

inquire about getting preaching for his group of villages twelve miles from Kofu. Plenty of openings if we only had men. To-night's service finishes my work here this time (Bro. Cocking left yesterday morning). I believe the good Lord has smiled upon our work. I called on some of the sick and poor of our old members, and find them sustained in trial and in the shadow of death. Shinada's conversion and subsequent holy life and work brought peace home to his poor family, and brought many into the kingdom, but he never recovered financially from the ruin of his former life of dissipation, so his bed-ridden widow is in rather sore poverty, but happy in God. Bro. Saunby has had a royal reception and is full of hope for the future. His warm, consecrated heart and holy Yorkshire fire will make him a splendid evangelist as soon as he gets the language. But the teaching is likely to increase on his hand so as to be a hindrance, so we ask to have a self-supporting man sent here at once, so that he can have time to get the language and travel the province, now opening more and more to the Gospel. May God hear the prayers and tears offered for Yama nashi Ken, and usher in glorious days of revival power.

*May 24th.*—Celebrated this auspicious day by starting out on a country trip to visit the churches along the Tokaido. Still the old basha is our quickest vehicle. I look with longing eyes at the railway rapidly approaching completion along this line, that will revolutionize traffic and missionary operations, too, in all this important country side. Reached Yumoto in good time, and enjoyed a quiet evening in this lonely spot at the foot of Hakone Pass. The proprietor of the immense hotel at which I stopped would like us to take his seven-year-old boy and have charge of him while he goes through school in Tôkyô.

*May 25th.*—A good breakfast furnished by the hotel in foreign style was a fine preparation for a morning's climb up to the top—seven or eight miles. At the top, again, a foreign meal furnished by a restaurant, in Hakone village, in pleasant contrast to the olden time, made the tramp down hill—eight or nine miles—a bearable walk. Then jinrikisha to Numadzu. Met the little church in a very nice prayer meeting, but reserved my real work until I pass through on my way back, when Mr. Hiraiwa will be with me.

*May 26th.*—Reach Shizuoka and find a delightful welcome at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy. They live at present in a small but new Japanese house, enclosed by other Japanese houses, whose inmates, they tell me, are overwhelming almost in their kindness.

*May 27th.*—Spent the day in looking over the ground in its later developments. First went over the building occupied formerly by the high school, in which Bro. Cassidy teaches. The school has grown to such proportions that they were compelled to build a much larger place, into which they have only lately removed. This former building is the one they expect to place at the disposal of the Woman's Society for the use of the school which they confidently expect to see opened here next fall. The upstairs can be turned into dormitories and the lower flat into class-rooms, so as to accommodate fifty scholars, besides a fine place

for the lady teacher or teachers from Canada. Quite a number of girls are here waiting to enter the school, and no doubt it would soon be taxed to its utmost capacity. This is a fine opportunity for the Woman's Society and for our Church. For such a school, if properly managed so as to hold the confidence of the authorities, would have a tremendous influence, backed as it is by the Governor and officers of the province. But a failure would be disastrous in the extreme. A girls' school was started here some time ago, but proved such a failure that the people determined to have nothing more to do with schools for young women. But the fame of our Azabu school reached here; Mr. Hiraiwa enlisted the sympathy of the Governor, and talked the mothers up so successfully that old prejudice has given way, and they are opening the way and giving the management into the hands of the ladies of our church, supplying everything but the ladies' salaries. Success there, along with Bro. Cassidy's success, means a result which no man can foresee. May God give wisdom and guidance. From this I went on and visited the fine new building of the Chugakko. It is really a credit to the place, not over expensively built, but so convenient with the rooms arranged and ventilated in the best manner possible. Bro. Cassidy spends his hours of teaching here with perfect satisfaction to all parties concerned. Then we had a look over the house they have nearly completed for the Cassidys. It lies at the foot of a tree-clad hill, in the highest and healthiest part of the city, flanked on the one hand by a large temple ground which has been turned into a public park, and on the other by the residence of the Governor. The house is a fine two-storied, strongly built residence, ceilings eleven feet high and very comfortably arranged, leaving scarcely anything to be desired. They have enjoyed the best of health since they came, and this new house will be an additional safeguard. I wish we had Shizuoka air in Tsukiji. In the evening we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Saunby on his way to meet his bride in Tôkyô, who was expected to arrive by the next steamer.

*Sunday 29th.*—Found the church crowded to its utmost extent, seats full, aisles full, every spot occupied and many standing out of doors, and this is not unusual, for the church is crowded at every service. Splendid attention, and that organ, with the help of the Cassidys, has revolutionized the singing. It was simply delightful. Ever since those first lectures three years ago when Dr. McDonald, Mr. Hiraiwa and I first held the large meeting in the theatre there has been a forward movement in the church and in the city in favor of Christianity. Mr. Hiraiwa has done heroic work, and God's blessing has brought forth richest fruitage. Then the coming of Bro. and Mrs. Cassidy, with the organ, gave a new impulse to the whole movement, so that the church is now a centre of great and growing influence.

They usually have a Bible class in the church from 2 to 5 p.m.! the Sunday-school being held in the morning. This afternoon, however, they changed the exercises by having a sort of thank-lovefeast at the house of a lady who is a member of the Church, but whose husband is not. She had had a very severe attack of sickness, repeated convulsions in a very short time, so that there seemed very little prospect of her recovery.