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MISS MARY B. SHERMAN of the Japan Mission, appointed 1892, died January 30, 1918.

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

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TRANSFERS : Rev. and Mrs. Le [*sic*] C. Lake from Tokyo to Sapporo ;

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HOKKAIDO STATION

Miss Smith writes of her work:

Besides teaching in the school, I am responsible for a Sunday School, a Christian Endeavor circle, distributing tracts, making calls, and an evangelistic service once a fortnight in the Toyohira suburb

of Sapporo, about two miles from our school. The average attendance on the Sunday School last year was 80. This year we hope to make it 100 ; all that our little rented rooms can hold with the children sitting as close as two sparrows on a limb.

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Miss Monk reports:

For part of the year I had charge of the Sunday School and bi-monthly evening meeting at *Senibako*, [*sic*] now taken over by Miss Davidson, and for three months of Miss Evan's [*sic*] Sunday School. The Sapporo Student Y. W. C. A. has also been near to my heart. We rejoice in fresh signs of life there, in enlarged membership and increased interest. Some of our Hokusei day pupils have recently entered the Association.

Miss Evans writes:

I returned from my intermediate furlough last September, feeling ready for anything. The change and rest of two months of speaking and visiting and five months at home, did me world's [*sic*] of good. I landed in the midst of a great revival in Sapporo and was so glad I did not miss it. Mr. Kanamori, of the Salvation Army, was conducting the week's meetings and the Holy Spirit was there in great power. I had never seen anything like it before. They had to beg Christians to stay away so that there would be room for the non-Christians.

Miss Davidson writes:

During a part of the year, I have had the privilege of going each week to *Zenibako*, a small fishing village, where the two Japanese teachers accompanying me teach the Sunday School lesson to a group of children, varying in number from 25 in summer to nearly 100 before Christmas. Each alternate week, we go from house to house, distributing tracts and inviting people to the evening meeting conducted by an evangelist from Sapporo.

EDUCATIONAL.—*Hokusei Girls' School*.—Miss Monk reports as follows:

The last year has been full of blessings. Four teachers with government certificates have been added to the staff. Miss Davidson came from Shimonoseki, dividing her time between Otaru and Sapporo until the double duty became too much for her strength. Two others are from Christian homes, while the fourth (who also teaches in the Government High School) is favorably disposed towards Christianity. An increased enrollment is encouraging. To our surprise, all but three or four of the new students already had some knowledge of Christianity, chiefly through Sunday Schools. On the other hand, one girl was withdrawn after a single day's work, because of the Christian teaching in the school. With a longer term, the Japanese school year has more holidays than our American schools. The Emperor's birthday (October 31) and the accession of Jimmu Tenno (February 11), we celebrate by prayer meetings.

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Sturges Seminary.—Miss Davidson, who had substituted at Sturges last year, left for Sapporo in the summer.

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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, 1918

+ Expecting to return on furlough during the year, April 1, 1918—March 31, 1919.

Date of App't	NAME	MISSION	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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1914	Miss Davidson, Frances E.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.
1911	Evans, Miss Elizabeth M.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.
1904	Monk, Miss Alice M.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.
1880	+ Smith, Miss Sarah C.	Japan	Sapporo, Japan.