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Secretary.

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Conference Directory

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

Entered Traveling Connection.	Name.	Rank.	Address.	Years in App't.
1878	Aibara Eiken.....	E	U. S. A.	4
1893	Alexander, R. P.	E	Aoyama.....	1
1903	Bertels, C. N.....	E	Aoyama.....	2
1892	Bessho Umenosuke	E	Aoyama, Tokyo	6
1879	Bishop, C.	E	15 Tsukiji	6
1905	Cassidy, F. A.	E	Hirosaki	1
1874	Chappell, B.	E	U. S. A.....	2
1900	Davison, C. S.	E.	Aoyama.....	1
1879	Draper, G. F.	P. E.	Nagoya	2
1895	Fujii Shigeo	E	Hawaii	2
1893	Furusawa Shigejiro	E	Toyohashi	2
1901	Hasegawa Teisuke	I D.	(Supernumerary).....	2
1890	Hasegawa Tomokichi	E	Utsunomiya	1
1900	Heckelman, F. W.	E	Yokohama	2
1893	Hirakawa Motoi	E	Akita	2
1882	Hirata Heizō	E	Yokohama	8
1886	Honda Itsuki.....	Sup.	Tokyo	9
1876	Honda Yoitsu	E	Aoyama, Tokyo	18
1895	Huett, C. W.	P. E.	Sapporo.....	1
1886	Ichiku Keitarō	E	Odawara	2
1901	Iglehart, E. T.	E	Aoyama	4
1890	Iida Kenzō	E	Matsushiro	6
1896	Iikubo Teiji	E	Mita, Tokyo	5
1891	Iinuma Masami	E	Kawagoe	3
1885	Ikeda Tokumatsu	E	Tobe	4
1905	Imai Shinzō	I D.	Shirakawa	1
1891	Ishikawa Wasuke	E	Kamakura	1
1886	Ishizaka Kameji.....	P. E.	Tokyo	5
1893	Kambe Jinshirō	E	Otaru	2
1889	Kawasumi Harutoshi	E	Sendai	7
1902	Kataoka Shingorō	E	Yokohama	1
1897	Kihara Hokashichi	E	Seoul, Korea	4
1878	Kikuchi Takuhei	Sup.	Tokyo	5
1904	Kimura Shigee	E	Asahigawa	6
1892	Kitazawa Tetsuji	E	U. S. A.....	2
1897	Kojima Yubi	E	Kumagae	2
1892	Kokita Sanshirō	E	Yamagata	3
1902	Kozaki Masashizu	I D.	Chiba	2
1897	Kudo Kansuke	E	Odate	3
1877	Kurimura Saehachi	E	Aomori	4
1897	Mitani Masanosuke	E	Hakodate	2
1894	Miura Taichirō	E	Tokyo, Asakusa	3

1886	Miyama Kanichi	E	Kamakura.....	12
1886	Nakagawa Kunisaburō		Aoyama.....	1
1897	Nakamura Chūzō.....	1 D.	Tokyo	3
1897	Nagasaki Katsusaburō.....	E	U. S. A.....	4
1896	Naruse Keizō.....	E	Nagoya	3
1901	Obata Kyūgorō	E	Tokyo	5
1885	Ogata Sennosuke.....	P. E.	"	2
1883	Onuki Bunshichi	Sup.	"	2
1897	Sakamoto Tomiya	E	Morioka	2
1886	Sawai Kōnosuke	E	Mizukaidō	7
1884	Schwarz H. W.	P. E.	Sendai	1
1893	Sekizawa Yoshinosuke	E	Nagoya	3
1806	Shirataori Kashizō	Sup.	Aoyama, Tokyo	1
1905	Shiroto Ryōsaku	2 Year.	Fujisaki	3
1905	Sacon, Y.	Sup.	Aoyama.....	1
1905	Smith, F. H.	E	Nogoya.....	3
1873	Soper Julius	E	Aoyama, Tokyo	12
1882	Spencer, D. S.	E	Tokyo	2
1883	Spencer, J. O.	E	Baltimore, Md.....	5
1892	Sugihara Shigeyoshi	E	Sapporo	3
1897	Sugō Taketarō	E	Ina and Takata	3
1890	Takami Tsunezō	E	Iwanai	5
1895	Ukai Kichijirō	E	U. S. A.....	3
1897	Ukai Takeshi.....	E	Central	1
1905	Utsumi Seiki	1 D.	Ogawa	3
1889	Wadman, J. W.	E	Supt. Hawaiian Miss'n	4
1882	Yamada Toranosuke	E	Aoyama, Tokyo	18
1882	Yamaka Hatanoshin	E	Kudan, Tokyo.....	5
1889	Yamaka Motojirō	P. E.	Hirosaki	4
1887	Yoshida, M.	E	Josei, Tokyo	2
1905	Yoshizaka Toshio	1 D	Goshogawara	3

SUMMARY

Number of Members, 1906.....	65
Received by Transfer.....	2
Admitted into Full Membership	4
Dismissed by transfer	3
Withdrawn	1
Present Membership	73
(Later, Transferred according to Basis of Union	16)

PROBATIONERS

Entered Traveling Connection.	Name.	Rank.	Address.	Years in App't.
1906	Fujioka K	1 Year	.....	1
1905	Ichikashi Tomouki	2 "	.....	1
1906	Makita Chiuzo	1 "	Goshogawara	1
1889	Miura Kenkichi	2 "	U. S. A.	2
1906	Nebashi K	1 "	.....	1
1906	Shiroto Hachiro.....	1 "	U. S. A.	1
1906	Takahashi S	1 "	Sosa	1
1906	Tanaka K	1 "	.....	1
1905	Ukai S	2 "	Fukushima.....	1
1905	Usui Otokichi	1 "	Sawara	2
1904	Tokimasa Eisaka	2 "	.....	1

Standing Committees

(JO-MU IIN)

- I. BIBLE & TRACTS.—
Takeshi Tsunezo, Hasegawa Tomokichi.
2. CHURCH EXTENSION.—
Ukai Takeshi, Inuma Masami.
3. CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—
C. W. Huett, Iida Kenzo, Kataoka Shingoro.
4. DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—
Kokita Sanshiro, Naruse Kaizo.
5. EDUCATION.—
J. Soper, Obata Kyugoro, Ishikawa Wasuke.
6. EPWORTH LEAGUE.—
Kihara Hokashichi, Mitani Masanosuke.
7. FRATERNAL RELATIONS.—
Hirata Heizo, D. S. Spencer, S. Furusawa.
8. MISSIONS.—
The Presiding Elders.
9. TEMPERANCE.—
Miyama Kanichi, Sugo Taketaro.
10. BOARD OF STEWARDS.—
G. F. Draper, Yamaka Hatanoshin, Kurimura Sae-
hachi, Kawasumi Harutoshi, Kimura Shigee, Ikeda
Tokumatsu.
11. SUNDAY-SCHOOL & SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—
Miura Taichiro, Hirakawa Motoi, F. W. Heckelman.

Special Committees

1. CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT (1908).—
Presiding Elder of the District and Pastor of the Church
where the Conference is held.
2. TRIERS OF APPEALS.—
H. Hirata, S. Ogata, Y. Honda, C. Bishop, G. F.
Draper.
3. INCORPORATING CHURCH PROPERTY.—
D. S. Spencer, K. Ishizaka, T. Fugenji.
4. CONFERENCE EXAMINERS.—
H. Yamaka, H. Kawasumi, R. P. Alexander, K. Iida,
S. Kokita, Y. Sekizawa, G. F. Draper, K. Kudo, D. S.
Spencer, K. Obata,—Registrar.
5. CHURCH PERIODICALS.—
The "Gokyo"—U. Bessho, C. Bishop.
6. PUBLISHING.—
Bishop Harris, F. W. Heckelman, D. S. Spencer, Charles
Bishop, C. S. Davison, A. D. Berry, U. Bessho, T.
Fugenji, H. Hirata, Y. Honda, K. Ishizaka, H.
Yamaka.

Sessions of Conference.

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1884,	Aug. 29-Sept. 3	Tsukiji, Tokyo,	I. W. Wiley,	J. C. Davison
1885,	Sept. 2-9	" "	R. S. Maclay,	"
1886,	" 2-9	Aoyama "	" "	"
1887,	Aug. 12-18	" "	H. W. Warren,	"
1888,	" 22-29	" "	C. H. Fowler,	"
1889,	" 14-22	Tsukiji, "	E. C. Andrews,	"
1890,	July 10-18	Aoyama, "	J. P. Newman,	"
1891,	" 8-15	" "	D. A. Goodsell,	I. H. Correll
1892,	" 14-21	" "	W. F. Mallalieu,	"
1893,	" 9-13	" "	R. S. Foster,	H. B. Johnson
1894,	" 4-15	" "	W. X. Ninde,	"
1895,	" 11-20	" "	J. M. Walden,	"
1896,	" 15-23	" "	I. W. Joyce,	J. W. Wadman
1897,	" 8-17	" "	" "	"
1898,	" 13-22	Yokohama,	Earl Cranston,	H. B. Johnson
1899,	Mar. 20-Apr. 5	Aoyama, Tokyo,	" "	J. Soper
1900,	" 21-27	" "	G. F. Draper,	C. W. Huelt
1901,	" 28-Apr. 3	" "	D. H. Moore,	J. Soper
1902,	Apr. 16-23	Yokohama,	" "	"
1903,	" 1-7	Nagoya,	" "	C. Bishop
1904,	Mar. 29-Apr. 4	Aoyama, Tokyo,	" "	"
1905,	Apr. 5-11	" "	M. C. Harris,	"
1906,	Mar. 28-Apr. 4	" "	" "	H. W. Schwartz
1907,	May 15-21	" "	{ Earl Cranston } { M. C. Harris }	"

 DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1888—New York, N. Y.

Clerical,—R. S. Maclay,	Reserve,—I. H. Correll.
Lay,—J. O. Spencer,	Reserve,—Y. Honda.

1892—Omaha, Neb.

Clerical,—J. Soper,	Reserve,—S. Ogata.
Lay,—Y. Ninomiya,	Reserve,—T. Tamura.

1896—Cleveland, O.

Clerical,—Y. Honda,	Reserve,—J. Soper.
Lay,—Taro Ando,	Reserve,—E. Asada.

1900—Chicago, Ill.

Clerical,—J. Soper,	Reserve,—J. G. Cleveland.
Lay,—M. Takagi,	Reserve,—Sho Nemoto.

1904—Los Angeles, Cal.

Clerical,—G. F. Draper,	Reserve,—S. Ogata.
Lay,—T. Fujiwara,	Reserve,—J. Nakada.

IN MEMORIAM

“ BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD.”

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Entered Ministry.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	
Doi Tokutaro,	24.	1882.	Dec.	1883.
Iwai Chūkichi,	32.	1884.	Sept.	1887.
Asuga Kenjiro,	40.	1880.	Jan.	1889.
Aoyagi Seitaro,	26.	1889.	Nov.	1889.
Carrol S. Long,	40.	1875.	Sept.	1890.
Moriyasu Nobushiro,	43.	1888.	Jan.	1892.
Saotome Gensaku,	27.	1891.	Sept.	1892.
Frank T. Beckwith,	32.	1885.	June	1892.
Kimura Shichijūrō,	35.	1883.	Aug.	1893.
Tanaka Shinichi,	25.	1891.	Apr.	1894.
Kawano Zeichirō,	26.	1896.	Apr.	1900.
Haraga Gō,	34.	1899.	Sept.	1900.
Kasahara Tomijirō,	36.	1893.	Jan.	1901.
Takahashi Shōsaku,	32.	1896.	Feb.	1902.
Mizoe Hasaburo,	37.	1901.	July.	1903.
Joseph G. Cleveland,	46.	1881.	Aug.	1903.
Nakada Kyukichi,	45.	1882.	Sept.	1904.

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, May 15th, 1907.

The Twenty-fourth Session of the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was opened in Assembly Hall, Aoyama Gakuin, Aoyama, Tokyo, Wednesday, May 15th, 1907, at 3 P.M., Bishop Earl Cranston and Bishop M. C. Harris presiding.

Communion Service.—Hymn 79 was sung, Prayer was offered by Bishop Cranston. Bishop Harris read Isaiah LIII, and Bishop Cranston read a part of St. Matthew XXVII. Hymn 83 was sung, when Bishop Cranston and Bishop Harris, assisted by the Presiding Elders administered the Holy Communion. Hymn 81 was then sung, and Bishop Cranston gave a most helpful and impressive address.

Roll Call.—The English Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of the Conference, and fifty-two members and seven probationers answered to their names.

Organization.—The Conference was organized and the following were elected as officers of the Conference :—

English Secretary, H. W. Schwartz, Assistant, C. W. Huett.

Japanese Secretary, Y. Sekizawa, Assistant, K. Naruse.

Statistical Secretary, R. P. Alexander, Assistant, M. Inuma.

Treasurer, E. T. Iglehart, Assistant, M. Mitani.

Interpreters, K. Obata and T. Ukai.

Bar.—Upon motion of J. Soper the first ten seats of the two center rows were constituted the Bar of the Conference.

Program.—G. F. Draper moved that the Program provided by the Committee be adopted.

Reporters.—C. Nakamura and D. S. Spencer were elected Reporters for the Conference.

A Gavel.— beautiful and unique, made by a carpenter of Hakodate, from the famous koa wood of Hawaii, was presented to the Conference by C. W. Huett.

The Presiding Elders were constituted a committee to nominate the Standing Committees.

J. Soper moved that a committee of two members of Conference be appointed as Auditors of the Annuity Fund.

E. T. Iglehart moved a committee of two as Auditors of the Treasurer's Report.

K. Ishizaka moved that a committee of two be appointed on Conference Expenses. The Bishop announced that these committees would be appointed later.

Adjournment.—Upon motion of Y. Honda the Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung, and Bishop Cranston pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, May, 16th. 1907.

The Conference was opened at 8-30 A.M. K. Sawai led the devotional services.

Bishop Cranston took the chair at 9 o'clock.

The Minutes were read in English and in Japanese and were approved.

Standing Committee.—C. S. Davison read the report of the Presiding Elders on the Standing Committees, which was approved.

Church Property.—G. F. Draper moved that we now hear the report of the Committee on Holding of Church Property. The report was read by Judge T. Fugenji, and upon motion of J. Soper was received and placed on file with the archives of the Conference.

Committees were appointed by the Bishop as follows :—

Auditing of Treasurer's Accounts, C. N. Bertels, M. Yoshida.

Auditing Annuity Fund Account, S. Kurimura, W. Ishikawa.

Conference Expenses, S. Furusawa, C. N. Bertels.

General Conference Delegates.—Upon motion of J. Soper the election of General Conference Delegates was made the order of the day at 10-30 tomorrow.

Fraternal Delegates.—It was also ordered that the time for the reception of Fraternal Delegates be 11 A.M. on Monday.

The 13th Question was taken up, Sapporo District was called, the character of F. A. Cassidy, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read his report. Nagoya District was called, the character of Presiding Elder G. F. Draper was passed and he read his report. Hirosaki District was called, the character of M. Yamaka, Presiding Elder, was passed. In his report, which he read, mention was made of the condition of the Fujisaki Church, several leading members of which, being carried away by every wind of doctrine had left the church, thus reducing the income of the church by 26 Yen per month, but which had been made up by the congregation, under the self-sacrificing leadership of Brother K. Sato. The Bishop called the attention of the Conference to this part of the report, and called Pastor Shioto to the platform to address the Conference concerning the experiences through which he had so faithfully led his flock during the year. At the conclusion of Brother Shioto's address the Bishop warmly commended him, and remarked that if the new Church which is soon to be formed, is composed of pastors and laymen of the same sort as Pastor Shioto and Brother K. Sato, the future success of the Church is assured. He urged each pastor to be true to God, true to the Faith and true to his own Church.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of Eisaku Tokimasa, from the California Conference.

It was ordered, upon motion of K. Ishizaka, that the pastors in reporting give the number of baptisms, the amounts raised for Self-support, and for Home Missions.

The following brethren were called, their characters passed, and they reported their work. M. Hirakawa, S. Kurimura, R. P. Alexander, S. Kimura, M. Mitani, T. Takami, J. Kambe, E. T. Iglehart, S. Sugihara, Y. Sekizawa, S. Furusawa, K. Naruse, K. Kudo.

Bishop Harris took the chair, and announced the book Concern Dividend for this Conference, and presented the Conference with a check for \$640.00 which the Bishop and Secretary were authorized to sign, and it was turned over to the Conference Treasurer.

The 13th Question was again taken up, Sendai District was called, the character of C. S. Davison, Presiding Elder was passed, and he read his report. T. Sakamoto was called, his character passed, and upon the request of the Bishop he addressed the Conference concerning his experiences in following the pastor who had withdrawn from the Church. The Bishop expressed his sympathy and congratulated him upon his consideration and fidelity.

H. Kawasumi, and S. Kokita were called, their characters passed, and they reported their work.

The Collection of Conference Sunday was ordered to be applied upon the account of Conference Expenses, upon motion of K. Ishizaka.

Upon motion of G. F. Draper the regular hour of adjournment was fixed at 11 : 50.

K. Obata and C. W. Huett were appointed a committee, upon motion of K. Ishizaka, to report concerning the extra travelling expenses of C. S. Davison, and the expenses of K. Naruse, our Fraternal Delegate of last year to the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Hymn 246 was sung, after which prayer was offered by S. Furusawa, and S. Sugihara.

The 13th Question was resumed, and Tokyo-Shinano District was called. The character of K. Ishizaka, the Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read his report. The following brethren were called, their character passed and they reported their work. T. Sugo, M. Iinuma, Y. Kojima, S. Kataoka, H. W. Schwartz, K. Iida, K. Obata, M. Yoshida, Y. Honda, J. Soper, T. Hasegawa, T. Yamada, B. Chappell, U. Bessho, C. W. Huett, and K. Shiratori.

Introductions.—Rev. S. Yoshioka, pastor of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church, of Seattle, U.S.A., was introduced and addressed the Conference. K. Sato, the lay delegate to the Lay Electoral Conference from the Fujisaki Church, whose faith and works had already been remarked upon by the Bishop, entered the room at this time and was called forward and introduced to the Conference.

