

PROTECTION FOR JAPANESE WOMEN

Puget Sound District of Home
Missionary Society to Assist
Girls Shipped Into This
Country.

WILL RAISE MONEY
FOR RESCUE HOME

Vigorous Effort to Be Made by
Seattle Women to Prevent
Importation of Slaves From
Land of Mikado.



MRS. BLANCHE BENEDICT.

FOR the purpose of assisting and rescuing the scores of Japanese women whom it is said are shipped into Seattle and sold into slavery, the Puget Sound district of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its annual meeting yesterday in the Queen Anne M. E. Church voted to make an appropriation for the establishment of an immigrant station in this city. The matter will be taken up at the meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Philadelphia in October in the hope that the national body will also give its assistance.

The society already has such immigrant stations in San Francisco, New York and Philadelphia, where they do a great amount of good. It is believed that it is due to the efforts of the society at San Francisco in stopping improper immigration there that there has been so much activity in bringing Japanese women through this port.

Missionary to Be in Charge.

"Immigrant stations such as we intend to establish here," said Mrs. Blanche Benedict, the newly elected president of the conference this morning, "are generally put in charge of a missionary who has had experience in such work and is qualified to go aboard a ship and pick out the women who seem to require assistance. The missionary is provided with an interpreter. Our purpose is at first to carry on the work through Rev. Semai Yoshioki, pastor of the local Japanese Methodist Church, and later to erect a building in which to take care of the women until we can find a permanent home for them.

"Hundreds of Japanese women are sent to this country after having been told that there are men here desirous of marrying them. When they arrive they go through a perfunctory marriage ceremony to circumvent the immigration laws, and are then sold into slavery. I read recently of a case where several were shipped to Tacoma in boxes. They were sent back, and then the missionaries on the other side were

notified to see that they were not re-shipped.

Busy in San Francisco.

"Our society in San Francisco rescued a Chinese girl who had been sold on the other side to be sent here, after a hard fight to get possession of her. Later she married a Chinese Christian minister there."

At the meeting last night the conference agreed to raise \$2,400 for the coming year, and reports were heard from the twelve circles of the Queen Esthers, the young ladies' auxiliary. Miss Helena Willeit, conference secretary of the auxiliary, made an interesting address. The following officers of the Puget Sound district of the society were elected:

President, Mrs. Blanche Benedict, wife of Rev. F. J. Benedict, pastor of the Green Lake M. E. Church; vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Tacoma; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Adams, Tacoma; treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Blaine, Seattle; recording secretary, Mrs. E. F. Erickson, Tacoma.

TO INCREASE STATE FOREST PATROL

Washington Forest Fire Association Would Add to Number of Rangers to Minimize Losses by Fire.

The Washington Forest Fire Association, an organization composed of the leading lumbermen of the state, held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon and elected the following officers and trustees:

George S. Long, president; Michael Earles, vice-president; T. Jerome, treasurer. George S. Long, E. G. Ames, Michael Earles, T. Jerome and D. P. Simons, Jr., were reelected trustees. It is probable that M. R. Hunt will be later appointed secretary to succeed himself, and D. P. Simons, Jr., will be chosen to succeed himself as chief fire warden.

An important action of the association was that of asking for the cooperation of the Washington Forestry Association in the matter of legislation tending to so increase the state forest patrol system that losses by fires can be minimized. There were present at the meeting C. H. Bailey, secretary, and Cassius M. Williams, auditor, of the Washington Forestry Association, who pointed out that the interests of the two organizations were so similar that perfect cooperation should exist between them.

After hearing the aims of the Washington Forestry Association, the lumbermen's organization gave it its unqualified indorsement and instructed its secretary to communicate with the secretary of the Washington Forestry Association asking that the two associations cooperate in every way possible towards the preservation of the forests of the state.

PATROLMAN CATCHES ALLEGED THIEF

Ed Vanderweir Said to Have
Gone Through One Lodging
House in Daylight—Captured
While Leaving Another.

An hour after Ed Vanderweir, who says he is waiter, landed in Ballard yesterday afternoon with the alleged purpose of cleaning out the valuables from several rooming houses, he was on the way to the city jail with a charge of burglary lodged against him. He is said to have succeeded in going through two of the suburban lodging houses, and then walked into the arms of Patrolman William Campbell, who placed him under arrest.

Vanderweir is alleged to have first gone through a number of rooms in the Trafton Hotel, on Ballard Avenue. Soon afterward Jack Lyle, one of the roomers, noticed that his revolver and razor were gone, and a number of articles in other rooms were missed. Lyle ran over to the police station and notified Captain Mike Powers. The latter sent Campbell out to investigate.

In the meantime Vanderweir had entered a lodging house owned by G. M. Pflanz, 5124 Ballard Avenue, and went through several rooms, according to the proprietor, who ran after him just as he was leaving. Vanderweir struck at him, and, being a husky young fellow six feet tall, would probably have made his escape had not Campbell arrived just then. He did not resist arrest.

Vanderweir wore a good suit of clothes but no underwear, and had in his possession the missing articles. He was