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MISSIONARIES ADDED TO THE FORCE AND SAILING
DURING THE YEAR, APRIL 1, 1930-MARCH 31, 1931

Japan

Nettinga, Miss Dena
Walling, Miss C. Irene

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Starlight the Symbol of Schools

Since two of our girls' schools use stars as their emblems it seems fitting that we should use starlight as the symbol of these schools as they spread abroad the light of Christ. Mr. Kagawa says that whenever his work as an evangelist carries him within the radius of influence of a Christian girls' school, he can feel the difference—a community in which there are even a few Christian women and girls cannot be quite dark.

The girls' school work of the Japan Mission is a star of five points. These are Northern Star School in Sapporo, Joshi Gakuin in Tokyo, Hokuriku Girls' School in Kanazawa, Wilmina Girls' School in Osaka, and Sturges Seminary in Shimonoseki, in which we work with the Dutch Reformed Mission. The words that repeat themselves

most frequently in the reports from these schools are five also—service, sacrifice, knowledge, friendship, love.

The religious programs of the several schools vary in details only. All have daily chapel services, and Bible study as a part of their regular curricula. Several are either contemplating the advisability of, or are experimentally establishing, school churches. These have at least two advantages. The girls get more out of a service adapted to their needs, and it is easier to secure permission for baptism from the parents, who are often unwilling to accompany them to church or to allow them to go unchaperoned to attend services in a mixed congregation. Efforts are being made to safeguard against the obvious dangers of the plan—that the girl's church life should be to her merely a part of the school routine from which she may "graduate" at the end of her school life, and that the school churches should become rival rather than cooperating units of the church at large.

There are many other religious activities in the schools and of the 1,542 girls enrolled, [*sic*] many of whom were already Christians, 181 were baptized during the year. Parents often refuse consent for the baptism of girls who count themselves at heart believers.

But these girls' schools are primarily *schools*, and they maintain high standards. In each school three or four missionary teachers are supplemented by 20 or more Japanese teachers, and the curriculum covers all the requirements of modern education. With one exception all the schools have Japanese principals, though much administrative work is still done by missionaries.

The Northern Star School at Sapporo has a complete new plant which has been joyously occupied this year. During its erection a religious service was held every Wednesday for the workmen, the Christian contractor often speaking at the meeting. Three of the workmen confessed 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 Dena Nettinga, Rev. John C. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Miss C. Irene Walling.

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TRANSFER—Miss Virginia M. Mackenzie, from Hokkaido to Yamaguchi.

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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, 1931**

*On furlough in the United States. Mail can be sent to 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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 Rokuchoe, Sapporo, Japan.

REGULAR MISSIONARIES

Date of Sailing	NAME	MISSION	LOCATION AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS
1911	Evans, Miss Elizabeth M.	Japan	Hokusei Jo Gakko, Sapporo, Japan.
1904	*Monk, Miss Alice M.	Japan	Hokusei Jo Gakko, Sapporo, Japan.
1930	Nettinga, Miss Dena	Japan	Hokusei Jo Gakko, Sapporo, Japan.
1930	Walling, Miss	Japan	Hokusei Jo Gakko,

C. Irene

Sapporo, Japan.