The Bishop appointed H. Hirata to preside at the Statistical Session this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The Doxology was sung, Bishop Harris pronounced the Benediction and the Conference adjourned.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

At 2 P.M. H. Hirata took the chair. After singing Hymn 214, prayer was offered by S. Kurimura. The roll of the churches was called and all pastors save from the Church at Iwamizawa, presented their reports. The session adjourned at 4. P.M.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, May 17th, 1907.

The Conference opened at 8:30. Y. Kojima leading the devotions. Hymn 214 was sung.

Bishop Harris took the chair at 9 o'clock.

The Minutes were read in English and in Japanese and approved.

The 13th Question.—Tokyo-Yokohama District was called, the character of S. Ogata, Presiding Elder, was passed and he read his report.

The following brethren were called, their characters passed, and those on the field reported their work. K. Ichiku, K. Ukai, T. Ikeda, T. Miura, T. Iikubo, H. Hirata, C. Bishop, K. Miyama, F. W. Heckelmann, H. Kihara, J. W. Wadman, J. O. Spencer, D. S. Spencer, E. Aibara, T. Kitazawa, K. Nagasaki, K. Ukai, S. Fujii, W. Ishikawa, K. Miura, K. Nakagawa.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of M. S. Vail to the California Conference, and of E. D. Soper, of the class of the second year on trial, to the New York East Conference.

A Letter from S. Fujii was read by the Japanese Secretary.

Introduction.—Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced.

Bishop Cranston took the chair, and called R. Shiroto, S. Utsumi, T. Yoshizaki, and S. Imai, candidates for admission to the Conference, and asked them the disciplinary questions. He then addressed them upon the sacredness of the work of the ministry, upon the debt they owe those who have gone before, the duty that is theirs in the present, and their responsibility toward the future. Each then reported his work for the year and retired. The Board of Examiners reported on each case, each one was represented by his Presiding Elder, the Secretary announced that each had signed the required pledge. R. Shiroto, S. Utsumi and T. Yoshizaki were admitted. S. Utsumi, having been previously ordained, R. Shiroto and T. Yoshizaki were elected to Deacon's Orders. S. Imai was continued on trial and advanced to studies of the third year.

The names of K. Miura and O. Usui were called, and they were continued in the second year.

The Secretary was asked as to the number of full members, and reported seventy one. The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to fourteen delegates, to the coming General Conference.

Upon motion of J. Soper it was ordered that the Delegates be elected by ballot, and that any ballot having more or less than fourteen, or containing the name of one ineligible be not counted, and that a majority of all the ballots cast be necessary to a choice.

The Bishop designated those who, from age, length of service, or rank in Conference were not eligible. All stood and were counted, and the members present numbered fifty-seven. The chair appointed as tellers, C. Nakamura, F. W. Hecklemann, U. Bessho, E. T. Iglehart, C. S. Davison, and W. Ishikawa. The ballot was taken, and the tellers with two of the secretaries retired to a side room.

Fraternal Delegates.—Two Fraternal Delegates were ordered appointed, upon the motion of K. Ishizaka, to the Conference of the Nihon Methodist Church, (Canadian) now in session at Azabu, Tokyo, The Bishop appointed S. Sugihara and D. S. Spencer.

Upon motion of K. Ishizaka the hour of adjournment of tomorrow's session was fixed at 11 o'clock.

The 5th Question was called and U. Amenomori was discontinued at his own request.

The 6th Question.—S. Ukai was called, his character was passed, the Examining Board reported, and he was advanced to studies of the second year.

The 10th Question.—On motion of K. Ishizaka, C. Nakamura was continued in studies of the fourth year. K. Miura was advanced to studies of the third year. C. N. Bertels reported his work and was advanced to the fourth

year. T. Hasegawa was continued in studies of the third year.

Introduction.—Mr. T. Hara was introduced and addressed the Conference upon his work among ex-convicts.

The 18th Question.—Upon motion of G. F. Draper, the request of E. Hirano to withdraw was granted.

Election.—The Tellers returned and reported fifty-seven ballots cast, twenty-nine necessary to a choice, and that S. Ogata, K. Ishizaka, G. F. Draper, J. Soper, Y. Honda, H. Yamaka, H. Hirata, M. Yamaka, H. Kawasumi, S. Sugihara, Y. Sekizawa, U. Bessho, had each received a majority of the votes cast, and they were declared by the Bishop as having been elected.

Upon motion of G. F. Draper a second ballot was taken.

Announcements were made, and while Hymn 277 was being sung the Tellers returned. They reported no election. A third ballot was taken, the Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. A. B. Leonard

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, May 18th, 1907.

Conference opened at 8-30 A.M. Hymn 246 was sung. F. A. Cassidy led the devotional exercises.

At nine o'clock Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The Minutes were read in English and in Japanese and were approved.

Our Fraternal Delegates to the Nihon Methodist Church, (Canadian) S. Sugihara, and D. S. Spencer, were excused that they might attend the Conference of that Church now in session at Azabu, Tokyo.

Change of Seat of Conference:—K. Ishizaka, Presiding Elder, read the letter signed by himself and K. Obata, Pastor of Aoyama Church, to C. S. Davison and H. Kawasumi, Presiding Elder and Pastor at Sendai, concerning the proposed

change of the seat of Conference, and the answer from the latter brethren consenting thereto.

The 4th Question.—‘Who are received on trial’ was taken up. Recommendations from District Conferences were read, and F. H. Smith, K. Fujioka, S. Takahashi, C. Makita, K. Nebashi, K. Tanaka, and H. Shioto were called forward and introduced to the Conference, and asked to retire from the room. The Examining Board reported, and on motion of G. F. Draper, F. H. Smith was admitted on trial in studies of the third year, elected to Deacon’s Orders, and under the Missionary Rule elected to Elder’s Orders. K. Fujioka, S. Takahashi, C. Makita, K. Nebashi, K. Tanaka, and H. Shioto were admitted in the first year on trial. Genjiro Okudera was elected to Local Deacon’s Orders on motion of M. Yamaka. M. Kozaki was reported as having been ill, his character was passed and he was continued in the third year.

Election :—The Tellers reported T. Ukai and D. S. Spencer as having received a majority of the votes cast, and the Bishop declared them elected Delegates to the General Conference.

Bishop Harris took the chair.

Upon motion of G. F. Draper a ballot was taken for the three reserve Delegates.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Goucher was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dr. J. G. Vaughan, of the Cincinnati Conference, last year one of the Secretaries of the India Jubilee Fund, and now holding a like position on the China Centennial Fund, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Tellers returned and reported no election. A second ballot was taken.

H. Yamaka presented the report on Home Missions, which was adopted.

Upon motion of K. Ishizaka, the Bishop appointed G. F. Draper and H. Kawasumi as a committee to receive petitions and memorials to the General Conference from this Conference.

J. Soper, Y. Honda and K. Obata were made a Committee, to report on Monday, as to such Special Committees and Boards as may be necessary.

The Secretary read the list of the Standing Committees.

Election:—The Tellers returned and reported forty-five votes cast, and that C. Bishop and T. Yamada had each received a majority. The Bishop declared them elected, but T. Yamada was excused upon his own request. A third ballot was then taken.

Greetings:—The Japanese Secretary read a telegram from the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, referring to St. John XVII, 22.

Adjournment.—The Doxology was sung, the Benediction pronounced by Dr. Vaughan, and the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, May 20th, 1907.

Conference assembled at 8-30, R. Shiroto conducting the devotional services.

Bishop Harris took the chair at 9 A.M.

The Minutes were read in Japanese and in English and were approved.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Davison, formerly of this Conference, now of the South Japan Conference, was introduced.

Transfer:—Rev. Tomouki Ichihashi was introduced, and the Bishop announced his transfer to this Conference, in the class of the second year, from the California Conference.

J. Soper moved to reconsider the case of S. Imai, which, being done he was admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Bishop Cranston addressed the Conference, concerning the coming General Conference. Dr. A. B. Leonard, Secretary

of the Board of Foreign Missions, also spoke upon the same subject.

Rev. Y. Sacon was introduced.

The members of the Conference of the Japan Methodist Church, (Canadian) entered the room and were asked to take seats within the bar of the Conference.

Hymn 323, 'Blest be the Tie that Binds,' was sung and the following Fraternal Delegates were introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Y. Hiraiwa, to whom Bishop Harris responded.

Rev. Dr. H. Kozaki, pastor of Reinanzaka Congregational Church, to whom Y. Honda responded, by request of the Bishop.

Rev. Monroe Crecelius, of the United Brethren Church, Bishop Cranston responding.

Mr. Franklin A. Arter, a layman of our Church, from Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. to whom Dr. Leonard responded.

Mr. W. A. Hunton, of Atlanta, Ga., U.S.A., Secretary of the International Commission of the Y.M.C.A. and Delegate to the Student Federation, a layman of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. J. Soper responding.

Rev. K. Suzuki, of the Scripture Union.

Hon. S. Ebara, M.P., a layman, and Rev. H. H. Coates, of the Nihon, (Canadian) Methodist Church.

Rev. M. Takagi, Editor of the Gokyo, (Advocate.)

J. Soper moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a Representation to the Board of Foreign Missions, and present to Dr. Leonard. On motion of Y. Honda two more were added to the committee and they were authorized to prepare responses to our other visiting brethren. J. Soper, Y. Honda, H. Yamaka, T. Ukai, S. Sugihara were elected.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, Dr. Hiraiwa pronounced the Benediction and the Conference adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

By appointment of the Bishop, Y. Honda called the Conference to order at 3 P.M. Hymn 275 was sung and S. Kurimura led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes were read in English and in Japanese and were approved.

The Japanese Secretary read a memorial from Judge T. Fugenji in regard to the traveling expenses of Y. Honda, last August, to U.S.A. in the interests of the Union. Upon motion of K. Ishizaka it was referred to W. Ishikawa, K. Obata and T. Ikeda as a committee to consider and report.

Rev. S. Kugimiya, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Memorials to the General Conference, recommending the perpetuation of the Church Extension and of the Missionary Societies, were read, and upon motion of J. Soper were referred to the Committee on Petitions and Memorials.

Sympathy for the Fujisaki Church.—Resolutions signed by a number of the members of Conference expressing appreciation of the faithful efforts of the Pastor and members of the Fujisaki Church, were read, and upon motion of J. Soper were adopted by a rising vote.

A letter from Eitaro Hirano, stating his reasons for withdrawing from the Methodist Episcopal Church and Ministry, was read.

Y. Sekizawa moved that C. Nakamura be a committee on publishing the Japanese Minutes.

Upon motion of C. W. Huett the English Minutes were made the Official Record of the Conference.

Bishop Cranston made an announcement.

K. Obata read the report of the Special Committee on expenses, recommending that C. S. Davison be re-imbursed

Y. 11.50 from Presiding Elder's Travel, and that Y. 24.50 be paid K. Naruse from the Evangelistic Fund. It was adopted.

K. Obata moved that the Conference Program be suspended and the business session be continued.

H. Kihara read the report of the Committee on Epworth League.

The Chair appointed K. Obata a committee on Conference Library.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The Conference Treasurer's report was presented and received.

Question 23.—'Who are the Superannuated?' was taken up. The character of B. Onuki was passed. A letter from T. Kikuchi was read, and referred to the Board of Stewards for their consideration. His character was passed. The character of I. Honda was passed.

Triers of Appeals :—H. Hirata, S. Ogata, Y. Honda, C. Bishop, G. F. Draper were appointed as Triers of Appeals.

D. S. Spencer, K. Ishizaka, and T. Fugenji were appointed a committee on the holding of Church property.

The 30th Question, 'Where shall the next Conference be held?' was taken up. On motion of J. Soper, K. Ishizaka, G. F. Draper and M. Yamaka were appointed a committee to whom the question should be committed. It was also ordered that the Presiding Elder of the District and the Pastor of the Church where the Conference may be held, be a committee on Program.

The Treasurer's report of receipts for the year was presented by M. Mitani.

Examiners :—Bishop Cranston appointed G. F. Draper in the place of J. Soper, whose term expires, and D. S. Spencer in the place of C. Bishop who requested to be excused, upon the Board of Conference Examiners.

Gokyo:—Upon motion of J. Soper, C. Bishop and U. Bessho were made the committee on the Gokyo, (Advocate.)

Publishing Committee:—Bishop Harris, ex-officio, H. Hirata, T. Bessho, T. Fugenji, Y. Honda, K. Ishizaka, H. Yamaka, F. W. Heckelmann, D. S. Spencer, C. Bishop, C. S. Davison, and A. D. Berry were appointed members of the Publishing Committee.

The Educational Committee reported.

Letters of greeting from Bishop Moore, and from Bishops Warne and Robinson of India were read by the English Secretary.

The Publishing Agent's report was presented.

The Board of Stewards reported, and upon motion of G. F. Draper it was ordered that the rate of grants recommended in the report be continued as long as the amount of money in hand shall provide.

Program.—Y. Honda moved that the program be changed, that the Educational Society meeting be held from seven this evening, the Anniversary of the Annuity Fund from eight o'clock, and that we now adjourn to meet at 8-30 P. M.

Bishop Cranston pronounced the Benediction and the Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Bishop Cranston called the Conference to order at 8-30 P.M.

The Minutes were read in both languages and approved.

J. Soper presented the Report of the Annuity Fund Society.

Upon motion of T. Ukai the recommendation to continue the Annuity Fund Society was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Memorials to the General Conference.

The Bible and Tract Committee reported through T. Hasegawa.

Church Extension:—T. Ukai read the report of the Committee on Church Extension.

Statistics.—M. Iinuma presented the report of the Statistical Secretary.

Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance.—T. Miura read the reports of the Committees on Sunday Schools, and upon Sabbath Observance.

District Conference Records were reported as having been found correct, by S. Kokita.

The Japanese Secretary read the report of the Laymens' Conference, and the Laymens' Committee on self-support.

Hymnal.—On motion of J. Soper, U. Bessho was elected a member of the Hymnal Committee.

The Tellers reported the election of K. Iida as second reserve Delegate to the General Conference, and that C. W. Huett and K. Obata had received the same number of votes as third reserve. On motion of K. Obata the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for C. W. Huett, which was done and the Bishop declared K. Iida and C. W. Huett elected as second and third reserve Delegates to the General Conference.

Temperance.—T. Sugo presented the report of the Committee on temperance.

Adjournment.—On motion the Conference adjourned to 8-30 tomorrow morning. Dr J. C. Davison pronounced the Benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

Tuesday, May 21st, 1907.

The Conference assembled at 8:30 A.M. Hymn 122 was sung. K. Miyama conducted the devotional services.

By appointment of the Bishop, Y. Honda took the chair.

Hymn 29 was sung, after which the chair requested the Rev. Kugimiya, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to lead the Conference in prayer.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The Minutes were read in English and in Japanese, and were approved.

The Bishop called upon K. Obata to address the Conference. He read from the second chapter of the First Epistle General of John and spoke upon the subject of consecration, which yesterday was omitted because of change of program.

Rev. Dr. G. H. Jones was introduced and presented the loving greetings from the Church in Korea.

A Collection for Conference Expenses was taken.

The Transfer to the South Japan Conference of Kiyoshi Fujioaka, of the 1st year on trial, was announced by the Bishop.

Upon motion of S. Ogata, Tomouki Ichihashi of the 2nd year, was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule.

W. Ishikawa presented the report of the Special Committee upon the traveling of Y. Honda to U.S.A. in the interests of the Union. Upon motion of R. P. Alexander it was amended so that, while expressing sympathy for the petitioners, the Conference disclaimed all responsibility and yet recommended that as individuals we extend such aid as may be possible. Judge T. Fugenji, the other nine signers of his paper, and K. Ishizaka and K. Obata were appointed a committee to carry into effect the spirit of this report.

Introductions :—Rev. B. Yoshioka, Principal of, and Mr. M. Matsumoto, professor in the Kwansai Gakuin, the school of the Episcopal Church, South, at Kobe, were introduced.

T. Hotta, of Central Church, Tokyo, a Lay Delegate to General Conference was introduced. Miss E. Russell, of Nagasaki, also a Lay Delegate was introduced by the Bishop, as 'our Statesman from Kiushiu.'

Bishop Wilson, Dr. Wainright, Rev. S. E. Hager, Presiding Elder of the Kobe District, and Rev. B. W. Waters, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Drs. Carman and

Sutherland, of the Methodist Church of Canada, and Rev. K. Kosaka, of South Japan Conference, were introduced.

Bishop Harris presented the greetings of Dr. R. S. Maclay, and of Dr. Hepburn, both of whom he had recently seen, when in U.S.A., and both had assured him of their love for the Church in Japan, and that they ceased not to remember us daily in their prayers. G. F. Draper moved that the Committee on Fraternal Communications be instructed to convey to these honored brethren the respect and love of the members of the Conference. J. Soper read a letter of greeting from B. Chappell.

Upon motion of K. Ishizaka, the re-distribution of the Evangelistic funds was entrusted to the Distribution Committee, which is composed of the Presiding Elders and the Advisory members, one Preacher from each District.

Upon motion of G. F. Draper, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint K. Miyama as Conference Temperance Evangelist.

R. Shiratori was granted a Supernumary relation at his own request.

Resolutions.—T. Ukai read the following Resolutions which were adopted by a rising vote.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the largest Christian bodies in the world, and its Bishops are many. Yet there are only a few among them who have come and resided for some time within the bounds of the large Mission fields of the Far East, and discharged the duties of a General Superintendent. Bishop Earl Cranston is one of these and he has come to us again at this time clothed with official authority heretofore unparalleled. He may be likened to one who stands between a tender mother and her young son about to start on his lifelong journey with unbounded hopes, and who must accomplish both a separation and a union at the same time. It is therefore not hard for us to understand that he must have met with numerous difficulties.

Bishop Cranston, however, with his colleague, Dr. Leonard, after tactful deliberation with similar commissioners of the two other Methodist Churches has at last succeeded in making union a possibility in the near future. Under these circumstances we can hardly express adequately our appreciation of his able efforts. Therefore be it Resolved, that we, the Japan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby express our heartiest thanks to him, and that we earnestly pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon him.

