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MISSIONARIES SENT OUT IN 1888-1889.

*Missions in Japan.*

Rev. George P. Pierson

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TOKYO : the capital of Japan ; station occupied, 1869 ;  
laborers-- . . . Miss Sarah C. Smith . . . .

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Miss Smith still continues her connection with the Normal School at *Sapporo*, an important city in the far north. She devotes part of each day to teaching in the Government School and the rest of the time to more direct mission effort. Of the work in that place she writes: " Our girls' school, which was started two years ago, is in a prosperous condition. Thirteen of the older girls have received baptism, and give promise of becoming earnest Christian women. Several others only await the consent of their parents. In the Normal School there are five Christians, whereas two years ago there was none. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August I attended the dedication of the

new church at Mombetsu, a place three days' journey from Sapporo. A large, fine house, well built, finished and furnished, was filled with a large and attentive congregation. It was a sight to make our Christian hearts glad. I was the only foreigner present. Five native pastors and seven elders and deacons were on the platform. When we remember that the first Christian in the town was baptized only two years ago, that the church has more than a hundred members, that they pay their pastor a good salary and have built and furnished a house in which to worship the true God, it seems wonderful.”