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HOKKAIDO: *Sapporo*—Sapporo is the capital of the Hokkaido (Yezzo), 550 miles north of Tokyo; station occupied, 1887; missionaries—Rev. George P. Pierson and Mrs. Pierson, Miss S. C. Smith.

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HOKUSEI JO GAKKO.—This is the girls' school in the Hokkaido, and its name means Northern Star Girls' School.

Its grade is higher than that of any girls' school in the Hokkaido, excepting that conducted by the Methodist Mission in Hakodate, which is two days' travel distant.

The school building was originally a barn, but has been greatly improved in appearance.

About half of the pupils come from the city of Sapporo, and the remaining half from different parts of the island. They are chiefly daughters from the homes of farmers in the newly opened lands, merchants in the newly built towns, and owners of fisheries on the north and west coasts. The girls are strong in body, bright in mind, and independent in spirit. The number in constant

attendance during the year has been 75. There are 32 boarders; of these 15 meet all their expenses, 8 more than half, 3 a small part, and 6 receive their entire support from the school.

During the year one teacher and nine of the pupils, among them the entire senior class, have professed their faith in Christ, and with one exception were all baptized on Christmas Day. Since Miss Smith's departure on furlough, Mrs. Pierson has had charge of the school.

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LIST OF MISSIONARIES.

* On furlough in the United States

DATE OF APPT	NAME.	MISSION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1888	Pierson, Rev. and Mrs. George P.	East Japan	Tokyo, Japan, Tsukiji.
1880	*Smith, Miss Sarah C.	East Japan	Sapporo, Japan.