S. Sugihara read the following which was adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas, the coming of Dr. A. B. Leonard the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Japan at this important time, when the first General Conference of the three uniting Churches is about to meet, and his presence at the last session of the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are most fortunate and gratifying ; be it

Resolved, that we hereby express to Dr. Leonard our heartfelt thanks for his friendly and well timed advice and instructions to the members of the Conference, assuring him that this expression of appreciation will not only be spread upon the Journal of the Conference, but also be graven deeply upon the tablets of our memories ; and

We hereby express our hearty thanks for the many favors, bestowed upon us by our (Mother) Church in America, and for the warm sympathy and good will of the Missionary Society, during the past thirty four years ; and in return for all these favors and benefits we with one heart and mind, working through the new Methodist Church of Japan, shall strive more earnestly than ever to advance the cause of Christ in all parts of the empire of Japan ; and

That we do now show our appreciation of all the material and spiritual benefits thus received and our most grateful

feelings to our 'Mother Church,' to the Missionary Society, and to Dr. Leonard, by a rising vote, ever praying Heaven's richest blessing to rest upon them all.

T. Ukai read the resolutions concerning Bishop Harris which the Conference adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas our beloved Bishop, M. C. Harris has loved and still loves our country with all his deepest sympathies and his truly sublime spirit and Whereas, he has labored faithfully and earnestly for the extension of Christ's Kingdom here in Japan, and has presided over and directed this last session of the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, be it

Resolved, that we express by a rising vote our heartiest thanks to him and our appreciation of his services to Methodism.

And further we earnestly hope and pray that there may be no change in his moral relation to us as father of the young church in Japan and that thus he may still co-operate with and lead us with all his power for many years to come. Even though just at this present moment there is uncertainty as to his official relation to the Methodist Church of Japan about to come into existence. Again we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to him and pray God's choicest blessings to rest upon him and Mrs. Harris.

J. Soper read the following resolutions concerning Dr. Goucher, which the Conference adopted by rising.

Whereas, we have been favored with the presence of Dr. John F. Goucher, the honored founder of the school, at the Commencement on March 28th, and also at the 25th. anniversary of the founding of Aoyama Gakuin on April 8th, as well as at the banquet given by the alumnae of the school on the evening of the latter date.

Resolved that we feel profoundly thankful to Dr. Goucher for his deep and long continued interest in Aoyama Gakuin, and pray that his life may long be spared ; so that he may see

still larger results of his generous gifts to the cause of Christian education in Japan.

T. Ukai moved that copies of the above resolutions be prepared in both English and in Japanese and presented to Bishop Cranston, to Bishop Harris, to Dr. Leonard, and to Dr. Goucher, and that the following resolutions of regard and thanks to all members of the Commission, be adopted :—

**TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE UNIFICATION
OF METHODISM IN JAPAN.**

Beloved Fathers and Brethren :—

The Union of Methodism in Japan has been to us one of the most vital questions of recent years. Prayers numberless and earnest have been offered and great efforts have been put forth for its realization. The progress of the time necessitated it. The growth of the Church demanded it.

Ever since the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Los Angeles three years ago listened to our petition and commissioned you with full power to give the matter careful study and bring it to a practical solution you have taken up the duties thus imposed upon you with faith and patience, love and hope, and although you met with numerous difficulties in the negotiations with the commissioners of the other Methodist bodies, and in the adjustment of the relation between the mother Church in America and the proposed new Church in Japan, yet finally you found a satisfactory solution and made the Union a possibility, in accordance with our long cherished desire.

We are truly grateful to you for all your sympathetic efforts and the success which has crowned them. Henceforth we shall do our utmost, with ever increasing zeal, for the development of the Church and the extension of the Master's Kingdom. In this way we expect to reap the results of the union.

We, the members of the Japan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, unanimously adopted these resolutions by a rising vote, desiring thus to extend to you the Commissioners, and through you to the mother Church our truly heartfelt thanks and to assure you of our prayer that Heaven's richest blessings may ever rest upon you.

S. Sugihara offered resolutions of thanks, which were adopted, to the Secretaries, the Statisticians, the Gokyo Committee, the Pastor and people at Aoyama.

Bishop Wilson, Dr. Carman, Dr. Sutherland, and Dr. Wainwright were introduced.

Bishop Cranston addressed the Conference, urging that each member, in the warfare with evil, show the same courage, the same loyalty and the same constancy as were shown by the Japanese soldiers when fighting the enemy of their country. He asked if they thought it too much for the Churches in America who had helped them thus far, and who were willing to still help them to ask that when the battle raged about the fundamental doctrines that they remain true to the doctrine of the Divinity of our Lord, His death and resurrection and His atonement. The Conference was deeply moved by his earnest and eloquent farewell address.

Dr. Leonard briefly addressed the Conference, joining with Bishop Cranston in best wishes and prayers for the highest possible success for the Methodist Church of Japan.

At the close of his address Bishop Cranston announced that according to the terms of the Basis of Union he must transfer all foreign members of the Conference to some American Conference, the names and Conferences to which each was to be transferred would appear in the Disciplinary Questions of the printed Minutes.

Bishop Harris took the chair.

The Minutes were read in English and in Japanese and were approved.

Hymn 146 was sung. W. Ishikawa, S. Kurimura and S. Ogata led the Conference in prayer. Bishop Harris spoke briefly, urging that all be united together and to the great Pastor and Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The appointments were read, the Doxology was sung, Bishop Harris pronounced the Benediction and the 24th. Session of the Japan Annual Conference adjourned at 12 M.

EARL CRANSTON,
M. C. HARRIS, *Presidents.*
H. W. SCHWARTZ, *Secretary.*

CERTIFICATES OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Sunday, May 19th, 1907, at Assembly Hall Aoyama Gakuin, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Frank Herron Smith and Ryosaku Shioto.

Signed *Earl Cranston*

Tokyo, Japan, May 20th, 1907

This certifies that on Sunday, May 19th, 1907, at Assembly Hall Aoyama Gakuin, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Toshio Yoshizaki and Genjiro Okudera.

Signed *M. C. Harris,*

Tokyo, Japan, May 20th, 1907

This certifies that on Sunday, May 19th, 1907, at Assembly Hall, Aoyama Gakuin, assisted by Elders, we ordained as Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Frank Herron Smith.

Earl Cranston

Signed

M. C. Harris,

Tokyo, Japan May 20th, 1907

This certifies that on Monday May 20th, 1907 at the Episcopal Residence, No. 1, Aoyama, Tokyo, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Tomouki Ichikashi and Shinzo Imai.

Signed

M. C. Harris,

Tokyo, Japan May 20th, 1907

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences ?
Ans. Eisaku Tokumasa, 3rd year from California Conference ; Tomouki Ishihashi Prob. 2nd year from California Conference.
2. Who have been Readmitted ? *Ans. None.*
3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches ? *Ans. None.*
4. Who have been Received on Trial ?
Ans. Kiyoshi Fujioka, Shizuhisa Takahashi, Chinzo Makita, Kamenosuke Nabashi, Kamenosuke Tanaka, Hachiro Shirot.
(a) In Studies of Third Year : Frank Herron Smith.
5. Who have been Continued on Trial ? *Ans. None.*
(a) In Studies of Second Year : O. Usui, S. Ukai.
(b) In Studies of Third Year : K. Miura.
(c) In Studies of Fourth Year : Ans. None.
6. Who have been Discontinued ?
Ans. U. Amenomori.
7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership ?
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year : Ryosaku Shirot, Toshio Yoshizaki, Shinzo Imai.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. Seiki Utsumi.
8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year ?
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year : Ryosaku Shirot, Toshio Yoshizaki, Seiki Utsumi, Shinzo Imai.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously : Masashiza Kozaka, Teisuke Hasegawa.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
Ans. Chuzo Nakamura, Chancellor N. Bertels.
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
 (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year:*
Ans. None.
 (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
Ans. None.
11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 (a) *As Local Preachers. Genjiro Okudera.*
 (b) *Under Missionary Rule. Tomouki Ichibashi.*
 (c) *Under Seminary Rule. Frank Herron Smith.*
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
 (a) *As Local Deacons. Ans. None.*
 (b) *Under Missionary Rule. Frank Herron Smith.*
 (c) *Under Seminary Rule. Ans. None.*
13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was carefully done in open Conference.
14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
 All Japanese absorbed in the Methodist Church of Japan. All Missionaries transferred under the Basis of Union, adopted finally May 1907.
Ans. E. D. Soper, 2nd year to New York East Conference, Kiyoshi Fujioka, 1st year to South Japan Conference, J. W. Wadman, to California Conference, Julius Soper to Baltimore Conference, M. S. Vail to California Conference, Benjamin Chappel to Columbia River Conference, J. O. Spencer to Baltimore Conference, D. S. Spencer to North Dakota Conference, G. F. Draper, to Central New York Conference, Frank Herron Smith 3rd year prob. to Kansas Conference, C. N. Bertels to California Conference, E. T. Iglehart to New York Conference, R. P. Alexander to Korea Mission

Conference, Charles Bishop to Rock River Conference, F. W. Heckelmann to North Ohio Conference, C. W. Huett to Colorado Conference, H. W. Schwartz to Oregon Conference, F. A. Cassidy to Puget Sound Conference.

15. Who have Died? *Ans. None.*
16. Who have been Located at their own Request? *Ans. None.*
17. Who have been Located? *Ans. None.*
18. Who have Withdrawn? *Ans. Eitaro Hirano,*
19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charge or Complaints? *Ans. None.*
20. Who have been Expelled?
Ans. None.
21. What other personal Notation should be made?
Ans. None.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
Ans. Kashiza Shiratori.
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
Ans. Bunkichi Onuki, Takuhei Kikuchi, Itsuke Honda.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
Ans. H. Hirata, S. Ogata, Y. Honda, C. Bishop, G. F. Draper.
25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?
Ans. See Statistical Tables.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
Ans. Yen 620.05.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
Ans. Yen 366.
28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
Ans. Yen 567.66 Applied as directed by the Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed ?

Ans. See Appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held ?

Ans. Referred to a Committee.



APPOINTMENTS.

HIROSAKI DISTRICT.

Motojiro Yamaka, P. E.—P. O. Hirosaki.

Akita	M. Hirakawa.
Aomori	Sachachi Kurimura.
Fujisaki	Ryōsaku Shioto.
Goshogawara	C. Makita.
Hachinohe	Toshio Yoshizaki.
Hirosaki, Namioka & Kuroishi	Tadashi Fujita and one to be supplied.
Odate and Noshiro	Kwansuke Kudō.
Hirosaki Gospel Society and District Evangelist	F. A. Cassidy.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,

Hirosaki Girls' School and Kindergarten	Miss Bessie Alexander.
District and City Evangelistic Work, Supt. Bible Women	Miss M. Belle Griffiths,

HOKKAIDŌ DISTRICT.

C. W. Huett, P. E.—P. O. Sapporo.

Asahigawa	Shigee Kimura.
Hakodate	Masanosuke Mitani.
Iwamizawa	Supplied by M. Ishikawa.
Iwanai	Tsunezo Takami.
Otaru and Yoichi	Jinshirō Kambe.
Sapporo	Shigeyoshi Sugihara.
Yakumo	Supplied by Kisaburō Obata.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

District Evangelistic Work	
Sup't of Bible Women . . .	Miss Anna V. Bing.
Sapporo City Evangelistic Work	Miss Louisa Imhof.
Hakodate, Iai Jo Gakko . . .	Miss A. Dickerson, Principal.
" " " " . . .	Miss Mary S. Hampton.
" " " " . . .	Miss Alberta B. Spowles.
Hokodate City Evangelistic Work	Miss Mary S. Hampton.

NAGOYA DISTRICT.

Gideon F. Draper, P. E.—P. O. Nagoya.

Inuyama, Komaki, and Dekimachi (Nagoya) . . .	F. H. Smith & K. Tanaka.
Nagoya, First Church . . .	Yoshinosuke Sekizawa.
" Second Church . . .	Kaizo Naruse.
Nishio.	Supplied by H. Shigeta.
Shinshiro Circuit	Supplied by H. Wada.
Toyohashi	Shigejiro Furusawa.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Sciryu Jo Gakko	Miss Rebecca J. Watson, Principal.
" " " 	Miss Mabel Lee.
District and City Evangelistic Work, Superintendent of Bible Women	Miss E. Maud Soper,

SENDAI DISTRICT.

H. W. Schwartz, P. E.—P. O. Sendai.

Fukushima	S. Ukai.
Morioka	T. Sakamoto.

Nishinasuno, Sakuyama and Shirakawa	Shinzo Imai.
Sendai	H. Kawasumi.
Utsunomiya	Tomokichi Hasegawa.
Yamagata, and Tendo	Sanshirō Kokita.
Yonezawa	Supplied by K. Ishii:
Womans' Foreign Missionary Society,	
Sendai Industrial School and City Evangelistic Work . .	Miss Ella J. Hewett.
District Evangelistic Work Supt. of Bible Women. . .	Miss Georgia Weaver.
Sendai Orphanage.	Miss Frances E. Phelps.

TOKYO-SHINANO DISTRICT.

K. Ishizaka, P. E.—P. O. Aoyama, Tokyo.

Azumi	Supplied by K. Aoki.
Iida	M. Utsumi.
Ina and Takato	Takitarō Sugō.
Kawagoe and Toyooka	Masami Iinuma.
Kumagae-Honjō	Yūbi Kojima. . .
Matsumoto	To be supplied.
Matsushiro	Kenzō Iida.
Ogawa	Supplied by N. Miyanohara.
Shimamura	Supplied by T. Mine.
Tokyo, Aoyama	Chūzō Nakamura.
" College	Kyūgorō Obata.
" Josei	Morizō Yoshida.
" Kudan	Hatanoshin Yamaka.
Aoyama Gakuin	Yoitsu Honda, President.
Philander Smith Biblical Inst.	Julius Soper, Dean.
" " " "	Teisuke Hasegawa, Secretary.
" " " "	Taranosuke Yamada, Prof.
" " " "	C. S. Davison, Prof.

College and Academy . . .	E. T. Iglehart, Vice Dean.
” ” ” . . .	Umenosuke Bessho.
” ” ” . . .	C. N. Bertels.
” ” ” . . .	Miss J. S. Vail.
” ” ” . . .	R. P. Alexander.

Womans' Foreign Missionary Soicety.

Aoyama Jo Gakuin . . .	Miss Amy G. Lewis, Principal.
” ” ” . . .	Miss Matilda A. Spencer, Acting Principal.
” ” ” . . .	Miss Harriet S. Alling.
” ” ” . . .	Miss Edith M. Bullis.
Harrison Memorial Industrial School	Miss Ella J. Blackstock.
District Evangelistic Work and Tokyo Day Schools . . .	Mrs. Charles Bishop.

TOKYO-YOKOHAMA DISTRICT.

Sennosuke Ogata, P. E.—P. O. Aoyama, Tokyo.

Ajiki	Supplied by Tatsutaka Shiba.
Kamakura	Wasuke Ishikawa.
Kanagawa	Masashizu Kozaki.
Mizukaido	Kōnosuke Sawai,
Odawara	Keitarō Ichiku.
Sawara	Otosaburō Usui.
Sōsa	S. Takahashi.
Takeoka	To be Supplied.
Tobe	Tokumatsu Ikeda.
Tokyo, Asakusa	Taichiro Miura.
” Central	Takeshi Ukai.
” Mita	Teiji Iikubo.
Yokohama	Heizō Hirata.
Tokyo Gospel Society . . .	To be supplied.
Yokohama Gospel Society .	F. W. Heckelman, Principal.

Prof. in Sei Kei Jo Gakko, (Yokohama Quar. Conf.)	Shingorō Kataoka.
Temperance Evangelist (Kamakura Quar. Conf.)	K. Miyama.
Missionary to Japanese in Korea	Hokashichi Kihara.
Supt. of Hawaiian Mission	J. W. Wadman.
President Morgan College, Baltimore. Md.	J. O. Spencer.
Publishing Agent	J. L. Cowen.
Financial Agent of Publishing House, and Supt. of Factory.	D. S. Spencer.
At work in Pacific Japanese Mission	{ E. Aibara. T. Kitazawa. Katsusaburō Nagasaki, Kichijirō Ukai. Shigeo Fujii.
City Mission, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Kunisaburō Miura.
„ „ Hawaiian Mission	E. Tokimasa.
At home on furlough	Benjamin Chappel.
Treasure Japan Mission	Charles Bishop.
Special lecturer, Aoyama Gakuin	Y. Sakon.
„ „ „ „	K. Nakagawa.
Tsukiji Church	T. Ichihashi.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	
Bible Training School	Mrs. C. W. Van Petten, Principal.
Day Schools	Miss Anna P. Atkinson.
District Evangelistic Work Supt. of Bible Women.	Miss Anna B. Slate,
Literary Work and Editor of <i>Tokiwa</i>	Miss N. Margaret Daniel.



Miss Florence E. Singer.

Appointments to take effect during the year.

CHANGES.	SUPPLIED BY
Miss M. B. Griffiths*	Miss Carrie S. Heaton†
Miss M. A. Spencer*	Miss M. Helen Russell†
Miss H. S. Alling*	Miss N. M. Daniel
Miss C. W. Van Petten*	Miss Leonora Seeds†
Miss A. B. Slate*... ..	To be supplied
Miss N. M. Daniel	{ Miss Georgiana Baucus†
	{ Miss E. Dickinson†
*Going home on furlough.	†Expected from America.



PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

HIROSAKI DISTRICT.

MOTOJIRO YAMAKA, P. E.



Hirosaki District has undergone various kinds of trial during the last year: the burning down of Hachinohe Church, the withdrawal of several members from Fujisaki Church on account of the Plymouth Brethren and the illness of pastor Hasegawa are lamentable facts, but on the other hand, we are not without causes of rejoicing and thanksgiving. The erection of Hirosaki Church and the parsonage at Fujisaki, the births of children in the families

of Brothers Hirakawa and Shiroto and the increase of the amount of self-support of the two Churches above mentioned are encouraging signs of the time. Therefore praising the Holy name of our God who leads His people by the hand of providence through joy or sorrow, we come to make our report.

Akita Church.—The city of Akita is one of the strategic points of North-Eastern Japan, and the Church has a very bright future before her, but the plan that has been formed for her development still remains dormant. It is a regrettable fact that the Church is only holding to her old state. However Pastor Hirakawa by the efficient assistance of the Bible woman has contributed much towards the progress of the Church life.

