

## REPORT.

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*To the Executive Committee of the General Board of  
Missions of the Methodist Church :*

AS the next session of the General Board of Missions will not be held till after the adjournment of the General Conference of 1902, and as matters affecting the Mission work of the Church, especially in the foreign field, will be considered by the latter body, it is right and proper that the report of my official visit to Japan should first be laid before the Executive Committee, so that anything requiring action by the General Conference or the Board may be sent forward with such recommendations as the Executive may deem advisable. As my report will necessarily cover much ground, and deal with a great many separate questions, I have concluded to give some account of my visit and methods of procedure in the form of a connected narrative, and afterward to group under appropriate headings the various points that may require action, with such conclusions and recommendations as a personal inspection of the work and a careful study of the whole situation have enabled me to reach.

At the session of the Japan Annual Conference in 1901, a resolution was unanimously adopted, asking the Board of Missions to send the General Secretary on an official visit to Japan at such time as would enable him to meet the Annual Conference of 1902. It was urged that many questions affecting the work required careful consideration, and if these could be discussed on the spot with a representative from the Board, it would facilitate a mutual understanding, and the Japanese brethren would feel that their views and wishes would be fully laid before the Board of Missions and the General Conference. The request of the Japan Conference was heartily seconded by the Mission Council, and on being laid before the