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The Ninetieth Annual Report  
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The mission carried on five middle schools for girls which are located at strategic centers in five regions : Sturges Seminary at Shimonoseki in the west ; Wilmina at Osaka in central Japan; Hokuriku at Kanazawa on the west central coast ; Joshi Gakuin in Tokyo on the east central coast; and Hokusei at Sapporo in the northern island of Hokkaido. The student bodies run from 300 to 400 girls, most of whom are non-Christian when they enter the school.

. . . The alumnae and constituency of the schools are learning to take their part in helping to bear the financial burdens.<sup>1</sup> . . . For the new Hokusei plant a previous fund of Yen 10,823 has been increased by small gifts and by the sale of blankets and laundry soap to Yen 17,000.

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At Hokusei there were 42 girls baptized last year. Out of a student body of 314, 119 are baptized Christians and 76 others have publicly decided for Christ.

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**Hokkaido:** *Sapporo*—Sapporo is the capital of the Hokkaido (Yezo), 550 miles north of Tokyo; station occupied, 1887.

Missionaries--Miss Alice M. Monk, Miss Elizabeth M. Evans, Rev. Leo C. Lake and Mrs. Lake, Miss Virginia M. Mackenzie, Miss Susannah M. Riker.

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RESIGNATIONS.—Miss Grace P. Curtis, . . . Miss Frances E. Davidson, Miss Elizabeth Gillilan.

TRANSFER.—Miss Virginia M. Mackenzie from Osaka to Hokkaido.

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**ADDRESS LIST OF HONORABLY RETIRED AND REGULAR  
MISSIONARIES**

OF THE

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

APRIL 1, 1927

† Expecting to return on furlough during the year April 1, 1927—March 31, 1928.

**HONORABLY RETIRED**

Date of Sailing	Date of Retire- ment	NAME	COUNTRY	LOCATION AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS
1880	1922	Smith, Miss Sarah C.	Japan	2 Kita Shichijo, Nishi Rokuchome, Sapporo, Japan.

**REGULAR MISSIONARIES**

Date of Sailing	NAME	MISSION	LOCATION AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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1911	+ Evans, Miss Elizabeth M.	Japan	Hokusei Jo Gakko, Sapporo, Japan.
1919	Mackenzie, Miss Virginia M.	Japan	Hokusei Jogakko, Sapporo, Japan.
1904	Monk, Miss Alice M.	Japan	Hokusei Jo Gakko, Sapporo, Japan.
1926	Riker, Miss Susannah M.	Japan	Hokusei JoGakko, Sapporo, Japan.

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<sup>1</sup>In establishing schools and other organizations, missionaries generally have sought to foster independence in the new institution. Despite many debates about the pace and process of this development, the typical pattern has been for the newly-founded group to begin with a phase of dependence on outside sources of support. However, if healthy growth is to continue, local resources and leadership are developed as the move toward autonomy continues and the work moves beyond the missionaries who initiated it. In this respect, signs of increasing self-support from students and alumni were no doubt encouraging to the missionaries and their sponsors, who received reports such as this one.