Odate Church.—The prospect of the Church is bright, seekers are continually increasing in the two Churches of Ogida and Noshiro. Bro. Kudo is faithfully discharging his sacred duty.

Hirosaki Church.—The splendid and spacious Church building was completed in December last. Since then the Church has taken fresh courage for a progressive work. The work of Rev. Y. Honda during his visit towards the end of the last year added greater liveliness to the Church life. The attendants at prayer meetings average above 60. Special prayer

meetings are organized among Sunday School pupils and many of the girls of Jo-gakko are blessed. By the visit and work of Bros. Williams, Davis and Tajima after the Y.M.C.A. Federation meeting in Tokyo, 136 seekers were raised up and a seekers' class was organized. The Sunday School contains over 600 pupils. Soldiers' relief department and Girls' school are constantly helped by Bro. and Sister Schwartz, Misses Griffiths and Alexander. Pastor Fujita assisted by Bro. Hachiro Shirotto is pushing forward the work in the circuits of Kuroishi, Namioka, Minato, Tanabe and Ajigasawa.

Aomori Church.—The city of Aomori is making rapid progress and in order to keep up with it, the Church needs a larger preparation for her work. It is most important to begin this kind of a movement at once, by concentrating the working forces towards this Church. The amount for self-support is increasing.

Fujisaki Church.—This has been a year of severe trial for pastor Shirotto: the sudden withdrawal of Bro. Hasegawa, a pillar of the Church and several others affected the attendance and the Church finances to a large extent. A deficit of 26 *yen* per month for self-support was created. The trial of the Church and its members was indeed very severe, but the hand of the Almighty remained with the Church, and Bro. Katsusaburo Sato as a leader and the rest of the members rose up and vigorously pushed the Church work. This not only restored the condition of self-support, but made a surplus of over ten *yen* at each Quarterly Conference. The work is in the most hopeful condition. The new parsonage welcomed a bride and God blessed her granting her a child. Thus Church and pastor's family are enjoying prosperity.

Goshogawara Church.—This Church has three circuits of Numadate, Kitsukuri and Yamada every one of which is promising. Bro. Toshio Yoshiyaki is a good pedestrian and very active. The amount for self-support is increasing. Numadate is still wishing to become independent of Goshogawara.

Hachinohe Church.—Hachinohe Church was burned to the ground by the fire started at a neighbor's house. The greater part of the Church property was consumed and the pastor Hasegawa lost everything. In January he was taken by illness and although his trouble was not serious yet he was obliged to leave the cold climate for a warmer place. He has our deep sympathy. On the whole the Church has made good progress.

The increase of the amount for self-support is one of the good signs. The problem for this Church is now to secure a good place where the permanent place for worship should be fixed.

HOKKAIDO DISTRICT.

F. A. CASSIDY, PRESIDING ELDER.



On the Hokkaido District we have had a very steady and upon the whole a very happy year. I found it advantageous to arrange my visits as nearly as possible in the months of May, August, November and February, using of course whatever time was necessary before or after these months respectively. In this way four complete rounds of the field have been made with very little interruption and the time between well filled in with special work.

At the beginning of the year we were short of a pastor for Iwamizawa which is a most promising field, but during the year the place was filled by a Local Preacher from Kitami who is doing well. Our new pastors in Otaru and Hakodate have felt the change from the south to the Hokkaido but are working faithfully and without complaint. We suffered a great disappointment in the loss of the missionary appointed to Otaru, and our work there has suffered in consequence.

It is also to be noted that removals from place to place effect our membership very considerably. Quite a few remove from one place to another where we have churches but some to places where we have none.

The arrival of Christian families in new sections, make it advisable that we develop our work as rapidly as possible so as to take care of our people wherever they may settle. With commendable zeal some of these scattering Christians are keeping up their religious life in eager anticipation of the time when they shall have churches and pastors to provide for their spiritual needs.

In material progress we have had a rather remarkable year, a beautiful new church at Asahigawa (The Dyer Memorial) costing about one thousand yen is in use since Nov. but is not yet dedicated. This Church is the proud possessor of a splendid organ, the gift of Bishop Warren and family. The Sabbath

School here is particularly hopeful having gathered a fine lot of children of a good class.

Attached to this circuit is the Kitami section where we have about forty very faithful members without a pastor. A visit to this place was one of the most inspiring events of the year. From the northern terminus of the railway one has to ride about a hundred miles on horseback, through a new but interesting country : but this tedious journey is amply rewarded by the zeal and love of the people. To my surprise on arrival I found a neat little church built and ready for dedication entirely by their own effort, without a dollar of foreign money even from a missionary. This is genuine *independence*, and the little community is almost entirely Christian.

At Hakodate the parsonage has been greatly improved but is not yet a quite satisfactory home for the pastor. The work has been strengthened by the residence there, since October, of Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Huett, and is hopeful ; but a sense of transition is upon it, owing to the prospective removal of the Iai Jogakko to its new quarters outside the town. The church will then become a city church, and will start on a new career with a splendid location and a well organized nucleus. A vigorous effort, under the divine blessing, ought to soon push it into the ranks of independence.

Iwamizawa with Kitamura, is perhaps the most zealous charge we have on this field at present. A new lot has been purchased and deeded to the *Shadan*. A fine new parsonage is being pushed forward to serve as both home and Church for the present, and a subscription list is opened for a much needed church. The zeal of these people reminds us of early days in America. A distance of ten or twelve miles to church, and a cold rice-ball by the church stove after the walk, is the regular order for a large share of the members, yet they are joyous and happy Christians and their home life is delightful.

Iwanai has scarcely any change to report. A few removals and a few additions have kept it about as before. But the town is looking up and extensive improvements on the harbor are likely to make a marked change in the near future. A branch railway to tap the Kuchan valley will give new life to all this section. Our time to push ahead is close at hand. A young pastor is needed for Kuchan.

Otaru has no marked change to report, but is in a healthy condition and has perhaps the best system of class meetings on

the field. The appointment of the new pastor—Bro. J. Kambe, and a missionary Bro. Iglehart, at last conference awakened great hopes and splendid plans were formed for advance work. But subsequent changes brought delay and discouragement, and the year has been one partly of waiting. To cope with the vigor and progress of the place our work needs to be strengthened by the residence of a missionary.

Sapporo, received an impulse forward by a gift from Bishop Harris of 300 *yen* toward a new parsonage. The old one was remodeled and a new part attached, so that now the pastor has a commodious and fairly substantial home. Extensive union efforts were made here last Autumn during the exhibition time, and with fine results. Seed has been broadly sown, and Sapporo is a fruitful evangelistic field. The elevation of the Agricultural College to the rank of a University during this year, and the greatly extended business operations which are taking place here will make this city a still greater center of influence than it is now. The spirit of independence and self support has greatly developed in our church, and a thoroughly business like organization is being rapidly attained. We are thankful for its strength and joyous in its prospects. But we need to take another decided step ahead. Christian educational and social work for young men is not provided here and we have a fine opportunity if we can but take it.

Lastly, the mission house has been completely reconstructed, and the missionary has a home which, though quite unpretentious, is comfortable and roomy enough. With reasonable repairs, it ought to serve very well for the coming ten or fifteen years.

Looking over the whole field and seeing every where indications of God's presence and blessing, one is inclined to sing.—

“Mercy drops round us are falling

“But for the showers we plead.

NAGOYA DISTRICT.

GIDEON F. DRAPER, P. E.



The jibe of Jerusalem's enemies at Nehemiah's rebuilding of the wall, "Even that which they are building, if a fox go up he shall break down their stone wall," applies as a truth to all man's unaided effort in the spiritual realm. In building this greater Zion we realize that "Except Jehovah build the house they labor in vain that build it." This has been more deeply impressed on my mind than ever during the year that I have labored in a, to me, new field with comparatively small apparent results.

I was disappointed that, through sickness in my family, I was unable to be present at the conference last year so as to take up the work immediately after. However the first quarterly conferences were held by the pastors and I was in time to begin with the second round. I trust that the work of the year has not been in human strength, but in such cooperation with the Master Builder that it may prove substantial and permanent.

The field we occupy gives evidence of broad opportunities and great responsibilities. Nominally the district includes Aichi and Gifu Ken; the former with more villages and towns than any other ken in the Empire, even considering the entire Hokkaido as one ken: the latter is the fifth in territorial area in the list of ken. This region, located in the very center of the Empire and of great value industrially and commercially, needs Christ; needs Him greatly; needs Him *now!*

➤ The conditions in fact make it evident that at no time in the past have we had so free a hand as today. Outward persecution has passed; our meetings are undisturbed; the difficulties of today lie rather along the line of general indifference and the opposition of an aroused and aggressive Buddhist activity in propogandism and education. Nevertheless, the chief difficulty seems to be internal rather than external. There is so little aggressive Christian life on the part of many of the members, the churches are so far from being as spiritually alive as they should be that their power for evangelistic effort is small. Those who stand ready loyally to support the labors of the pastor are far too few.

Then we have but three members of conference on the district, and of the three supplies with which we began one is available only within the radius of his home and the other two have resigned. Statistically this is by far the smallest district in the conference, and, sad to relate, at our District Conference Mr. Sekizawa read a paper showing that the number of members and Sunday School scholars had declined during the past ten years. The causes for this we cannot explain, tho one would seem to be the difficulty of obtaining suitable workers. Now, at least, there are many ready to hear, and if we can put the work on a proper basis, push it hard, and carefully garner the results we shall see much done for God in the near future.

Special Work. In addition to the regular services special meetings were held first at Nishio, in connection with the District Conference, where we had good audiences of outsiders. Many seemed impressed, but the internal condition of the church prevented their realizing the results that should have been evident. From there some of the workers went on to Ebi and Shinshiro for several nights. Later the First and Second Churches of Nagoya arranged for special services, calling to their aid the Revs. Honda and Hiraiwa from Tokyo and W. A. Davis from Kyoto. These meetings were very successful; about ninety signing the cards. Then, with local aid only, including the brethren of other churches, we had some meetings at Dekimachi and of the many hearers ten signed cards. A little later Komaki was also visited. The last special effort was at Toyohashi where we had a good attendance and a careful hearing. These were all Gospel meetings, not lecture services, and therefore direct in their appeal to the consciences of those who listened. The good done cannot be tabulated but we are glad to note that at most places there were definite results.

The Needs of the district loom large. More workers are an imperative demand. We ought to have at least four, to fill the places of the men who have resigned and render the work more efficient. One of these new men should go to Gifu, for a visit to that place revealed an opening still there for us and a welcome from the other churches already there whose representatives encouraged us with the statement that more hearts are ready for the Gospel than ever before. One veteran worker said that our retreat from Gifu three years ago had hurt them for it looked so much like confessing defeat.

Then there is too great a hiatus in Methodist work between Nagoya and Kyoto. Our united Methodism should have a continuous chain of stations from northern Hokkaido to Loo Choo.

We need a broader vision of spiritual facts. We need a deeper realization of the absolute necessity of salvation for the individual man on the part of the individual Christian.

Especially, in view of the coming union and the probable inability of the new church to care for the outlying regions, for the present at least, we need two more foreign helpers. It would be well if we could put one in Toyohashi and one in Gifu.

Property. We ought to reinvest in property in Gifu if we are to have satisfactory results there. A little sum remains from the sale of the former building but it would scarcely suffice for the corner stone of such a property as would be needed to meet our requirements.

The Toyohashi Church must soon be rebuilt; its present condition is neither reputable or safe. The Second Church, Nagoya, has at last found a more suitable location but the building is not as large and convenient as it should be. They ought to have their own building if they are to continue as a separate church, and with some aid they can erect a suitable one.

The building at Komaki has been sold, being old and dark. A good sized lot has been secured on which they purpose to erect a pastor's residence that will do for a chapel and leave room for a church later.

As to repairs, the First Church, Nagoya, and the Nishio buildings need immediate attention, and the expense will in both cases be much more than the church can meet unaided.

The Night School has been carried on successfully during the year, and to its influence is due not a little of the good results of the special meetings. In addition to the Japanese force Mr. Smith has been assisted in the teaching by Misses Lee and Soper, and I have also taught one night each week when in the city. The school is not merely a place for the teaching of English but affords an opportunity each night for a direct evangelistic address before a fine body of young men.

The Women's Work has gone forward with great efficiency. The Seiryu Jo Gakko prospers under the faithful care of Misses Watson and Lee, and Miss Soper has been indefatigable in her devotion to the evangelistic work. She has visited Toyohashi and Nishio each month in addition to her work in Nagoya and

by cooking classes as well as regular meetings has attracted many women. She has been well supported by her earnest Bible women.

Especially worthy of mention are the Sunday Schools, which would be largely impossible without these trained workers. All the work is important, but nothing more so than the training of the children in Bible truth. Here we have the great hope of the Church for the future. Here we must lay special stress at present.

District Conference. A profitable and interesting session was held at Nishio last November, from the 8th to the 11th. In addition to the regular business the religious and literary exercises were greatly enjoyed by all.

The above was written before leaving Nagoya for the seat of conference. Sunday morning the telegraph brought the terrible news of the entire destruction of the Seiryu Jo Gakko by fire. The conflagration started about midnight and was so rapid in its advance that it was impossible to save much from the home or the school. We are thankful to be able to state that no serious accident occurred. Bishop and Mrs. Cranston were guests of the ladies on the fateful night and were obliged to join in the unceremonious flight, tho they were enabled to save most of their effects.

This sadly crippled work is most earnestly recommended to your sympathy and prayers that out of the flames there may come a purified and even more efficient instrument for the development of a noble Japanese womanhood.

! REPORT OF THE SENDAI DISTRICT.

CHARLES S. DAVISON, P. E.



We regret to report that the progress of the work on this district during the past year has been hindered by several unfortunate occurrences. Last summer charges affecting his moral character were brought against the pastor of the Fukushima Church. Being a preacher on trial in the annual conference, his case was considered by the presiding elder and a committee of investigation. Happily the charges were not sustained, and so the accused

was dismissed with a caution to exercise under all circumstances the utmost discretion in the discharge of his pastoral duties. For the sake of the work, however, it was thought best to transfer him to another charge, so he was moved to Nishinasuno. Shirakawa being added to this appointment, and the pastor at the latter place being moved to fill the vacancy at Fukushima. This plan has worked out well at both places.

Another embarrassment was the withdrawal from our church and ministry of Rev. E. Hirano, whose resignation left the Morioka church without a pastor. Mr. Hirano entered the traveling connection fifteen years ago, and was one of our most faithful pastors; we regret that he felt compelled to go from among us. His attitude was that from his study of the Bible he felt conscientiously opposed to the Church as an organization, believing that Christians should meet only in the name of the Lord. While we concede to any man the right to interpret the Scriptures as seems true to himself, we think the retiring minister is open to criticism for returning to the same city where he was pastor of a church in order to prosecute his individual evangelistic work. Half a dozen or more members of the Methodist church have been drawn off to his enterprise, including three official members. Besides these, several have gone over from the other denominations at work in that city. As a consequence, the Methodist flock in Morioka has been passing through deep waters. Without pastoral care for over two months, owing to the fact that it was impossible to secure a supply, the membership became somewhat disorganized and the financial strength of the church is seriously crippled. Although it was robbing one church to supply another, it was thought best, owing to the peculiar need, to transfer Brother Sakamoto from Utsunomiya to Morioka, the members of the Utsunomiya church generously agreeing to this proposal, though they could not be promised more than a supply until conference. Since the arrival of the new pastor the Morioka church has taken heart and all are working together harmoniously for the advancement of the Kingdom. All debts have been cleared off, and the finances have been reorganized and put upon a sound basis. The attendance upon the services has increased and a number of new seekers have been enrolled.

Otherwise the district has had a peaceful year. No great advance has been made at any point, but with a few exceptions all the charges have improved steadily if slowly. I have been

able to visit all the circuits the regular number of times, and at some places, namely Yamagata, Yonezawa and Fukushima, I have made from six to eight trips. This has been possible by reason of my teaching English in the Yonezawa middle school.

At Yamagata Brother Kokita has had a busy year, for besides this church he has had charge of Tendo and Yonezawa. The work at Yonezawa is encouraging; there have been several baptisms, and the pastor has gathered a promising class of inquirers. The fourth quarterly conference asks for a resident pastor, promising to return to their former self-support standard. The church building needs interior repairs very badly. There is no place on the district where the people turn out better to attend special evangelistic services than they do in Yonezawa, and the outlook is hopeful.

We ought to have a church building at Yamagata, for the present preaching place which is an old store-house, is almost falling to pieces. This charge has held its own against drawbacks, and several substantial men of the city are studying Christianity with the pastor, and will ere long be added to the church. The Sunday-schools at Yamagata and Yonezawa deserve special mention. Tendo has suffered by removal of members, and the church has little life left. We can truthfully say "*Tendo wa ze ka hi ka.*"

At Fukushima a goodly number of young people have been brought into the church. This is an important point strategically, but we are hampered by having a poor preaching place, and it seems to be impossible to find a better one. A church and lot would be a great blessing.

Shirakawa, Nishinasuno and Sakuyama have been worked as a circuit for the larger part of the year. The coming of a pastor has revived the church life at Nishinasuno, and there have been several additions. The attendance at the services has greatly improved, and the self-support makes an advance. Shirakawa and Sakuyama have made no appreciable improvement. In fact, it is a question if they are in as good condition as they were years ago, and the future of these places is a problem.

Utsunomiya as a city has become more important by reason of its selection as the site of one of the new army divisions. We ought to have a strong church here. For some reasons it would be desirable and economical to combine the three churches of Tochigi Ken, viz. Utsunomiya, Nishinasuno and Sakuyama in a circuit, putting most of our strength into the city, where we

should have a first class pastor, who could make occasional trips to the other points. The Utsunomiya church desires to be connected with the Tokyo district and I recommend the change, for in all its relations, Utsunomiya is closer to the capital than to Sendai.

