

REPORT OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT

TO THE MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH IN JAPAN.

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PREFATORY.

THE following extracts from official records will explain the occasion of the General Secretary's visit to the Japan work :

*From the Minutes of the Japan Annual Conference,
Session of 1901 :*

"It was moved by the Rev. G. Sogi, seconded by the Rev. M. Takagi, and

"*Resolved*—That in view of the near approach of the General Conference and the many questions bearing upon our work at this time which require very careful consideration, we as a Conference express our desire that the Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., General Secretary of the Missionary Society, should pay a visit to this country in time for the next session of this Conference."—Carried.

*From the Minutes of the Japan Mission Council,
May, 1901 :*

"Moved by Rev. Dr. Meacham, seconded by Rev. H. H. Coates,

"That in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Japan Conference of the Methodist Church at its recent session, requesting an official visit, we earnestly hope that in view of the important questions requiring