: CONVENTION SECRETARY

After receiving the Executive Board's recommendation to this effect, it was unanimously

VOTED To elect Rev. Jin Sugaya full-time Convention Secretary for one year.

TRANSFER OF WORKERS: RULES

VOTED To approve the proposed rules for the transfer of workers as follows:

RULES CONCERNING TRANSFER OF WORKERS

ARTICLE I.

The transfer of Christian workers in the East Japan Baptist Convention shall be decided by the Executive Board upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee.

ARTICLE II.

The Personnel Committee shall consist of five members whose election is referred to the Executive Board.
ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The transfer of head workers in schools and social work organizations shall be approved by the Executive Board before final decision by the local Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Request shall be made to the Boards of Trustees of schools and organizations that there be added to these Boards a certain number of members who are recommended at the Annual Meeting of the Convention.

ALLOTMENT OF 1939-40 CONVENTION BUDGET

A special committee was appointed to study the proposed budget. After their report and upon their recommendation, it was VOTED To approve the 1939-40 Convention Budget as given below:

BUDGET OF EAST JAPAN BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1939-40

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**** Christian Headquarters Building Fund ¥220; N. C. C. ¥530 (Missionary delegates ¥140); All Japan Baptist Conference ¥220.

**UNION WITH WESTERN CONVENTION**

(On March 21-22 a committee representing the East Japan Convention and the West Japan Convention met at Arima to discuss plans for  

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union of the two Conventions. This committee reported back to the Executive Boards of both Conventions a proposed plan for union.* The Executive Boards accepted the plan for action by the Annual Meetings of the respective Conventions. At their meeting in April, the Western Convention had unanimously voted to proceed with union upon the basis as proposed.)

**VOTED** To accept the recommended plan for union of the Eastern and Western Conventions; and by standing vote to approve union of the two Conventions. (Prayers of thanksgiving were made by two delegates.)

**VOTED** That upon completion of the preparations for union, both Conventions be dissolved and that rules be made for the "Nippon Baptist Kyodan". Preparations to be made for the latter are referred to the new Executive Board.

**VOTED** To approve the recommendation of the Executive Board that the combination of "The Baptist" (Western Convention paper) and "Kyoho" (Eastern Convention paper) be referred to the Publishing Department.

*RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR THE UNION OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CONVENTIONS*

The Eastern and Western Conventions have been doing their evangelistic work under separate organizations for many years. However, since both Conventions have had the same principles and faith from the beginning, they should not stand separate any longer. Besides, in the present status of our churches we feel strongly the necessity for union and cooperation between the two organizations. Therefore, realizing the coming of new opportunities for advance in propagating the Gospel, as a strong religious organization of the Empire, we present the following plan to the Annual Meetings of the Eastern and Western Conventions.

Shigeru Aoyagi. 
Yugoro Chiba
Shinji Higasa. 
Seijiro Kuroda.
Toshio Miyoshi. 
Kamori Shimose.
Jin Sugaya. 
Torazo Tanihiro.
Kozue Tomoi. 
Hajime Watanabe.

March 1939

I. **ORGANIZATION OF JAPAN BAPTIST CHURCH** (Nippon Baptist Kyodan)

(1) The organizations of the Eastern and Western Conventions shall
be dissolved to be merged by 1941 into a new organization of the Japan Baptist Church, in which the administration of work and finances shall be under one Executive Board.

(2) In order to discuss the matter of this new organization, a Joint Annual Meeting of both Conventions shall be held in 1940 instead of the Bi-Annual Meeting of All Japan Baptist Convention.

(3) Committees on Preparation shall be appointed by both Conventions to arrange for the above.

II. RULES OF THE JAPAN BAPTIST CHURCH

(1) New rules of organization of the Japan Baptist Church shall be drawn up. In accordance with the Religious Organizations Bill at least the following items shall be contained in the rules of organization.

1. Name.
2. Location.
3. Outline of Baptist doctrine.
4. Propagation of Baptist doctrine and ritual.
5. Organization and work.
6. Annual Meeting and Association Meeting.
7. Official Representative.
8. Organization and authority of the Executive Board and the various departments.
9. Churches and ministry.
10. Finances and management of property.