At Sendai Brother Kawasumi is rounding out his sixth year. This church easily holds its place as the strongest church on the district. There have been 34 baptisms during the year, and all financial obligations have been fully met. During the winter special meetings were held, at which Bishop Harris and P. E. Ishizaka assisted with good effect. The Sendai Ikuji-in, Miss Frances Phelps, Superintendent, continues to do splendid work for the poor famine children. Lately more land was bought, and a contract has been made for erecting cottages to accommodate the two hundred and fifty odd little ones. The *Joshi Jiyo Kwan* under the management of Miss Hewett has had a prosperous year and graduated a dozen girls who reflect great credit on the school. The evangelistic work among women on this district has been well cared for by Miss G. A. Weaver.

In closing this report I should like to call attention to two or three matters which deserve careful thought. First the benevolent collections, sometimes falsely so-called. I fear there is often little or no benevolent spirit accompanying the money collected, but rather complaint and worry in trying to scrape enough together to "save face" before the conference. I do not know of any place where the people are asked to freely contribute during the year; it is generally put off until conference time, and then an extra tax is levied to cover the benevolences, if that is possible after paying the pastor's conference expenses. This ought not to be so: our Lord taught "Freely ye received, freely give."

Another matter is that of church membership records. In order to keep down the apportionments for various objects, the number of members reported in some cases is less than the actual. This is done because so many of the members cannot or do not give anything to the church budget. While it is all right to check off names of those who have removed without certificate, or whose whereabouts is unknown, I know of no rule which permits a members name to be dropped in this arbitrary manner. Some definite uniform rule should be adopted.

In the matter of aggressive evangelism we are behind some of the other churches, notably the Congregational. We should

concentrate our efforts more instead of spreading them out thin over too much territory. The chief profit of the district conference, as at present conducted, is that it gives a chance to have special meetings with an abundance of preachers and others to do the speaking. But instead of two or three days it is desirable to have at least a week, and not only at the seat of the conference, but also at every important place on the district.

This conference will in all probability be the last we shall hold as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The step we are taking in the union of the three Methodist bodies, is full of problems and uncertainties. Let us all hope and pray and work in a spirit of self-sacrifice and consecration that with the new organization we may see a spiritual forward movement that shall revive our churches and bring many into the Kingdom of our Lord.

TOKYO-SHINANO DISTRICT.

KAMEJI ISHIZAKA, P. E.



I lift up my hearty praises and thanks to the Lord; for in spite of my inactivity, through the year just gone by, which was caused by a constant visit of sickness in my family, all the churches in this District have continued as prosperous as in other years, all through the goodness and grace of the Lord and the strenuous labors of the workers.

The greatest progress made in this District during the year is in self-support.

Why should not the Church of Christ alone support itself after its existence of dozens of years? Why should every member be so indifferent in the support of the church to which he belongs? This was a question which attracted the most careful consideration from us, and the Aoyama Church was the first in this District to come to the satisfactory solution of the question. When the members of the church noticed that the Church was not large enough for the growing audience, they resolved on erecting a new Church-building. But, then, when they felt self-support was of greater importance for the church,

they decided to give preference to self-support and the church, after September, last year, became self-supporting against all opposition. The church has been excellent ever since, and we now expect to raise the salary of the pastor from next year.

Next comes the Kudan Church. This church, too, has long felt the necessity of self-support. But it has too many students in the membership, the expenses are too large, and besides, the parsonage must be repaired. Under these circumstances, self-support seemed to be almost at the further end of practicability. But things have changed. The parsonage is quite ready for the pastor to remove in, and the self-support of the church is now also resolved upon. The faithful treasurer of the church, who has been in that post over ten years, assures me that the financial condition of the church also has a very good outlook.

I have reasons to believe that Shimamura and a few other churches will be self-supporting in the near future. At Shimamura, in particular, a couple of the richest men of the place have been won over to the Lord, and we have many young men and women as inquirers there.

With respect to the evangelical work, the Churches of Aoyama College, Honjo, Kawagoe, and Azumi have passed a very active and prosperous year.

The Aoyama College Church has held several special meetings, but the series of sermons that the pastor made on the subject of the cross, not only increased the number of young hearers, but also made no little impression on them.

At the time of the District Conference, we held a meeting several evenings in succession at Honjo. Every meeting was attended by a great crowd of people, and this certainly kept Christianity prominent before the eyes of the people.

As had been ordered in the District Conference, a reception was given to our beloved Bishop Harris at Kawagoe, and the meeting was followed by another every evening for a week. Every meeting had a large attendance, the audience being sometimes 200 and sometimes 700 in number, and I am told that a great many copies of the Bible and the hymnals were sold during these meetings. Indeed, these meetings were a great success, for they were meant simply for the sowing of the seed of the Gospel, and we hope and pray that we be given some time during the coming year an opportunity to have such like meetings to read what we have sown.

The Azumi Church has just begun to reap what it has sown for years, for we had twenty-five baptisms last month, besides many new inquirers concerning Christianity.

As to the lot for the church, the few members of the Ina Church made special efforts, for they made contributions and purchased the land they had been leasing, though they thus incurred a debt of 70 *yen*.

Finding there was one of the best opportunities to purchase a lot, a faithful member at Kawagoe bought it at his own expense, with a general understanding that the church will buy it as soon as it gets money enough. I ask for your particular sympathy with this matter.

The removal of Bro. Schwartz was a great blow to Matsumoto, but the church seems to keep on as before.

While in my missionary tour to the North-East and Hokkaido, I noticed that the churches in Shinano, though in much poorer condition than those in Hokkaido, are little inferior to some in the North-East in their influence among the people. What is most needed in the churches of Shinano is the spiritual side of activity. Did they receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we should have far better churches in Shinano, and it is our sincere prayer that the beautiful province of natural scenery be also lighted by the Holy Sun of Christianity.

TOKYO-YOKOHAMA DISTRICT.

S. OGATA, D.D., P. E.



This is the first year of my work on this district. However, the most part of it is the old field where I served as presiding elder seven years ago. I was glad to find so many people holding fast that which they had and everywhere I was cordially welcomed by the brethren with whom it was delightful to revive the sweet memories of the days gone by.

Ajiki (including Sanrizuka) Bro. T. Shiba acting as supply, has not shown any advance this year, but Sanrizuka has made gratifying progress. For many years past there were only four or five Christians in this place but there are now over thirty communicants and the church has a very bright prospect.

Chiba being a prefecture town was separated from Sosa and made a new charge last year and Bro. M. Kozaki was appointed. He went in full of hope and enthusiasm but unfortunately sickness overtook him early in the conference year and almost entirely disabled him for work for the remainder of the year. Moreover, the few members that were there at the start have mostly moved away since and to continue this work is a question to be decided at the conference.

Odawara—Oiso (including Kokubu). Bro. K. Ichiku was appointed to this charge last conference. At Kokubu one of its members fitted up a large house of his own as parsonage for Bro. Ichiku and family. This is a step forward in self-support and is to be commended.

Mitsukaido—Kawamata (including Shimodate and Shimo-
tsuma). This is quite a large circuit. Bro. K. Sawai pastor has finished the sixth year of his pastorate very successfully. His people have promised to increase two *yen* per month on self-support for the coming year. At Kawamata they are planning to build a chapel this summer.

Kamakura,—Bro. T. Ukai was appointed to this charge last year. This is a popular summer resort and its population is rapidly growing. During the last summer through the untiring effort of Bros. Ukai, Miyama, and other energetic workers many meetings of special interest were held, such as concerts, lectures, socials, and so forth. This church now owns a thousand *tsubo* of land and through a munificent gift of an American friend the Gibson Memorial Church that had long been in contemplation was completed and is to be dedicated during this conference.

Sawara (including Yoshikawa and Mayebayashi). Bro. O. Usui pastor has done a good work. At Sawara at last quarterly meeting among those baptized were a professor of middle school, his wife and babe. At Yoshikawa nearly all the members became Christians through temperance work, so that the remarkable change in their daily life strongly manifests what the power and grace of God have done for them.

Sosa. As I have already stated, Chiba being taken off last year, this became a solitary charge and Bro. T. Hasegawa went every week from Aoyama and looked after the flock during the year. The people petition for appointment of a regular pastor at this conference.

Takeoka, Bro. M. Yuasa a supply, besides holding his own has tried various ways during the year in order to come in touch with the people of the village and succeeded in a measure. As Bro. Yuasa intends to enter theological school this year the people ask for a married pastor to succeed him.

Tobe—Kanagawa, Bro. T. Ikeda pastor has finished a successful year. Though the energetic effort of Miss Lewis and others a handsome substantial Church was built and it was dedicated by Bishop Harris on the 9th day of last March.

Hōraicho, Yokohama, H. Hirata pastor. This is one of the two self-supporting churches on this district. The pastor and his people are very active and energetic in working for the Master. They have had a large number of accessions to the church and increased the self-support by fifteen *yen* per month from last October.

Asakusa comes first in the alphabetical order of the churches in Tokyo, Bro. T. Miura pastor. The chief work of the pastor and the people during the year was to rebuild the church and parsonage that had been destroyed by the riot. The diligent work of Drs. J. Soper and D. S. Spencer secured on both sides of the ocean a sufficient sum of money, about four thousand *yen*, and built a very nice church and a comfortable parsonage. The church was dedicated by Bishop Harris on the 20th day of last October, during the district conference which was held in that church.

Central. (*Ginza*) This is the other of the two self-supporting churches on this district. Bro. T. Ukai after the faithful service of nine year's pastorate resigned last year and the church was left without a pastor. Prof. T. Yamada of Aoyama Gakuin kindly filled the pulpit most of the Sundays during the year, and the work has been remarkably well sustained. They offer eighty *yen* per month to pastor from next month which is an increase of twenty-five *yen* per month over last year.

Mita. Bro. T. Iikubo pastor has worked very faithfully during the year. This church has a very neat and substantial building situated in one of the best localities in the city being near the Kei O Gi Jiku, one of the largest private universities in the Empire. Bro. Iglehart has conducted an English Bible class composed of some of the students of that institution with good effect during the year.

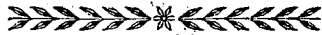
The *Publishing House* under the efficient management of Mr. J. L. Cowen has considerably grown in usefulness and

influence. It has now one of the finest and most conspicuous business buildings in Tokyo. It is hoped that in the near future the earnings of this house will be sufficient to aid the supernuanced preachers of our conference.

The ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Van Petten, principal of the Bible Training School, Yokohama, Miss Lewis, superintendent of day schools, Miss Slate, superintendent of the district evangelistic work, and Miss Daniel in charge of literary work, each in her own place has done a noble work. The work of the Bible woman every where is very highly appreciated and considered an indispensable part of our general church work.

I consider this report incomplete without acknowledging the manifold blessings of God that have been bestowed upon us and our nation lately. The World's Christian Student's Federation held in this city last month wonderfully opened the eyes, minds, and hearts of the people of this Empire toward Christianity. The coming of General Booth awakened the people to see what the power of God and the love of Christ are doing among men through the Salvation Army.

God is now giving us an opportunity to see what we can do by uniting the three Methodist bodies in this Empire. All these are "The Signs of the Times" God is showing us. Certainly He has a great mission for our nation to fulfill and a great task for us Christians to perform, namely to Christianize the whole of Asia. Now is the time for us "to put on the whole armor of God," and press forward until we gain a glorious victory.



COMMITTEE.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

To make the Epworth League more power in the work of the church, we, the committee beg to offer the following report.

- I.—The organization of the Epworth League be completed in every Methodist Episcopal Church, so far as practicable.
- II.—In every District Conference ; a special program be provided for the Epworth League.

M. MITANI.
H. KIHARA.

BIBLE AND TRACTS.

In as much as we realize the fact that Scriptural knowledge is not keeping pace with general mental development of the time, we recommend publishing of some good commentaries on the Bible and also general use of "Seisho no Tomo," (Scripture Union Magazine) in all Christian families.

There is no need of mentioning the great need of tracts in such promising time for preaching as now. We recommend continued publication of tracts suited to the need of the time, and we also realize the great need of some tracts counteracting a sect of Plymouth Brethren in the north-east part of the country.

Committee { T. TAKAMI.
 { T. HASEGAWA.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We recognize in the Sunday School one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life, not only of our own age, but of the ages to come, since the Sunday School teaches the Bible and brings the gospel to vast multitudes in the respective periods of childhood. Inasmuch as the education of the young in religion is of the highest importance, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers who shall be professed followers of Jesus Christ, with a living experience.

We rejoice in the establishment of the Sunday School Union of Japan under the intelligent and helpful leadership of Mr. F. L. Brown, of New York, whose services we much appreciate. We trust that this Union will give a mighty impetus to Sunday School work at this most interesting but pregnant crisis of our work.

We therefore recommend the following :—

1.—That as Pastors and Workers we will seek to make the Sunday School a real spiritual and intellectual power in the Empire.

2.—That we urge increased interest and intellegent zeal in all Sunday School work, proceeding always upon the assumption that the children are God's children, and that our primary duty is not only to rescue them but to instruct them and train them in knowledge and virtue and lead them into a vital Christian experience.

3.—We urge a more thorough training of teachers.

4.—That we secure wherever possible a teachers Library in order that the teachers may have available the best literature, and suggest that Pastors and Sunday School workers send to the Kyobunkwan for literature.

5.—That a Conference Secretary be appointed who shall cooperate with the Secretaries of the Union and who shall furnish to Sunday School Superintendents and workers such suggestions and literature as he may be able to give. To that end we suggest that an offering be taken on Rally Day to help meet the expenses of the Conference Secretary and for advance Sunday School work.

6.—That we establish the Cradle Roll so that the children may be brought into vital relation with the Church as early in life as possible.

7.—That we establish a Home Department, a distinct branch of the Sunday School, for the benefit of those who do not or cannot attend the sessions, but are willing to study the lessons at home, thus linking the home and the School with the Church.

8.—That we observe, at least once a year, a Rally Day, when special effort shall be made to bring more children into touch with the School and to create a new and deeper interest.

9.—That we also observe Decision Day when a special effort shall be made to lead the children in a decision for Christ as their Saviour.

10.—That we cultivate in the children a deeper reverence for God's House.

11.—That we seek to bring them into the preaching services of the Church.

Committee { T. MIURA,
M. HIRAKAWA,
F. W. HECKELMAN.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Whereas Sabbath Observance is of the very highest importance in the worship of God and the Spiritual edification of believers we urge that our people keep this day holy unto God, in rest, worship and in works of mercy and help.

We note with pain much carelessness in the keeping of the day by many of our people, which is a great hindrance to the growth of the Spiritual life, and also a bad example to those who are judging Christianity by our example.

We recommend that our Pastors very carefully teach the meaning of the day and encourage people, in its observance.

That they preach as often as possible on this subject. That the Church be made as attractive as possible and observe that dignity and reverence which becomes God's House.

Committee { T. MIURA,
M. HIRAKAWA,
F. W. HECKELMAN.

TEMPERANCE.

We, the committee, beg to present the following report:—

It is quite unnecessary for us to give an explanation as to what a cruel calamity the hereditary results of the alcohol and tobacco evils brings to our country and its descendants. Originally total abstinence is the principle of our M. E. Church and it is only natural that we should be firm on this point.

Now by the gracious Providence of God, the national custom of our empire is gradually advancing and those who were sleeping are beginning to wake up and the light of Christ is beginning to shine on them. The time has come for society in general to be convinced of the necessity of standing on the total abstinence principle.

For instance, look at the National Temperance League, led

by Hon. Taro Ando, what a lively work it is accomplishing among our immigrants who are scattered everywhere abroad. How warmly it is received wherever it begins its work! Notice also the increase in number of the monthly publication of the *Kunino-Hikari*, the organ of the National Temperance League.

We can not help but admire the persistent courage of Mr. Shō Nemoto who took so much pains to get the Anti-Smoking Law for minors enacted. Further more he has presented a bill to the House of Representatives for the fourth time last year for prohibiting the use of alcoholics by minors. His powerful speech at each time of the presentation of the bill has greatly moved the members of Parliament and was a great help in changing public opinion. We sincerely thank Hon. Ando and Mr. Nemoto for this, and hope that their efforts may eventually be crowned with success that the generation may be saved from the curse of drink. Especially at this time, when the Union of Methodism is so soon to be completed, we heartily pray for grace, that we may accomplish the duty of the church with renewed zeal, and prosecute the great object of national temperance.

We, as committee, offer the following resolution ;

I. That the pastors should from time to time preach on the subject of temperance, in order to give warning to society in general.

II. Organize a Temperance Society and invite young men to join it.

III. Give special lessons on temperance in Sunday-school and teach the children on the subject.

IV. Encourage the distribution of temperance literature.

V. Fix the third Sunday of November as Temperance Sunday and hold a special meeting.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Although the funds of the Church Extension Society are now more than *yen* 1200.00, they are still insufficient to meet all the urgent requests of the various churches that wish aid in furnishing, or completing their Church building. Your Committee therefore beg to present the following resolution, and, in order that this Society may be better able to fulfill the purposes for which it was organized, we request its adoption :—

First, that Presiding Elders and Pastors make earnest efforts to solicit individual gifts.

Second, that each Pastor observe the fourth Sunday of September as Church Extension Sunday, and preach an appropriate sermon on that day and take a public collection.

Third, that the Church Extension Society obtain plans and specifications of Church buildings, from home and abroad, for the help and guidance of those who may wish to build Church homes.

Committee, {T. UKAI,
 {M. IINUMA.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education having examined the reports of the different schools within the bounds of the Conference, respectfully presents the following summaries.

Julius Soper, Dean of "Philander Smith" Biblical Institute, reports:

During the year there have been in attendance *thirty-three* students the largest enrollment since 1895. *Seven* students were graduated at the Closing Exercises, March 28th, *five* of whom are of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and *two* of the Canadian Methodist Church.

Two professors of the Canadian Methodist Mission, Drs. Coates and Takagi, have rendered valuable assistance in teaching.

We hope before another year passes by that the Theological School will be in reality a *Union* School, a consummation so long desired. We trust such a result will soon follow the unification of Methodism in Japan.

The following special "scholarships" for the Theological School have been received:—

H. B. Hunt's S. S. Class, Fort Wayne, Indiana, by A. S. Preston,—\$ 50.00 (three years)—applied to S. Ukai (now pastor at Fukushima, Miagi-ken).

James Miles and wife, Platteville, Wisconsin, by Rev. A. L. Tull,—\$ 100.00 (two years)—applied to C. Makita and K. Tanaka,—the one now pastor at Hachinohe; the other at Nagoya.

