

Introduction to *Woman's Work for Woman* Materials

Throughout Sarah Smith's years in Japan, one key tool for missionaries such as her to utilize in staying in contact with their base of support was a Christian mission magazine published by her church denomination. Its title, *Woman's Work for Woman*, was altered slightly during these years, and various subtitles were added from time to time, as the bibliographical information below indicates. Its readers included particularly the members of the several regional women's missionary societies within the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. They were a driving force in mission education and fund-raising within their churches, as well as providing missionaries with spiritual and social support.

This publication differed from other sets of documents included in this collection in that although it presented various features and updates on individual missionaries and the churches, schools, and other organizations to which they belonged, it did not provide a consistent reporting. It was aimed not at documenting activities historically so much as encouraging and inspiring its readers to support the mission cause. As a result, accounts it contained tended to be more colorful and interest-arousing than focused on facts and business matters.

Presented here are articles and other information shared by and about Sarah Smith and other Hokusei Jo Gakko teachers. They and many more less directly related to this school may be accessed in the Gale Cengage Learning (Primary Source Media, formerly Scholarly Resources) microfilm sets in Hokusei Gakuen University and other locations.

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