(2) In order to draw up these new rules, a drafting committee shall be appointed as follows:

1. Five members shall be elected from each Convention.
2. The chairman of the All Japan Baptist Convention (Sōkai) shall be the chairman of the drafting committee; the chairmen of the Executive Boards of the Eastern and Western Conventions shall be vice-chairmen of the drafting committee.
3. The drafting committee, when necessary, shall be able to elect additional members, and ask their cooperation.
4. The drafting committee shall make the draft of rules of organization by the end of August 1939 and publish it during September.

(3) The above draft shall be discussed at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Eastern and Western Conventions in 1940.
III. UNION OF EASTERN AND WESTERN SEMINARIES

(1) When the Japan Baptist Church is organized, the seminaries of both Conventions shall be united with its location in Tokyo.

(2) The basic plan for unifying the two seminaries shall be set up by the end of August 1939, and the method for putting the plan into effect shall be set up through necessary procedure.

(3) Five men from each Convention shall be chosen as a Committee on Preparations to arrange for the carrying out of the above.

EVANGELISTIC WORK FUND

VOTED To approve the recommendation of the Executive Board that the name Kyodo Kenkin (Unified Budget) be changed to Dendo Shikin (Evangelistic Work Fund) and that the sum to be raised this year be set at ¥3184 to be applied to the Convention Budget under the following heads:

- Church Budget ..................¥1544
- Chapels and Outstations ............. 540
- Training of Christian Workers ............ 100
- Evangelistic Department ............. 1000

CONVENTION OFFERING

VOTED To apply the Convention offering of ¥52.69 to the Evangelistic Work Fund.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS ADMITTED TO CONVENTION

VOTED To accept the applications of the following groups for recognition as constituent members of the East Japan Baptist Convention:

- Hara Chapel (Inland Sea).
- Takatsuki Preaching Place (Kansai).
- Baptist House (Dormitory for Seminary Students).
- Waseda Hoshien Chapel.
- Shonen Hodo Kai (Youths' Protective Association).

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* Kanto Gakuen, ¥4,000, local contributions for the Tenney Memorial Chapel and for the Endowment Fund.
** Soshin Girls’ High School, ¥1,087.00, for plant.
Annual Retreat of Japan Baptist Missionary Group
Meeting at Kamakura, April 29—May 1, 1939

This year's Annual Retreat was marked by two features; one, the fact that it was the fiftieth annual meeting of missionaries of the A.B.F.M.S. in Japan; the other, the presence with us of Dr. J. W. Decker, Foreign Secretary of the A.B.F.M.S. Miss Chiyo Yamada, long associated with Miss Converse at Soshin, very kindly attended the Anniversary Service on Sunday afternoon and informally recalled to us some of the events and people of early days. Personally familiar with those who contributed to the beginning of Baptist work in Japan, her reminiscences were so vivid as to bring her hearers to really see the people of whom she spoke. Of special interest at this Anniversary Meeting was the reading of the minutes of the 1889 Missionary Conference containing the stirring appeal for 23 men—while at present we number only nine appointees of the General Board.

The deep satisfaction felt by all in having Dr. Decker with us can best be expressed by quoting an action taken at the closing business session: "The missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Japan wish to express their deep appreciation of the presence of Dr. J. W. Decker at the meeting of their Annual Retreat in Kamakura, April 29—May 1, 1939. His report of his recent visit to the mission fields in India, the Philippines, Burma and China, his inspirational address on Saturday evening, and his wise counsel have made of his visit one of great interest and profit."

An especially tender moment in the program was the Memorial Service for Mrs. Luke W. Bickel whose home-going in England occurred just a few days before the Retreat. Dr. Foote had charge of the service and with very appropriate words recalled the nobility of Mrs. Bickel's soul and her great contribution to the work of the "Gospel Ship" on the Inland Sea.

Officers of Retreat

Chairman .......................... Miss Margaret E. Cuddeback
Secretary ........................... Rev. Marlin D. Farnum
Committee on Arrangements ...... Mrs. Marlin D. Farnum
                                  Mrs. J. Howard Covell
                                  Mr. J. Howard Covell
Music Committee .................. Mr. J. F. Gressitt
Finance Committee ............... Mr. R. H. Fisher
Room Committee ................ Miss Lora Patten

Program

Saturday, April 29th.
6:00 P.M. Supper
7:45 Devotional Service ...... Leader, Miss Jesse
                    Address by Dr. Decker
8:30 Annual Meeting of Mission Church
8:45 Business