O. F. Goldsberg, Mabel, Minn., by Rev. H. O. Jacobson,—\$ 40.00 (8 mos.)—applied to K. Nebashi.

Miss Ida Dwinelle, Webster, New York, by Rev. J. H. Stoody,—\$ 20.00 (4 mos.)—applied to K. Nebashi, now working in connection with Central Church, Tokyo.

Mrs. C. W. Connelly, 1516 S. Logan, Denver, Colorado,—by Rev. C. W. Huett,—\$ 25.00 (1906)—applied to Y. Nitta.

The Boyle Height's Sunday-school, Los Angeles, Cal., Mr. W. L. Cleveland Superintendent, proposes to give at least \$40.00 to the support of a Theological Student, beginning this year. This will be applied to Y. Yamaka.

A lady in West Virginia, by Mrs. Dr. John Wier, proposes to give a scholarship of at least \$20.00. This will be applied to Mr. Kido, from Kyushu, one of the new students.

Another noble gift (\$ 250.) is that from Mr. E. H. Gatlin, Oaksdale, Stanilaus Co., Cal., by Bishop Harris—applies to S. Nomi (for 3 years).

The largest gift to the Theological School is from Mr. F. X. Kreitler, Nebraska, Penn'a ; viz., \$525.00 for 1906, and \$500.00 for 1907. This generous gift for these two years, supplemented by the regular appropriations from the Board of Foreign Missions, have enabled us to make grants-in-aid to all we have admitted into the School, aside from those mentioned above.

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held March 26th, Julius Soper was re-elected Dean, and A. D. Berry was elected Vice-Dean, and Teisuke Hasegawa Registrar. Revs. T. Yamada, K. Obata and E. T. Iglehart, and Dr. E. Asada were re-elected professors.

The following is reported from the College and Academy of Aoyama Gakuin :

Total Enrollment for the year,—College, 159 ; Academy, 349 :—508.

Attendance at the close of the year,—College, 99 ; Academy, 270 :—369.

Graduates,—College, 32 ; Academy, 34 :—66.

The new school year has opened with a larger attendance than ever. This is very gratifying.

The income for the year is *yen* 9,758.96,—increase *yen* 2,531.96.

Rev. B. Chappell, the Dean of the School, returned to America on furlough on November last. Dr. M. Ishizaka, the Vice-Dean, became acting Dean to the close of the year. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees Dr. Ishizaka was elected Dean, and Rev. E. T. Iglehart Vice-Dean.

During the year a large and substantial brick Chapel has been built from the proceeds of the sale of the front of the College grounds—a strip 48 ft. wide, containing 1001 *Tsubo*—(*Yen* 16,016.), and the material of the old Goucher Hall, which was torn down in the Fall of 1906. There is still an indebtedness on the new Chapel of *yen* 4,400.

The religious welfare of the students has been cared for by President Honda and the pastor, Rev. K. Obata. Special revival services were held in January, resulting in the awakening of unusual interest, and the conversion of a goodly number of students.

We were favored with the presence of Dr. John F. Goucher, the honored founder of the school, and of Bishop Earl Cranston, at the Commencement, on March 28th, and at the *Twenty-fifth* Anniversary of the founding of Aoyama Gakuin, on April 8th, as well as at the Banquet given by the Alumni of the School, on the evening of the latter date.

We feel profoundly thankful to Dr. Goucher for his deep and long-continued interest in Aoyama Gakuin, and pray that his life may long be spared, so that he may see still larger results of his generous gifts to the cause of Christian education in Japan.

Rev. S. Ogata makes the following report of the Night School of the Tokyo Gospel Society :

Number of students enrolled during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	284
Average attendance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Present enrollment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	203
Japanese Teachers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Missionaries assisting in teaching	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20;
Inquirers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.

FINANCES :

Tuition and Fees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Yen</i> 1,476.00
Missionary Society Grant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200.00
Contributions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40.03
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,716.03

The following are some of the items from the report of the Yokohama Gospel Society :

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Society. The average attendance of the Night School has been larger than the previous year.

The Financial Report is as follows :

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1906.

<i>Income.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>
Subsidy from Missionary Society	200.00
Do. for Foreign teacher	300.00
Members' subscription as Fund	9.40
Night School Fees	1,059.55
Interest on Funds	2.60
Subscription by Ordinary members	1.00
Miscellaneous	0.10
Account brought from last year	38.92
<i>Expenditure.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>
Reward to President	120.00
Salary for Foreign teachers	335.00
" " Japanese teachers etc.	667.70
Bonus and so forth	46.00
House Rent	84.50
Electric Lights	137.49
Oil	3.65
Fuel	17.81
Sundries	36.28
Repairs	11.24
Stationery	3.10
Furniture	20.96
Extraordinary outlays	43.66
Balance carried to next year	84.18
Total	1,611.57 1,611.57

Respectfully submitted,
JULIUS SOPER,
K. OBATA,
N. ISHIKAWA.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS :—	
To Balance on hand March 31st, 1906	695.76
„ Conference Collection 1905-06	102.02
„ Interest	34.18
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Total Receipts	831.96 831.96
EXPENDITURES :—	
By Paid eight beneficiaries	490.50
„ Treasurer's expenses (3 years)... ..	2.50
Balance on hand	338.96
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	831.96 831.96

B. CHAPPELL, Treasurer.
Audited and found correct,
E. T. IGLEHART.

PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORT.

J. L. COWEN.

This annual report of the work of the Publishing House for 1906-7 is the eighth annual report made by the present management.

The year has seen the consummation of many plans that have been in our minds and on our hearts for years past. The securing of the present handsome and commodious set of buildings on the best business corner in Tokyo, the completion and occupation of the same, are conditions that should give us satisfaction.

To plan and oversee the construction of these new buildings added to the moving and setting up of machinery and moving of our stock into the new buildings has taken much valuable time that might have been spent in oversight of the business. As it is we have published a number of very good books and have several more now in press.

Four new editions of the Union Sambika have been printed during the past 12 months, each edition of 15,000 copies. The total number printed to date is 150,000. The largest circulation of any Christian book during the same time in Japan. A Romaji edition of the Sambika will be ready in June.

The business in all branches has never been so prosperous or so promising as at present. We have all the work we can do in the factory and sales of books continue to increase from month to month. We think the press will from now on be a source of income instead of a steady source of loss as it has been during the past, especially as any money ever made had to go into keeping up and adding to the plant. Our ability to offer such a large variety of all kinds of books to such a cosmopolitan population as we have in Tokyo is the real cause of our constantly increasing sales in the store. The average person will not buy a book that he cannot first examine. This requires a large amount of stock, much larger in proportion than such a store in America or England would have to carry.

We print for other firms and individuals many times more copies of Christian books and literature than we do for ourselves. We are gradually accumulating a collection of good selling books of which we have plates and the reprinting and sale of these is a regular source of profit.

For many years past the production of any Christian book, unless it were a story, was almost sure to prove a money loss.

because of the very small circulation. This state of affairs is happily passing away as the Christian community increases. The real Christian reading public in Japan is far greater than the registered church records show.

We have made an agreement with the new National S. S. Association of Japan for the printing and publication of the new series of S. S. helps that are to be issued under their auspices from July 1st. The prices of these papers are to be increased to meet the cost and the indications are the publication will be a large source of profit to us. We have in the past paid out large sums on these publications for the sake of the work and the new Association feel that we should now have some profit as Sunday Schools are able to pay for what they get.

We think there can now be no doubt that the policy of holding on to the press through the past years of storm and stress has proven the better course. Without the possession of the press we would never have secured the printing and handling of the Sambika and most of our best publications. We feel that there are many new lines of work that we can enter with profit as soon as we have more means to carry them out.

Whether the management of the business during these constructive years has always been the wisest or most conservative seems to be a matter of considerable doubt in the minds of many, but surely there is naught but the brightest promise for the future if our condition be examined intelligently and dispassionately. There was much pioneer work to be done; much that would never have been done had not great risks been taken and responsibility assumed. The press would have been lost to us entirely, had we weakened in our determination to hold on. If the house as a business proposition prove a success and a source of revenue to the work in Japan we can cheerfully bear the criticism of the course that has been pursued.

The following figures will give a clearer idea of the work of the year than any statements we can make.

CASH SALES FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR MARCH 1906 TO FEBRUARY 1907.

English Books	27,279.53
Japanese Books	13,388.64
Merchandise	11,553.85
Periodicals	1,459.99
Conference Minutes	19.65
English Sunday School Literature	1,395.07

Japanese Sunday School Literature	2,016.00	
Tracts	658.33	
Japan Evangelist	405.97	
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Total	58,277.03	
Total for 1905-6	50,621.16	
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Increase	7,621.88	
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Grants Books	67.95	
Grants Tracts	318.05	386.00
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Total for 1905		1,024.73
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Our total cash sales for past 2 years	188,475.61	
" " " " " " first 4 years	77,350.34	
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For the full 8 years	265,825.95	
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Stock on hand to-day... .. .	59,467.77	
" " " 1899	13,613.72	
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Increase	45,854.05	

METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE
GENERAL STATEMENT.

	<i>Yen.</i>
Cost of Property, including Fees	36,623.25
Repairs and New Building	14,459.23
Furniture in New Building	904.76
Stock in Merchandise Dept. March 1/07	59,467.87
Machinery, Invoice March 1st, 1907	
Stereotype Room	3,270.84
Press Room	7,295.00
Japanese Composing Room	3,818.90
Foreign Composing Room	1,714.88
Bindery	348.00
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	16,447.62
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	127,902.73

ASSETS.

	<i>Yen.</i>
Estimated Value of Property March 1st, 1907	100,000.00
Merchandise Dept. Stock in Hand March 1st, 1907... .. .	59,467.87
Invoice of Factory, Machinery in 5 Rooms	16,447.62
Bills Receivable, (10% deducted)... .. .	17,239.63
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	193,155.12

(Commission Books not above included, *yen* 7,345.73)

LIABILITIES.	
Loans	47,700.00
Bills Payable	10,766.26
Commissions Payable April 24/07... ..	872.34
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities	133,816.52
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	193,155.12

It will at once appear from the foregoing that a great increase in property owned by the Publishing House and in business done by it has recently taken place, and your Committee would call special attention to the following historical review:—

When Mr. J. L. Cowen arrived in 1899, the factory meant nothing but an old press or two and a few tools in the old school building at Aoyama, organized by Mr. J. O. Spencer as a means to aid poor students, conducted as an industrial department of the school, Mr. T. Chiga being then in charge. The presses were moved from the school building to the newly constructed press building at Aoyama in 1900, and the old school building torn down. In this new building our factory work was carried on till last year, (1906), when we moved into the new factory where we now are, and the Aoyama building was turned over to the school. Your Committee is of the opinion that the net value of all our property, aside from the stock of books, and the press did not exceed 9,000 *yen* when we made the purchase of our present property, September 29th, 1905, where as its present net value is not less than 190,000 *yen* when all obligations have been met. The steps leading up to this fortunate investment are now clear. The purchase of property next to our Ginza Church by Mr. D. S. Spencer when presiding elder of the Tokyo District, with a view to making that the headquarters of our Publishing House gave an impetus to the project. Learning that the former Hakubun-sha property might soon come upon the market, he requested when returning to America on furlough that he might be informed should that property be so offered. Upon being informed by Mr. Cowen of the opening, he repeatedly urged its purchase, and made this possible by sending to us from the United States most of the money with which it was secured. With a gift of but \$2,000 from the Missionary Society as encouragement, augmented by 2,306 *yen* from the sale of the Tsukiji lots, we have secured this fine property, a thing which could not have been accomplished but for such assistance and mutual co-operation.

As regards our business in the Sales Dept., our present success has not been reached without difficulty. We occupied crowded quarters at No. 2 Shichome, Ginza, in 1895, paying relatively high rentals for inadequate quarters. We moved from No 2 to better accommodations in our own little store at No. 3, in 1903, and from No. 3 to the present place, No. 1, in 1906. To the careful student the steady growth of our sales as shown by the following table will be encouraging :—

SALES OF PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Year.	Agent.	Total Cash Sales.	Sales Jap. Literature.	Stock on Hand.
1885	L. W. Squier App'd			
1886	" "			
1887	I. H. Correll			
1888	" "			
1889	H. W. Schwartz			
1890				
1891	J. O. Spencer	Y 1,041.78		Y 4,012.07
1892	C. Bishop	1,207.98		4,512.44
1893	"	2,584.59	Y 1,479.91	7,779.34
1894	"	3,288.43	1,890.31	6,403.93
1895	Bishop-Wadman	4,550.28	1,902.43	
1896	J. W. Wadman	9,426.11	4,233.35	
1897	" "	11,699.49	4,947.78	
1898	J. G. Cleveland	12,000.12	4,153.26	
1899	" "			
1900	J. L. Cowen	11,798.32		13,613.72
1901	" "	13,804.96	4,251.30	12,667.56
1902	" "	23,932.79	6,211.50	
1903	" "	27,814.27	5,184.79	12,319.34
1904	" "	37,738.29	8,933.29	21,569.55
1905	" "	40,265.00	8,490.00	27,740.30
1906	" "	50,655.05	11,452.79	4,789.74
1907	" "	59,817.27	16,012.94	59,467.77

We advise our missionaries and friends to study carefully these figures. Previous to 1891 our total business was an almost negligible quantity. The steady growth of our sales, and of the building up of the stock in hand should not be lost sight of. We regret that the sale of Japanese literature has not increased more rapidly, but when it is remembered that only one in one thousand of this people is connected with a Protestant Church, and that the average Japanese has very little money to spend for reading, the wonder is that we have done so well. A mere glance at the figures will show that the more

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rapid increase in sales has come during the past eight years. The methods followed in soliciting trade have given us this promising business, and made our store a rallying center for people of all sections and classes.

For the Administrative Committee,
 JULIUS SOPER, *Chairman.*
 F. W. HECKELMAN, *Secretary.*

GOKYO REPORT.

JANUARY—DECEMBER 1906.

<i>Income.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>
In Hand	114,122
From Subscriptions	861,885
" Advertisements	121,110
Interest... ..	17,140
Miscellaneous	1,008,000
Total	2,125,257

<i>Expenditure.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>
Printing	856,800
Postage... ..	285,220
Business Expenses	200,227
Editorial Expenses	679,675
Total	2,021,922
Balance in Hand	103,335

IN THE END OF DECEMBER 1906.

Printed Copies	Y. 880
Distributed Copies	874
Subscribers	710
To Book Stores	21
Present and Exchange	143

Compared with the former year.

Increase in Income	Y. 124,665
" Expenditure	135,452
" Printed Copies... ..	40
" Subscribers	30
" To Book Stores	8

C. BISHOP,
 U. BESSHO.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

In view of the approaching union, and the need of protecting our veterans and the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren, we unanimously recommend the following distribution of the funds in hand, by monthly payments, said payments to continue until the funds are exhausted.

	<i>Yen.</i>
B. Onuki	10.00
I. Honda	10.00
T. Kikuchi	10.00
Mrs. Nakada	25.00
Mrs. Mizoc	6.00

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. DRAPER, H. YAMAKA, S. KURIMURA,
H. KAWASUMI, S. KIMURA, T. IKEDA, *Stewards.*

ANNUITY FUND SOCIETY.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>
Balance from last year	1,337.44
Interest on Bank Deposits	18.40
Interest on Investment (6 mos.)... ..	77.50
Dues from Members—Japanese and foreign	278.03
Contributions from Churches	46.97
Total Receipts	<u>1,758.34</u>

<i>Cr.</i>	
Investment— Exchequer Bonds—Face Value, <i>yen</i> 1,700	1,579.75
In Bank Special Current Account	33.58
Cash in Hand to be deposited	145.01
Total	<u>1,758.34</u>

If the gain in the purchase of the above Bonds is added, it would amount to *yen* 1,758.34 + 120.25 = 1,878.59.

The increase during the year— including this *yen* 120.25— is *yen* 540 90.

Respectively submitted,
JULIUS SOPER, *Treasurer.*

Aoyama, Tokyo, May 20th, 1907.

Audited and found Correct,
SAEHACHI KURIMURA,
WASUKE ISHIKAWA.

Place.	Salary.	Church Raises.	Mission Aid.	Rent & Taxes.	Circuit Trav.	Conf. Trav.
NAGOYA DISTRICT.						
Komaki	25.00	4.00	21.00	4.00	1.00	7.50
Nagoya 1st	48.00	48.00	—	—	—	7.50
” 2nd	34.00	15.00	19.00	11.50	—	7.50
Nishio	25.00	1.00	24.00	—	—	—
Shinshiro-Tawara	16.50	1.50	15.00	1.50	10.00	—
Toyohashi.....	34.00	3.00	31.00	—	—	6.50
TOKYO-SHINANO DISTRICT.						
Azumi	25.00	4.00	21.00	4.50	—	—
Iida	28.00	5.00	23.00	—	—	12.00
Ina-Takato	28.00	1.50	26.50	—	3.00	9.00
Kawagoe-Toyooka	30.00	10.00	20.00	6.00	5.00	2.00
Kunagae-Honjo	36.00	4.00	32.00	5.60	8.00	2.00
Matsumoto	20.00	5.00	15.00	1.00	—	—
Matsushiro	34.00	5.00	29.00	9.00	3.00	6.00
Ogawa	25.00	7.00	18.00	4.50	4.00	—
Shimamura	25.00	12.50	12.50	—	—	—
Aoyama-Gakuin	10.00	10.00	—	—	—	—
” 1st Church	35.00	35.00	—	—	—	—
Josei	36.00	9.00	27.00	20.00	—	—
Kudan	50.00	50.00	—	—	—	—
TOKYO-YOKOHAMA DISTRICT.						
Ajiki	21.00	6.00	17.00	3.00	4.00	—
Odawara-Oiso	34.00	6.00	28.00	5.00	4.50	3.00
Kamakura	36.00	5.00	31.00	5.00	1.00	1.50
Mizukaido	35.00	12.00	23.00	9.00	6.50	3.00
Sawara	28.00	5.00	23.00	4.00	5.00	3.00
Sōsa	26.00	5.00	21.00	{ 6.00	—	3.00
Takeoka	25.00	4.00	21.00	{ 5.00	1.00	—
Tobe	37.00	11.50	25.50	12.00	—	1.00
Kanagawa.....	32.00	5.00	27.00	7.00	—	1.00
Tokyo, Asakusa	32.00	8.00	24.00	2.00	—	—
” Central	80.00	80.00	—	—	—	—
” Mita	36.00	6.00	30.00	—	—	—
Yokohama	65.00	65.00	—	—	—	—

SPECIAL GIFTS FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK.

