

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER TO MRS. GEE.

**M**Y DEAR FRIEND :—We are strangers to each other but not to our Master, so I feel that I have a right to address you as my friend, for we are friends of the Master and must be to one another. Miss Cunningham told me to write a letter telling about the work in Shizuoka, and it will be a help to you, as you are working very hard for the Missionary Society, which is doing a great deal of good in Japan. Of course, I will do so gladly, but I must ask you to excuse my English as I cannot express my thoughts in a right way.

I will tell you a little about myself, how I came to be one of the workers. I was just a country girl who knew nothing about our Lord. When I was a little girl my uncle took me to a small town and I began to go to Sunday school, as there was a preaching house, and I was baptized. But I did not know much about the Bible. Then I went to Toyko and I became one of the pupils in Azabu school. As the days went on and the years passed away, I learned more and more, and at last I was brought to the true knowledge of God. I received an education in Azabu school for six years. While I was there I learned many lessons which greatly help me now. I graduated last Christmas and I was sent here to do something for our Master, who accepts our little deeds willingly when we do them, trying our very best.

Twice a month meetings for women are held at four towns outside of Shizuoka. Twice a month meetings for children are held at two towns outside of Shizuoka—They are under the charge of the girls in the school. Some of the meetings for women are led by the Bible women, and some are led by Miss Cunningham and a girl. Two meetings for women are held in the city—the women are all very nice. I am sorry to say that we find but little change from last year in the numbers attending our meetings or in the interest manifested. One of the children's meetings is very encouraging.

Every Sunday three Sunday schools, under the charge of the school, are opened and the attendants are quite many—we open them with singing and prayer. After the lesson for the Sunday is taught we take them back to the room where they were before the classes were divided. They all sing together and we tell them a story. Miss Cunningham and her girls teach in the church Sunday school, which has about fifty children. Eight girls in the school are Sunday school teachers. The children are apt to forget to come to Sunday school, as they are not taught at home, so we call them in from the streets. Sometimes it is very hard to get them in.

We have thirty-two members in our King's Daughters' meeting. Eighteen of them are in the school now and the rest are outside of the school. Each member has to work fifteen minutes every day in order to earn money to help some good cause. We do knitting, sewing, mending stockings, pressing flowers and other things. When the President and Secretary of the W. M. S. in Canada were here, we heard them say that those who are working for the Society earn money in doing little things. I think we King's Daughters ought to be careful in every little thing, in order to help others. We are giving one yen to an Orphanage in Kanazawa, where Miss Veazey is working, and fifty cents to an Orphanage in Toyko every month. We have about twenty-two yen on hand. Eighteen yen out of the twenty-two yen, is put in the bank. We bought several things for Miss Robertson to take home and sell for our King's Daughters meeting, so we are not rich now.

Once a month we have a meeting and talk with each other about the work. Sometimes those who have something to tell, speak out freely, while others are knitting. The King's Daughters meeting is not only for getting money but for our spiritual growth.

Twice a year a general meeting of King's Daughters is held in one of the schools in Tokyo or Yokohama. Reports of all the King's Daughters' societies in Japan are read. When I was in Tokyo I used to go there. It is very pleasant and profitable for people engaged in the same work to meet together and talk over their different plans of work; it broadens the mind and is a great help in many ways. The first general meeting is going to be held in one of the schools in Yokohama, on the 16th of May. I am going to make up a report of ours to send there. I am sorry I cannot attend the meeting.

How I would like to look in upon your work and others work in your country, but that cannot be, so I must be contented with letters which the ladies receive from you.

We find that many people are longing for Him to help them, and in order to let them know His love we must watch ourselves and try to live near to our Master's teaching.

May the dear Lord bless you in all your work and crown your work with success.

Yours sincerely,  
Shizuoka, Japan. Kono Ito.

On earth Thou hidest, not to scare  
The children with Thy light,  
Then showest us Thy face in Heaven,  
When we can bear the sight.

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