Sunday, April 30th.
8:00 A.M. Breakfast
10:00 Worship Service .......... Preacher, Dr. Benninghoff
                    Communion .............. Pastor Benninghoff
12:30 P.M. Lunch
2:00 Young People's Meeting .. Leader, Peggy Covell
                    Home Letters
                    Memorial Service for Mrs. Luke W. Bickel
4:00 Tea
4:45 Anniversary Service ...... Leader, Mr. Covell
                    Address by Miss Yamada
6:30 Dinner
7:45 Evening Meeting .......... Leader, Miss Cuddeback
                    Address by Dr. Decker

Monday, May 1st.
7:45 A.M. Breakfast
8:30 Meeting of Shadan
8:45 Election of Officers and Committeemen
    Business
10:00 Devotional Service ...... Leader, Dr. Foote
10:30 Business
12:00 Lunch
1:30 P.M. Business
3:30 Tea
4:00 Closing Devotional Service: Leader, New Chairman

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Secretary
Standing Committee

M. D. Farnum
D. C. Holtom, Chairman, 1942
J. A. Foote, 1940
Miss Ryder, 1940
R. H. Fisher, 1941
Miss Cudebeck, 1941

Chairman of 1940 Retreat
Representatives on Board of
Trustees:
American School in Japan
Kindergarten Training School

Woman’s Christian College

R. H. Fisher, 1940
William Axling, 1940
Miss Tharp, 1941
Miss Acock, 1940
Miss Patten, 1940
J. F. Gressitt

Auditor of Missionary Accounts
Correspondence with Mission
Children and Former Members
of Mission

Health Advisors

Mrs. Farnum, 1940
Mrs. Topping, 1941
Mrs. Fisher, 1940
R. H. Fisher, 1940

Language Committee
Publicity and History Committee

H. B. Benninghoff
Secretary
Miss Acock
J. A. Foote

Shadan

J. A. Foote, Miss Ryder,
R. H. Fisher, J. F. Gressitt
J. H. Covell

Mission Church Organization:
Pastor
Deacon
Deaconess
Clerk

W. F. Topping
J. A. Foote
Miss Allen
Miss Patten

List of More Important Actions
Taken by Missionary Group
Upon Recommendation of Standing Committee
September 13, 1938—March 31, 1939
September 13, 1938

MR. RAYMOND SHAEFER: EXCHANGE STUDENT AT HOSHIEN

Mr. Benninghoff reported the arrival in August of Mr. Raymond Shaefer, a student of Berkeley Divinity School, to be an exchange student at Hoshien for this year.

January 10, 1939

SPECIAL MISSIONARY BUDGET

A sub-committee of the Executive Board of the Convention having studied the proposal for setting-up a Special Missionary Budget recommended that the item of "Personal Budgets" be included in the Convention Budget as at present.

VOTED. To accept this recommendation of the Executive Board and to request the Board for an appropriation of a 1939-40 Missionary Group Budget to include the two items of House Upkeep, ¥1050; and Reserve Fund ¥750.

March 31, 1939

DATES FOR MISSIONARY GROUP RETREAT

A cable having been received from Dr. Decker on March 20th (from Manila) decoding as follows:

"Arriving Kobe April 26 or 27—Leaving Yokohama May 5—"

VOTED That the dates for the Missionary Group Retreat be advanced from May 13—15th to April 29—May 1st in order to have the meeting coincide with the visit of Dr. Decker.

April 29, 1939

REPLY TO CONVENTION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

At the March 31st meeting of the Business Committee, the following action was taken:

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"To refer the request of Kanto Gakuin trustees for a missionary teacher to Missionary Group Standing Committee for discussion."

**VOTED** To reply to the Business Committee that after surveying the possibilities we consider that no further provision than that already now made by the Board can be recommended.

**REQUEST FROM MORIOKA CHURCH**

A request from the Morioka Church was presented asking for the use of the Morioka mission residence (now vacated) for the purpose of opening a School of Domestic Science for graduates of girls' high schools, the proposed school to be managed by the Morioka Church and to belong to the East Japan Baptist Convention. Dr. Axling had met with the Standing Committee to review the relationship of the mission residence to the land on which both residence and church stand.

**VOTED** To reply to the Morioka Church that when a satisfactory plan to cover equipment and expenses has been presented and received the approval of the Convention Executive Board, the Missionary Group will give sympathetic consideration to such a recommendation.