(THE PAST FOUR YEARS.)

- Freeman Owen, Forest, Ohio; Mrs. Flora Garwood, Kenton, Ohio,—
 Each \$30.00 (for two years)—applied to the making up of the deficiency in the Evangelistic Fund for 1904 and 1905.
- Green St. Chester Epworth League, Chester, Nebraska, from Miss B. Sawyer,—
 \$50.00—applied to the salary of Rev. M. Mitani, while at Kamakura.
- Edmund R. Aler, Marquette, Michigan,—
 \$75.00—applied to Rev. S. Imai, at Fukushima.
- Rev. B. J. Tracy, 311 La Forte Ave, Syracuse, New York,—
 \$50.00—applied to Rev. S. Kataoka, at Hakodate.
- Rev. S. E. Meminger, Mt Tabor Station, Portland, Oregon,—
 \$33.00 (two years)—applied to Rev. K. Ichiku—one year at Toyohashi and one year at Oiso-Odawara.
- Junior Epworth League, Passaic, New Jersey, by Dr. G. W. Smith,—
 \$40.00 annually—applied to Rev. K. Fujita, at Hirosaki.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Austin, 159 Greenwood Ave., East Orange, N. J.—
 \$50.00—applied three years to Rev. Teisuke Hasegawa, at Aoyama, Tokyo, and Yokaichiba, Shimosa; and this year (1907) to Rev. W. Ishikawa, at Kamakura.
- Epworth League, Alexandria, S. D., by Rev. E. S. Chappell,—
 \$50.00 (two years)—applied to Rev. U. Amenomori, at Iida, Shinshu.
- Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Vermillion, S. D., by Rev. A. C. Shepherd,—
 \$50.00 (two years)—applied to Rev. C. Nakamura.
- Mrs. D. L. Lyon, Vermillion, S. D., by Rev. A. C. Shepherd,—
 \$50.00 (two years)—applied to Rev. E. Hirano, at Morioka.

- Epworth League, Missoula, Mont., by Mrs. Chas. E. Avery,—
\$75.00 (three years)—applied to Rev. M. Yamaka, Hirosaki.
- Miss Pearl Wakeman, Fort Dodge, Iowa, by Rev. G. C. Fort,—
\$20.00 (three years)—applied to Rev. K. Ishizaka, Tokyo.
- Epworth League, Piqua, Ohio, by R. J. Wyckoff, 423 N. Wayne St.,—
\$50.00 (two years)—applied to Rev. T. Ukai, at Kamakura, (1906); and to Rev. M. Mitani, at Hakodate, (1907.)
- Louis C. Reb, Frankfort, Kansas,—
\$30.00 (1906); \$40.00 (1907)—applied to Rev. T. Ikeda, Tobe, Yokohama.
- Rev. George Haffen, Anaheim, Cal., by Dr. G. B. Smyth,—
\$25.00 (1906); \$20.00 (1907)—applied to Rev. M. Yoshida, Yotsuya, Tokyo.
- Rev. T. S. Henderson, Stamford, Conn.,—
\$100.00 (1906)—applied to Rev. K. Sawai, Mizukaido.
- First Church, Rocky Ford, Colorado, by Rev. F. V. Hallenbach,—
\$50.00 (1906)—applied to Rev. T. Takami, Iwanai, Hokkaido.
- Junior Epworth League, Garrett, Indiana, by Rev. P. E. Powell,—
\$60.00 (1907)—applied to Rev. Teisuke Hasegawa, Tokyo, professor in Aoyama Gakuin.
- Beulah Sunday School, Reamsville, Kansas, by Rev. J. E. Brown,—
J. G. Van Audell, Secretary,—\$36.00 (1907)—applied to Rev. K. Tanaka, Deki-machi, Nagoya.

JULIUS SOPER.



REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.	Yen.
Balance from old account	6.66
Book Concern Draft, \$506.00	1,017.09
Conference Claimants Collection, 1906	32.10
Conference Benevolent Collections	
Missionary Society	115.30
Church Extension Society	133.08
S. S. Union & Tract Society	16.90
Presiding Elders	51.41
Education Society	102.02
Bible Society	18.60
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society... ..	95.85
Conference Missionary Society	667.35
Episcopal Fund	42.88
Conference Annuity Fund	214.00
Interest on deposit in bank	4.55
Total Receipts	2,518.29

DISBURSEMENTS.	Stewards Fund.
K. Sawai, 8.00, K. Iida, 8.00, O. Usui, 10.000	26.000
T. Takami, 10.00, T. Iikubo, 10.00	20.00
M. Kozaki, 15.000, T. Sakamoto, 20.00	35.00
S. Kokita, 60.00, T. Mimura, 50.00... ..	110.00
Mrs. Mizoe	72.00
Mrs. Nakada	300.00
T. Kikuchi	120.00
I. Honda	120.00
B. Onuki	120.00

Benevolences.	
Annuity Fund, J. Soper	214.00
Treasurer's Travel and Postage	1.76
Mrs. Nakada, April and May 1907	50.00
Missionary Society C. Bishop	115.30
S. S. U. and Tract Society C. Bishop... ..	16.90
Presiding Elders C. Bishop	51.41
Episcopal Fund, C. Bishop	42.88
W. F. M. S., Mrs. Bishop	95.85
Church Extension, S. Ogata... ..	133.08
Education Society B. Chappell	102.02
Bible Society H. Loomis	18.60
Conference Missionary Society K. Ishizaka	667.35
Balance	86.14
Total Disbursements	2,518.29

E. T. IGLEHAT, *Treasurer.*Audited and found correct,
C. N. BERTELS,
M. YOSHIDA.

Aoyama, May, 1907.

Statistical Tables
JAPAN CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1907

R. D. Alexander, Statistical Secretary

Districts	Name of Charges	Church Membership					Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property.						
		Probationers		No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schools.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Pro.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
		Adults.	Children.															
Hirosaki	Akita	20		18			1	1	2	20								
	Aomori	28		56		1	10	2	5	200	1	2,500.00	1	600.00	120.00			
	Fujisaki	10		35			5	1	6	141	1	500.00	1	600.00	600.00			
	Goshogawara & Numadate	11	1	44			3	2	6	90	1	500.00			.75			
	Hachinohe & Sambogi ...	6	11	22	1	1	1	4	1	3	52							
	Hirosaki	75		185	2	3	17	10	23	650	1	6,800.00	1	1,400.00	2,300.00	5.00	357.00	
Odate	7	2	20			4	1	3	90			1	350.00	12.00				
		157	14	380	3	5	44	18	48	1243	4	10,300.00	4	2,950.00	3,032.75	5.00	357.00	
Hokkaido	Asahigawa	20	19	42			4	1	5	80	1	3,000.00	1	300.00	541.14			
	Hakodate	32	11	137		2	18	6	43	588	1	2,500.00	1	430.00	20.03	7.50		
	Iwamizawa	14		55		1	5	1	2	54				400.00				
	Iwanai	10	5	35			4	1	2	30	1	850.00	1	450.00	58.00	14.00	44.00	
	Otaru	23	28	76		1	7	9	1	5	45	1	3,500.00	1	1,750.00	55.00		
	Sapporo	15		125		2	17	1	12	130	1	5,000.00	1	650.00	48.34	10.00	100.00	
Yakumo	1	2	17		1	2	1	1	20									
		115	65	487		7	11	58	12	70	5	14,850.00	5	3,580.00	1,067.51	70.50	144.00	
Nagoya	Komaki		5	13			1	1	1	19				30.00				
	Nagoya First Church ...	30	15	120	1	2	1	25	6	15	1	6,000.00	1	800.00	30.00	10.00	50.00	
	Nagoya Second Church...	5		44			5	1	5	70				50.50	50.00	50.00		
	Nishio	5	2	10			1	1	1	10	1	1,500.00	2	300.00				
	Shinshiro Circuit	27	3	35		1	3	1	1	2	38	1	350.00					
Toyohashi	10	8	25			1	1	1	6	60	1	2,700.00	1	200.00		33.37		
		77	33	247	1	3	4	33	11	30	4	10,550.00	4	1,300.00	110.50	93.37	100.00	
Sendai	Fukushima	14	24	37		1	3	19	2	7	108							
	Morioka	14		56			4	1	3	60	1	700.00	1	550.00		5.00		
	Nishinasuno	15	21	28		1	3	1	3	26	1	800.00	1	150.00	10.00			
	Sakuyama	6	6	11			1	1	1	62	1	200.00						
	Sendai	56	7	161	1		34	7	28	400	1	6,000.00	1	760.00	74.40		800.00	
	Shirakawa	3		19		1	1	1	3	30	1	350.00			20.00	4.00	16.00	
	Tendo			14						1	1	800.00					58.00	
	Utsunomiya			25														
	Yamagata	2		24		1	1	1	1	4	65	1	500.00			1.50		
Yonezawa	6		17			5	1	3	68	1	800.00					80.00		
		116	58	392	1	4	3	66	15	52	8	10,150.00	3	1,460.00	105.90	9.00	954.00	

Districts	Names of Charges	Church Membership					Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						
		Probationers		No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Personages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Pro.	Present indebtedness on Church Property
		Adults	Children															
Tokyo-Shinano	Azumi	22	15	47	2		10	15	1	1	77							
	Iida	32		32		1		5	1	3	30		1	800.00		10.00	10.00	
	Ina & Takato	15	1	16		1		3	1	3	76	2	2	450.00	2	250.00	143.78	80.00
	Kawagoe & Toyooka	26	8	39	1	1	5	7	2	2	75	1	1	330.00	1	100.00	2.19	
	Kumagae & Honjo	16	1	30				1	2	4	75	2	1	930.00	1	150.00	1.33	36.00
	Matsumoto	15	1	33				3	1	3	37	1	1	500.00	1	250.00	10.75	7.00
	Matsushiro	13	12	48	1	2	1	1	1	3	50							
	Ogawa & Moro	21		38				12	1	1	40							
	Shimamura	13	6	36				1	1	2	30	1	1	500.00	1	150.00	23.00	
	Tokyo, Aoyama	22	5	130	2		1	16	1	13	154	1	1	1,250.00	1	250.00		
	" College Church	85		272	2	1		23	2	9	200							
	" Josei	16	15	80	1	6		3	1	8	45	1	1	600.00			35.00	108.21
" Kudan		9	223			9	14	1	16	130	1	1	15,000.00	1	2,500.00	1,132.56		
		297	73	1,024	9	12	29	109	16	68	1,019	10	9	19,560.00	9	4,450.00	1,348.67	53.00
Tokyo-Yokohama	Ajiki	47	42	86		1		7	2	3	70	2		1,400.00			34.00	114.00
	Chiba	4	7	7														
	Kamakura	7	9	29		1	2	6	1	5	126	1	1	7,500.00	1	1,700.00	2,847.38	80.00
	Midzukaiido & Kawamata	28	22	91		2		7	2	6	70					6.00		400.00
	Odawara & Oiso	20	20	45				2	2	2	72	2	2	1,600.00			74.00	
	Sawara	43	2	23			2	12	1	2	50	1	1	800	1	200.00	2.40	
	Sosa	22	7	22				3	1	4	45						40.00	
	Takeoka	26	13	26		2			1	4	120	1	1	2,000.00	1	800.00	10.00	17.50
	Tobe & Kanagawa	7	7	90	1	1		11	2	13	143	2	2	8,750.00			2,957.00	600.00
	Tokyo, Asakusa	54	6	44			29	2	9	9	347	1	1	2,400.00	1	1,100.00	4,023.71	30.00
	" Central	185	58	317	2	5	9	22	2	13	295	1	1	20,000.00	1	300.00	598.57	
	" Mita	20	10	68		1	2	5	2	7	94	1	1	6,000.00	1	1,100.00	149.75	35.00
Yokohama	51	71	265	1	5	11	39	3	23	514	1	1	40,000.00	1	1,000.00	1,087.65	300.27	
Korea	28	1	92	2	1	1	82	3	6	95	1	1	2,900.00	1	600.00	1,000.00	105.00	
		542	275	1,205	6	19	27	225	24	98	1,971	14	8	91,950.00	8	5,100.00	12,796.46	131.50
Summary	Hirosaki	157	14	380	3	5	1	44	18	48	1,243	4	4	10,300.00	4	2,950.00	3,032.75	5.00
	Hokkaido	115	65	487		7	11	58	12	70	947	5	5	14,850.00	5	3,580.00	1,007.51	76.50
	Nagoya	77	33	247	1	3	4	33	11	30	466	4	4	10,550.00	4	1,300.00	110.50	93.37
	Sendai	116	58	392	1	4	3	66	15	52	819	8	3	10,150.00	3	1,460.00	105.90	9.00
	Tokyo-Shinano	297	73	1,024	9	12	29	100	16	68	1,019	10	9	19,560.00	9	4,450.00	1,348.67	53.00
	Tokyo-Yokohama	542	275	1,205	6	19	27	225	24	98	1,971	14	8	91,950.00	8	5,100.00	12,796.46	131.50
	Total	1,304	518	3,735	20	50	75	535	96	366	6,465	45	33	157,360.00	33	18,840.00	18,461.79	368.37
1906 Last Year	1,325	495	3,653	19	49	60	505	102	327	5,602	41	29	131,070.00	29	15,540.00	7,852.94	450.63	
Increase		23	82	1	1	15	30			863	4	4	26,290.00	4	3,300.00	10,608.85		
Decrease	21							6								82.26	1,043.66	

JAPAN CONFERENCE—1907.

Districts	Name of Charge	Pastor's Support				Deficiencies	Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Conference Claimants	Current Expenses	
		CLAIMS		RECEIPTS						Church : Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School : Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Salary	House Rent						
Hirosaki	Akita	25.50		19.50		6.00			35.00	5.60	
	Aomori	84.00	42.00	84.00	42.00		25	50	59.98	8.27	
	Fujisaki	360.00	60.00	360.00	60.00		50	50	27.23		
	Goshogawara & Numadate	60.00		60.00			30	20	27.23	9.39	
	Hachinohe & Sambogi ...	54.00		58.50			20	20	37.22	4.11	
	Hirosaki	192.00	144.00	192.00	144.00		50	50	159.0.	.1919	
	Odate	30.00	36.00	30.00	36.00		20	10	22.61	7.50	
		806.50	282.00	804.00	282.00	6.00	1.95	2.00	2.10	368.27	54.06
Hokkaido	Asahigawa	48.00	120.00	60.00	120.00		10	10	20	45.00	5.00
	Hakodate	192.00	210.00	224.00	210.00		1.50	1.50	3.07	198.90	97.69
	Iwamizawa	54.00	24.00	60.00		24.00	20	20	20	7.00	5.70
	Iwanai	120.00	104.00	130.00	104.00		25	55	25	24.86	4.01
	Otaru	180.00	180.00	300.00	180.00		30	30	40	119.00	12.00
	Sapporo	480.00	60.00	480.00	60.00		50		1.80	133.73	36.00
	Yakumo	12.00		15.00			20	.20	10	5.00	
		1,086.00	698.00	1,269.00	674.00	24.00	3.05	2.85	6.02	533.49	160.40
Nagoya	Komaki	48.00		52.00			20	20	10	2.00	3.50
	Nagoya First Church	540.00	130.00	585.00	130.00		1.00	1.00	3.00	234.39	45.56
	Nagoya Second „	138.00	42.00	138.00	42.00		50	20	50	42.00	10.00
	Nishio	12.00		12.00			20	20	20	27.51	.76
	Shinshiro Circuit	18.00		16.80		1.20	10	15	15	6.00	
	Toyohashi	30.00	60.00	30.00	60.00		50	50	50	75.08	5.61
			786.00	232.00	833.80	232.00	1.20	2.50	2.25	4.45	387.88	65.43
Sendai	Fukushima	84.00		84.00			50	50	25		
	Morioka	78.00	120.00	102.50	120.00		30	30	30	54.29	2.00
	Nishinasuno	30.00	21.00	35.00	21.00		20	20	20	11.75	1.59
	Sakuyama	30.00		35.00			15	15	20	5.62	1.92
	Sendai	540.00	132.00	585.00	132.00		1.00	1.00		122.06	9.31
	Shirakawa	30.00		23.75		6.25	10	.10	10	12.11	1.50
	Tendo	12.00		13.00							
	Utsunomiya	36.00		39.00	1.30		10	10	20	10.00	
	Yamagata	24.00		26.00						24.55	4.97
Yonezawa									16.69	5.00	
		864.00	273.00	943.25	274.30	6.25	2.35	2.35	1.25	257.07	26.29

