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MISSIONARIES RETURNING AFTER FURLOUGH

JAPAN

. . . Miss Elizabeth M. Evans,

MISSIONARIES ADDED TO THE FORCE DURING THE YEAR
April 1, 1916-17

JAPAN

. . . Rev. and Mrs. Leo C. Lake,

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HOKKAIDO : Sapporo—Sapporo is the capital of the Hokkaido (Yezzo), 550 miles north of Tokyo ; Station occupied 1887. Missionaries—Miss S. C. Smith, Miss Alice M. Monk, Miss E. M. Evans and Miss Carrie H. McCrory. Otaru: 18 miles northwest of Sapporo. Miss Frances Davidson.

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TRANSFERS : . . . Miss Carrie H. McCrory from Sapporo to Otaru. . . Mrs. [*sic*] Frances Davidson from Tokyo to Sapporo.

ON REGULAR FURLOUGH : . . . Miss E. M. Evans, Rev. W. T. Johnson,

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HOKKAIDO STATION

Last year our “Hokkaido Station” so-called, which covers an area as wide as Ireland, consisted of but two resident missionary towns, Sapporo and Nokkeushi. This year has added a third, Otaru, to the list where Miss McCrory, formerly of Sapporo, took up her residence last fall after Mission Meeting.

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EDUCATIONAL.—*Hokusei Jo Gakko (Northern Star Girls' School)*.-- [sic] The year opened with 124 students, of whom 35 were new. This is an increase of two in the entering class and of 31 in the total enrollment over the preceding class and of 31 in the total enrollment over the preceding year at the same period. During the year 14 others entered, making a total for the year 138, the average enrollment being about 120.

In March, 1916, a class of 12 was graduated,--four in the full course (of whom one had previously completed her Japanese work), four in the Japanese course, and four in special courses. Of these all were Christians, although two of them had not yet made a public profession of their faith. The greatest change during the year was brought about by the resignation, in July, 1915, of Mr. Nihira, for many years Principal of the school. This was necessitated by his removal to Kitami, the Northern province of the island.

At present perhaps the most enthralling subject of conversation at the school is the securing of *shitei*, or government “Recognition.” That means, securing the privilege to our graduates of taking entrance examinations for higher schools,--whether government or those recognized as of similar standing,--and for High School Teachers’ certificates. Until recently the need for these privileges has not been keenly felt. The chief requirements for “Recognition” are two: First, a minimum equipment for science and

gymnasium costing at least \$500; and Second, six or seven teachers with government certificates. Towards the former, we have perhaps \$30 or \$40 worth of chemical equipment ; towards the latter, three such teachers. Until others of our graduates could be prepared (two or three years) an addition of about \$300 (possibly a little less) above our present salary list would be necessary, to pay for such certificated teachers. A word about the new school year. It has opened auspiciously, with 57 new students (many attracted no doubt by our new dormitory), and a total enrollment the first month of 149.

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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**

APRIL 1, 1917

Date of App't	NAME	MISSION	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
1914	Davidson, Frances E.	Japan	Otaru, ¹ Japan.
1911	Evans, Miss Elizabeth M.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.
1912	McCrary, Miss Carrie H.	Japan	Otaru, ² Hokkaido, Japan.
1904	Monk, Miss Alice M.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.
1880	Smith, Miss Sarah C.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.

¹Although she is listed as being stationed in Otaru, Miss Davidson actually split her time between Hokusei and Seishu, according to the Hokkaido Station Report to the Japan Mission (1917, p. 12). Therefore, her name appears in this list.

²Miss McCrory moved from Sapporo to Otaru after the fall mission meeting of 1916, according to the Japan Mission Report of this year (p. 269 above), and so is listed here.