**SHIGEI RESIDENCE**

It was reported that the plan for using the Shigei residence as a sanitarium had had to be abandoned, that a second offer for the purchase of the property had been made, and that the Inland Sea Association was working on further plans for the use of the property. After discussion, it was

**VOTED** That the Shigei residential property be put on the market at a price of ¥15,000 for residence and land, and that the Mission Treasurer and Mission Secretary be named executives.

**RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD: REGARDING MR. AND MRS. COVELL**

**VOTED** To make the following recommendation to the Home Board:

In view of the fact that our missionary force is depleted and that two of our number have already passed the retiring age and are on the extended 'active-service period, we recommend that subject to the approval of Mr. and Mrs. Covell, the Home Board be strongly urged to keep them in Japan.

**APPROPRIATION OF DR. DECKER'S VISIT**

**VOTED** To adopt the following resolution introduced by Dr. Benning-
hoff: The missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Japan wish to express their deep appreciation of the presence of Dr. J. W. Decker at the meeting of their Annual Retreat in Kamakura, April 29—May 1, 1939. His report of his recent visit to the mission fields in India, the Philippines, Burma and China, his inspirational address on Saturday evening, and his wise counsel have made of his visit one of great interest and profit.
DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARIES

(Date Following Name Indicates Year of First Arrival in Japan)

NAME AND ADDRESS                                      DESIGNATION

Acock, Miss Winfred M., 1922—1 of 8 Nakamaru, Kanagawa Ku, Yokohama.
          (Tel. Kanagawa 2176).

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

Axling Rev. (D. D.) and Mrs. Williams, 1901—c/o A.B.F.M.S. 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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 Ella O Patrick Girls School, Sendai

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. Misaki Kaikan, Kanda 1628; Mission office, Kanda 3115).

Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Haigh, 1914—1 of 73 Kanoe Dai, Naka Ku, Yokohama. (Tel. Kanto Gakuin, Choja Machi 201, 1253; F. C. Tokyo 61992).


Gressitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fullerton, 1907—475 Nichome, Kami Kitazawa, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo. (Tel. Matsuzawa 3739).

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

Special work with women and children, Northeastern District.

On furlough.

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

On faculty of Ella O. Patrick Girls' School, Sendai.

Associated Missionary, Mead Christian Center.

Associated Missionary, Misaki Tabernacle; 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).
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).

Jesse, Miss Mary D., 1911—5 of 12 Kita Yoban Cho, Sendai.

Nicholson, Miss Goldie M., 1932—50 Shimotera Machi, Himeji.

Patten, Miss Lora M., 1936—51 Itchome, Denma Cho, Yotsuya Ku, Tokyo.

Ryder, Miss Gertrude E., 1908—51 Itchome, Denma Cho, Yotsuya Ku, Tokyo.

Tharp, Miss Elma R., 1918—1 of 73 Kanoe Dai, Naka Ku, Yokohama.

Topping, Rev. and Mrs. Willard F., 1926, 1921—69 Shimotera Machi, Himeji. (F. C. Kobe 14600).

Professor, Theological Department, Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo.

On faculty of Ella O. Patrick Girls’ School (Shokei Jogakko).

On faculty of Hinomoto Girls’ School.

Language study.

Director of Yotsuya Young Women’s Dormitory.

On faculty of Mabie College (Kanto Gakuin).

Associated Missionary, churches of Himeji District.

Retired or Not in Active Service

From Board Actions and A.B.F.M.S. Report, 1938

Acock, Miss Amy A.—1062½ Browning Blvd., Los Angeles, California, U. S. A.

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.

Fisher, Mrs. C. H. D.—c/o Mrs. J. S. Burgess, 140 Heacock Lane, Wyncote, Pa., U. S. A.

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

Harrington, Mrs. C. K.—c/o A. B. F. M. S., 152 Madison Avenue, New York City, U. S. A.

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

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Parshley, Mrs. W. B.—Live Oak, Florida, U. S. A.

Scott, Mrs. H. E.—Kobe College, Okadayama, Nishinomiya, Hyogoken.

Steadman, Rev. and Mrs. F. W.—5863 Kennedy Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. A.

Topping, Rev. and Mrs. Henry—c/o J. P. Topping, 220 Lyman Block, Muskegon, Michigan, U. S. A.

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

Wynd, Rev. and Mrs. William—23 Dalhousie Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland.