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TOKYO : the capital of Japan ; station occupied, 1869 ; laborers--
. . . Miss S. C. Smith,

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Miss Smith reports the work at *Sapporo* as somewhat discouraging, the anti-foreign feeling¹ having reached that city of the Hokkaido. Petty attacks had been made on a native minister, and the house of a prominent Christian was mobbed on account of some reform he was trying to introduce. The Agricultural College, located at Sapporo, has been suspected of being a Christian college supported by the Government, and its revenue has been cut down 10,000 yen by the authorities. Mr. Oshoma, [*sic*] one of the Sapporo pastors, and head of the preparatory department of the college, has received threatening letters. Miss Smith laments the grave falling off in the number of pupils attending the school. The element of hopefulness is not wanting however. She writes:

The Christians seem more zealous, and the communion Sabbath never passes without from one to five persons receiving baptism. All the older girls in the school have become earnest workers in our school, in Bible-classes and in the Sunday schools.

Miss Smith greatly needs the fellowship and support of another missionary lady.

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LIST OF MISSIONARIES.

NAME.	STATION.	MISSION.
Smith, Miss Sarah C.	Sapporo	East Japan.

¹Many reports from this time refer to the resentment felt by many in Japan toward the treaties which had been established with other countries after the opening of the nation at the end of the Tokugawa Era. These agreements were widely considered to be so unequal as to be insulting toward the Japanese, and anti-foreign sentiment rose as the attempt to have the treaties revised gained strength.