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HOKKAIDO: Sapporo—Sapporo is the capital of the Hokkaido (Yezzo), 350 [*sic*] miles north of Tokyo; Station occupied 1887. Missionaries—Miss S. C. Smith, Miss Mary B. Sherman, Miss I. M. Ward. . . . Asahigawa-- . . . Rev. Weston T. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

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The pupils of the *Sapporo Boarding School* number 115, of whom 23 were baptized during the year. During the year the school has lost Miss Wells, for whom the climate proved to be too rigorous. But it has gained Miss Sherman, and Miss Ward, who has hitherto been in Osaka. The teaching force will thus be stronger than ever before in its history. Miss Smith writes as follows:

The interest in Christianity which pervaded the school last year, bringing twenty-three of our older pupils into the Church, seems to continue; and ten more received baptism just before we closed for the summer vacation. The new buildings which we have so much needed and have been praying and laboring for so long, are now completed; and we have good comfortable buildings, accommodating sixty or seventy boarders, and a chapel that will seat as many as are likely to come.

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Mr. Johnson writes :

I have two classes each day in the girls' school, one in the English Bible and the other in English grammar. These classes I took in order to relieve Miss Sherman so that she might have more time and strength for the study of the language. When Miss Ward arrives I am to relinquish these classes. On Sunday afternoon I have a Bible class in the church for young men in the Agricultural College, Normal School and Middle Schools. The class numbers twelve bright young men. Two of these I am hoping to lead into the ministry. They are fine Christian boys, with a good command of English, and are very zealous in spiritual things. When I have a house I shall be in a position to invite young men to meet me in a social way, and thus gradually gain a stronger hold upon them. It is my aim to form an esoteric circle in my Bible class. These chosen men I hope to induce to study the Bible doctrinally. When their eyes begin to open at the sight of the glories revealed in the Word I think it will be easy to lead them to give their lives to the study and to the exposition of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The language is coming gradually, and by and by I hope to open a preaching place on the outskirts of the town, probably in connection with Miss Smith's Sunday-school. We had hoped to have a Sunday-school next door ; but the people have not yet vacated the premises, and we do not think they will before February 15. Mrs. Johnson is very much disappointed, as there are fully 80 or 90 children who would easily come to the school. This was the enrollment when the school was held in the school building.

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LIST OF MISSIONARIES
OF THE
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN THE U. S. A. AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

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OF APP'T	NAME.	MISSION.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1902	Johnson, ¹ Rev. and Mrs. Weston T.	East Japan	Asahigawa, Kami- kawa, Japan.
1892 [<i>sic</i>]	Sherman, Miss Mary B.	East Japan	Sapporo, Japan.
1889 [<i>sic</i>]	Smith, Miss Sarah C.	East Japan	Sapporo, Japan.

¹Although the Johnsons appear as living in Asahigawa, Smith's *Koumu nenshi* entry for 1903-1904 shows them as living in the missionary residence in Sapporo beginning autumn 1903. As a result, their names appear in this list.