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Districts	Name of charge	Pastor's Support				Defi- ciencies	Support of Presiding Elders	Support of Bishops	Conference Claimants	Current Expenses	
		CLAIMS		RECEIPTS						Church : Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School : Lesson Leaves Books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Salary	House Rent						
Tokyo-Shinano	Azumi	36.00		36.00			1.00	70	60	2.90	7.92
	Iida	60.00	48.00	60.00	48.00		40	40	40	1.50	1.50
	Ina & Takata	18.00	13.00	16.80	13.00	1.20	20	20	20	11.63	.87
	Kawagoye & Toyooka	84.00		91.00			1.56	1.95	1.50	85.40	6.06
	Kumagae & Honjo	48.00		40.00		8.00	30	30	30	19.25	2.50
	Matsumoto	60.00	70.00	70.00	70.00		1.00	1.00	50	28.50	5.12
	Matsushiro	60.00		60.00				1.00	20	20.71	4.86
	Ogawa & Moro	84.00		84.00			40	40	70	3.60	2.00
	Shimamura	132.00	24.00	132.00	24.00		50	50	50	26.50	2.50
	Tokyo, Aoyama	204.00	70.00	327.00	70.00		4.00	3.00	1.00	166.23	32.07
	„ College Church	100.00		100.00			10.68	6.00	5.00		
	„ Josei	108.00		117.00			1.50	1.00	50	48.50	7.00
	„ Kudan	420.00	360.00	428.00	360.00		8.00	2.00	1.00	352.79	63.10
			1,414.00	585.00	1,561.80	585.00		29.54	18.45	12.40	767.51	135.50
Tokyo-Yokohama	Ajiki	72.00		72.00			50	50	20	6.43	1.60
	Chiba	36.00		36.00			10	10	30	3.00	
	Kamakura	60.00	180.00	95.40	180.00		30	1.00	70	202.76	36.53
	Midzukaiido & Kawamata	120.00		146.00			50	1.89	1.00	10.40	2.00
	Odawara & Oiso	72.00	21.00	91.00	21.00		50	50	30	4.50	4.59
	Sawara	60.00	36.00	60.00	36.00		20	10	50	10.64	1.50
	Sosa	60.00		63.00			20	10	10	5.14	11.90
	Takeoka	48.00	30.00	48.00	30.00		20	20	10	10.00	5.00
	Tobe & Kanagawa	180.00	12.00	180.00	10.00	2.00	80	1.00	1.00	34.49	30.04
	Tokyo, Asakusa	90.00	120.00	105.00	120.00		50	50	50	58.72	1.27
	„ Central	660.00		732.00			3.00	2.00	1.00	581.03	36.20
	„ Mita	72.00	180.00	77.50	186.00		50	50	50	95.72	11.12
	Yokohama	600.00	240.00	660.00	240.00		1.00	1.00	2.00	375.26	11.41
	Korea	500.00	85.00	500.00	85.00		1.50	1.00	1.00	263.00	8.00
		2,630.00	904.00	2,865.90	902.00	2.00	9.80	10.39	9.10	1,661.09	161.16
Summary	Hirosaki	806.50	282.00	804.00	282.00	6.00	1.95	2.00	2.10	368.27	54.06
	Hokkaido	1,086.00	698.00	1,269.00	674.00	24.00	3.05	2.85	6.02	533.49	160.40
	Nogoya	786.00	232.00	833.80	232.00	1.20	2.50	2.25	4.45	387.88	65.43
	Sendai	864.00	273.00	943.25	274.30	6.25	2.35	2.35	1.25	257.07	20.29
	Tokyo-Shinano	1,414.00	585.00	1,561.80	585.00	9.20	29.54	18.45	12.40	767.51	135.50
	„ Yokohama	2,630.00	904.00	2,865.90	902.00	2.00	9.80	10.39	9.10	1,661.09	161.16
	Total	7,586.50	2,974.00	8,277.75	2,949.30	48.65	49.19	38.29	35.32	3,975.31	602.84
	Last Year	7,068.00	2,161.38	7,015.80	2,161.38	94.20	51.41	42.88	31.95	4,560.66	721.55
Increase	518.50	812.62	1,261.95	787.92							
Decrease					44.55	2.22	4.59	3.37	585.35	118.71	

Districts	Names of Charges	Benevolent Collections														
		MISSIONS			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missy's Society	Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevol't Collections	Assistant Pastor: Bible Woman	Annuity Fund	Building Fund on Hand
		(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total				(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund							
Hirotsaki	Akita	50		50	1.70			50				4.70			4.20	
	Aomori	2.00		2.00	2.40		25	1.00		25		18.40			5.32	
	Fujisaki							2.00				14.20			50	560.00
	Goshogawara-Numadate	1.00		1.00	2.20			1.50				10.00			60	
	Hachinohe & Sambogi	1.00		1.00	1.80		20	1.30		20		7.00			4.30	
	Hirotsaki	2.00	1.00	3.00	8.60		50	2.00		50		29.10			11.40	
	Odate	50		50	1.40							4.40			4.06	
	7.00	1.00	8.00	18.10		95	8.30		95	20	87.80			30.38	560.00	
Hokkaido	Asahigawa	1.00		1.00	1.40			10		10		8.20			4.06	
	Hakodate	8.00		8.00	10.73	1.00	1.30	2.00	5.00	2.30	2.05	28.40			13.88	
	Iwamizawa	1.00		1.00	1.70		20	20		20		3.70				
	Iwanai				1.60		25	75		45	3.00	8.80			5.74	1.40
	Otaru	1.00		1.00	2.40		50	1.00		50	1.00	12.70			5.88	
	Sapporo	1.00		1.00	3.80		50	2.70		50	50	32.80			7.80	
	Yakumo	20		20	15		5			10						150.00
	12.20		12.20	21.78	1.00	2.90	6.75	5.00	4.15	7.85	94.60			37.36	151.40	
Nagoya	Komaki	30		30	1.40			10		10		3.10			10	600.00
	Nagoya First Church	2.50	1.00	3.50	10.60		50	5.10		50	50	56.30			11.60	120.00
	" Second "	80		80	1.40		20	50		20	50	6.20			5.16	20.00
	Nishio	30	20	50	1.50		10	20		10	10	1.70			20	
	Shinshiro Circuit	15	10	25	1.50		05	10		05	05	3.05			15	48.00
	Toyohashi	10	10	20	2.60		10	1.00		20		3.20			4.62	
	4.15	1.40	5.55	19.00		1.05	7.15		1.15	1.25	73.55			21.83	788.00	
Sendai	Fukushima	1.00	25	1.25	50		20	20		20	20	5.10			1.00	
	Morioka	1.50		1.50	1.50		30	30		30	30	10.00			3.92	
	Nishinasuno	1.20	15	1.35	1.55		15	15		20	20	6.10			40	
	Sakuyama	90	15	1.05	15		15	1.60		15	15	2.10			30	
	Sendai	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.80		50			50		18.00				
	Shirakawa	50		50	10							1.50			10	
	Tendo															
	Utsunomiya	1.00		1.00	90		10	10		10	10	3.20			3.15	
	Yamagata	50		50	1.40			1.00				3.35			5.34	32.96
	Yonezawa	50		50								2.30			3.20	
	9.10	1.55	10.65	9.90		1.40	3.50		1.45	1.05	51.65			17.41	32.96	

Districts	Name of Charges	Benevolent Collections														
		MISSIONS			Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Miss'ary Society	Home Miss'ary Society	Total Other Benevol't Collections	Assistant Pastor Bible Woman	Annuity Fund	Building Fund on Hand
		(b) Sunday School	(a) Church	Total				(a) Public Educat'nal Collection	(b) Children's Fund							
Tokyo-Shinano	Azumi	1.20		1.20	90		30	60	20	30	5.20				38.02	
	Iida	40	40	80	1.40		40	40	40	70	7.60					
	Ina and Takato	1.00	10	1.10	1.40		10	30	20	10	5.00	5.59		3.78		
	Kawagoe and Toyooka	1.85		1.85	2.85		10	2.12	50	10	9.00	87.54		6.10		
	Kumagae and Honjo... ..	70		70	1.70		20	30	20	20	4.20			5.04		
	Matsumoto	1.00		1.00	1.70		10	40	10	10	2.86	1.52		6.10		
	Matsushiro	1.20	50	1.70	1.40		20	1.00	20	50	4.20	6.00		4.48	135.00	
	Ogawa and Moro.....	1.30	1.30	2.60	1.40		20	20	20	30	10.80	25.00				
	Shimamura	1.00		1.00	50		20	50	30	50	7.20					
	Tokyo, Aoyama	3.00		3.00	4.60		50	4.00	50	50	23.60	6.70		22.80		
	„ College	7.00		7.00	12.77		1.25	14.80	1.25	1.25	86.20	63.13		47.50		
	„ Josei	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00			2.00	50	50	6.20	13.99		4.90	275.23	
	„ Kudan	1.00		1.00	3.40		1.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	37.00	11.00	88.00	10.06		
		21.65	3.30	24.95	35.02		4.55	33.62	5.55	5.75	209.96	220.47	88.00	110.76	448.25	
Tokyo-Yokohama	Ajiki	30		30	1.90					8.70			50			
	Chiiba				4.00			20	10	2.20	1.75		4.84			
	Kamakura	50	50	1.00	4.93	10	10	7.06	10	8.74	266.77		15.75			
	Mizukaido-Kawamata	1.20		1.20	2.60		10	1.80	12	20	18.20	24.10		5.84		
	Odawara and Oiso	2.00		2.00	1.40		20	20	10	20	10.00	5.72		4.62	13.78	
	Sawara	40	10	50	1.40		10	1.00	10	10	3.20	19.50		10.00		
	Sōsa	20		20	1.50			95		50	3.14			3.22	13.39	
	Takeoka	50		50	1.70		10	50		10	3.15	5.00		7.20		
	Tube and Kanagawa... ..	1.00		1.00	5.80			2.60			24.00	54.68		10.04		
	Tokyo, Asakusa	1.00		1.00	3.80			3.53			28.20	139.77		7.34		
	„ Central	14.00	1.50	15.50	10.00	1.00	1.00	16.00	3.00	1.00	114.00	62.65		3.97	14,217.69	
	„ Mita.....	3.00		3.00	3.80		50	3.45	50	50	22.70	95.72		5.04		
Yokohama	5.00	2.00	7.00	3.80		50	2.00	50	50	60.00	28.51		7.00			
Korea	2.00		2.00	1.00		50	1.00	50	50	15.00	59.00		11.20			
	31.10	4.10	35.20	47.63	1.10	3.10	40.29	5.12	3.10	321.23	763.17		96.56	14,244.86		
Summary	Hirosaki	7.00	1.00	8.00	18.10		95	8.30		95	87.80	110.08		30.38	560.00	
	Hokkaido.....	12.20		12.20	21.78	1.00	2.90	6.75	5.00	4.15	7.85	125.68		37.36	151.40	
	Nagoya.....	4.45	1.40	5.55	19.00		1.05	7.15		1.15	73.55	103.86		21.83	788.00	
	Sendai.....	9.10	1.55	10.65	9.90		1.40	3.50		7.45	1.05	51.65	97.71		17.41	32.96
	Tokyo-Shinano	21.65	3.30	24.95	35.02		4.55	33.62	5.55	5.75	209.06	220.47	88.00	110.76	448.25	
	Tokyo-Yokohama	31.10	4.10	35.20	47.63	1.10	3.10	40.29	5.12	3.10	321.23	763.17		96.56	14,244.86	
	Total	85.20	11.35	96.55	151.43	2.10	13.95	99.61	5.00	18.37	837.89	1,420.97	88.00	314.30	16,225.47	
	Last Year	103.05	12.25	115.30	133.08	1.25	15.65	22.13	79.89	18.60	149.85	668.00	1,916.88		211.00	17,805.72
	Increase				18.35	85		77.48				169.89	88.00	103.30		
	Decrease	17.85	90	18.75			1.70		74.89	23	130.65				1,580.25	

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District	Names of Charges	MISSIONARY SOCIETY		Church Extension	Tract Society	Presiding Elders	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Miss'ary Society	Home Miss'ary Society	Annuity Fund	Conf. Claim.	Bishops
		Church	Sunday School				(a) Public Educat'nal Collection	(b) Children's Fund						
Hirosaki	Akita	50		1.70			50				1.70	4.20		
	Aomori	2.00		2.40	25	25	1.00		25		18.40	5.32	50	50
	Goshogawara	1.00		2.20		30	1.50				10.00	60	40	20
	Fujisaki					50	2.00				14.20	50	50	50
	Hachinohe	1.00		1.80	20	20	1.30		20	20	7.00	4.30	20	20
	Hirosaki	2.00	1.00	8.60	50	50	2.00		50		29.10	11.40	50	50
	Odate	50		1.40		20					4.40	4.06		10
	7.00	1.00	18.10	95	195	8.30		95	20	87.80	30.38	2.10	2.00	
Hokkaido	Asahigawa	1.00		1.40	10	10	10		10	10	8.20	4.06	20	10
	Hakodate	8.00		10.73	2.30	1.50	2.00	5.00	2.30	2.05	28.40	13.88	3.07	1.50
	Iwanai			1.60	25	25	75		45	3.00	8.80	5.74	25	55
	Iwamizawa	1.00		1.70	20	20	20		20	20	3.70		20	20
	Otaru	1.00		2.40	50	30	1.00		50	1.00	12.70	5.88	40	30
	Sapporo	1.00		3.80	50	50	2.70		50	50	32.80	7.80	1.80	
	Yakumo	20		15	5	20			10				10	20
	12.20		21.78	3.90	305	6.75	5.00	4.15	6.85	94.60	37.36	6.02	2.85	
Nagoya	Komaki	30		1.40	10	20	25		10	10	3.10	10	10	20
	Nagoya, First	2.50	1.00	10.60	50	1.00	5.10		50	50	56.30	11.60	3.00	1.00
	" Second	80		1.40	20	50	50		20	50	6.20	5.16	50	20
	Nishio	30	20	1.50	10	20	20		10	10	1.70	20	20	20
	Shinshiro, Ebi & Takara	15	10	1.50	5	10	10		5	5	53.00	15	15	15
	Toyohashi	10	10	2.60	10	50	1.00		20		3.20	4.62	50	50
	4.15	1.40	19.00	1.05	2.50	7.15		1.15	1.25	123.50	21.83	4.45	2.25	
Sendai	Fukushima	1.00	25	50	20	50	20		20	20	5.10	1.00	25	50
	Morioka	1.50		1.50	30	30	30		30	30	10.00	3.92	30	30
	Nishinasuno	1.20	15	1.55	15	20	15		20	20	6.10	40	20	20
	Sakuyama	90	15	15	15	15	15		15	15	2.10	30	20	15
	Sendai	2.00	1.00	3.80	50	1.00	1.60		50		18.00			1.00
	Shirakawa	50		10		10				10	1.50	10	10	10
	Tendo													
	Utsunomiya	1.00		90	10	10	10		10	10	3.20	3.15	20	10
	Yamagata	50		1.40			1.00				3.35	5.34		
Yonezawa	50									3.20	3.20			
	9.10	1.55	9.90	1.40	2.35	3.50		1.45	1.05	51.65	17.41	1.25	2.35	

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		Church	Sunday School				(a) Public Education Collection	(b) Children's Fund	Total						
Tokyo-Shinano	Azumi.....	12.0		90	30	1.00	60			20	30	5.20		60	70
	Iida.....	40	40	1.40	40	40	40			40	40	7.60		40	40
	Ina & Takata	1.00	10	1.40	10	20	30			20	10	5.00	3.78	20	20
	Kawagoe & Toyooka ...	1.85		2.85	10	1.56	2.12			50	10	9.00	6.10	1.50	1.95
	Kumagae & Honjo	70		1.70	20	30	30			20	20	4.20	5.04	30	30
	Matsumoto	1.00		1.70	10	1.00	40			10	10	2.86	6.10	50	1.00
	Matsushiro	1.20	50	1.20	20		1.00			20	50	4.20	4.48	20	1.00
	Ogawa.....	1.30	1.30	1.40	20	40	20			20	30	10.80		70	40
	Shimamura	1.00		50	20	50	50			30	50	7.20		50	50
	Tokyo-Aoyama	3.00		4.60	50	4.00	4.00			50	50	23.60	22.80	1.00	3.00
	„ „ Gakuin	7.00		12.77	1.25	10.68	14.80			1.25	1.25	86.20	47.50	5.00	6.00
	„ „ Josei (Yotsuya)	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.50	2.00			50	50	6.20	4.90	50	1.00
	„ „ Kudan	1.00		3.40	1.00	8.00	7.00			1.00	1.00	37.00	10.06	1.00	2.00
			21.65	3.30	35.02	4.55	29.54	33.62			5.55	5.75	209.06	110.76	12.40	18.45
Tokyo-Yokohama	Ajiki	30		1.90		50				8.70	50			20	50
	Odawara & Oiso	2.00		1.40	20	50	20		10	20	10.00	4.62	30	50	
	Midzukaide & Kawamata.....	1.20		2.60	10	50	1.80		12	20	18.20	5.84	1.00	1.89	
	Kamakura	50	50	4.93	20	30	7.06		10	10	8.74	15.75	70	1.00	
	Sawara	40	10	1.40	10	20	1.00		10	10	3.20	10.00	50	10	
	Sosa	20		1.50		20	95			50	3.14	3.22	10	10	
	Chiba			4.00		10	20		10		2.20	4.84	30	10	
	Takeoka	50		1.70	10	20	50		10	10	3.15	7.20	10	20	
	Tobe & Kanagawa	1.00		5.80		80	2.60				24.00	10.04	1.00	1.00	
	Tokyo, Aoyama	1.00		3.80		50	3.53				28.20	7.34	50	50	
	„ „ Central.....	14.00	1.50	10.00	2.00	3.00	16.00		3.00	1.00	114.00	3.97	1.00	2.00	
	„ „ Mita	3.00		3.80	50	50	3.45		50	50	2.270	5.04	50	50	
	Yokohama	5.00	2.00	3.80	50	1.00	2.00		50	50	60.00	7.00	2.00	1.00	
	Korea	2.00		1.00	50	1.50	1.00		50	50	15.00	11.20	1.00	1.00	
		31.10	4.10	47.63	4.20	9.80	40.29			5.12	3.10	321.28	96.56	9.10	10.39
Summary	Hirosaki	7.00	1.00	18.10	95	1.95	8.30			95	20	87.80	30.38	2.10	2.00
	Hokkaido	12.20		21.78	3.90	3.05	6.75	5.00		4.15	9.85	90.90	37.36	6.02	2.85
	Nagoya	4.15	1.40	19.00	1.05	2.50	7.15			1.15	1.25	73.50	21.83	4.45	2.25
	Sendai	9.10	1.55	9.90	1.40	2.35	3.50			1.45	1.05	51.65	17.41	1.25	2.25
	Tokyo-Shinano	21.65	3.30	35.02	4.55	29.54	33.62			5.55	5.75	209.06	110.76	12.40	18.45
	„ „ Yokohama	31.10	4.10	47.63	4.20	9.80	40.29			5.12	3.10	317.14	96.56	9.10	10.39
	Total.....	85.20	11.35	151.43	16.05	49.19	99.61	5.00	104.61	18.37	18.20	837.89	314.39	35.32	38.29
Last Year	103.05	12.25	133.08	16.90	51.41	22.13	79.89	101.02	18.60	149.85	668.00	211.00	31.95	42.88	
Increase			18.35								169.89	103.39	3.37		
Decrease	17.85	90		85	2.22			3.59	23	131.65				4.55	