

AKAZAWA, MOTOZO, BISHOP

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Bishop Akazawa

Bishop Motozo Akazawa has well been called "the saint-administrator of the Japan Methodist Church."

The Church, of which he is the present bishop, was formed in 1907 by the voluntary partnership of the mission in Japan of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Canadian Methodist Church, as the Japan Methodist Church - an independent, self-governing, self-propagating member of the Methodist family of churches.

The life-story of Bishop Akazawa is one of the great romances of Christianity in Japan. Born into the home of a wealthy brewer family, he found himself as a young man in Honolulu, introducing the lucrative wine trade into the Islands. Here he came under the influence of a Methodist pastor, and swiftly moved into a new, warm experience of the love of Christ, which still glows radiantly.

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 Bishop Akazawa Says:

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"While the founding of the Japan Methodist Church is an evidence of the determination of the Japanese Christians to accept responsibility for the evangelization of their people....they welcome the help of all missionsWe sincerely hope you will continue to send us promising missionaries to join with us in the winning of Japan to Jesus Christ."

Since its organization, the Japan Methodist Church has doubled in membership - it has now 41,000 members. They are ministered to by 204 ordained pastors who are Conference members and by 66 local preachers. The church owns 206 church edifices scattered throughout the nation. There are 591 Sunday Schools giving instruction to 49,000 boys and girls. Many of the churches are self-supporting.

Between the missionaries and the ministry of the Japan Methodist Church -

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