

THE STORY OF TAMAKI SAN.

THE little girl about whom I want to tell you this story is named Tamaki San. She is sitting over there on the side of the room which opens out into the garden, busy over her lessons for school, for she is very studious, and examinations are coming on. We call her our little curly haired girl, and think the short black hair curling around her face very pretty, but it is a great trial to her, and she longs to be 'grown up,' so she can do up the troublesome curls out of sight, for Japanese people do not like curly hair and do all they can to keep it straight. Tamaki San is now about nine years old; she has been about a year in the Orphanage, and has been from the first one of the most obedient and diligent, so that after a few months she was allowed to go to school, where she now stands at the head of her class, and has taken the first two year's work in one, though she did not know even a letter when she came to us. It is not of her ability, however, that I want to write now, but of the way in which she remembers what she has learned about the true God.

Tamaki San's father died leaving the mother very poor, and she could not earn enough to get food for her little boy and girl, so she sent them to our Daijime Poor school to make match boxes, where they earned a sen or two a day, and through the Poor School teacher the mother learned of our Orphanage, and asked us to take her little girl in. After the necessary agreement was made we took her, and then the mother went to her father's about seven miles out in the country where she and the little boy could earn their living by working in the rice fields. This Spring the grandfather became very ill, and they thought him dying. He wanted to see all his grand-children again, and begged to have Tamaki San sent for, so I allowed her to go out one Saturday with the Daijime teacher, and the grandfather was very much pleased to see her. The teacher came to tell us about it when he had brought Tamaki San safely back that afternoon. When they reached the house they found the grandfather better, but the relatives were all there, and he said he felt very proud of his little charge because she was so much more gentle and quiet than the other grand-children, and answered all her grandfather's questions so nicely. At noon they all took their dinner together, but when the others began to eat Tamaki San closed her eyes and asked a blessing on her food before she began. The grandfather noticed her and asked her why she did that. She answered that she was just saying "thank you" to God for giving her the dinner she was about to eat. The grandfather was quite touched, and said, with tears in his eyes, "Well, if that is what Christianity teaches, it must be a good religion I am sure." He also spoke of the improvement in Tamaki San's manners and speech, and said he wished the other grand-children could go to a Christian school, if they could be taught as she had been. We were so glad to hear of the good impression in favor of christianity that was thus made by one little girl not being ashamed to acknowledge her Heavenly Father's care of her. We have sent one of the gospels and some Christian papers to the grandfather since, that he may have an opportunity to learn more of Tamaki San's God, and we are

praying that through these means some knowledge of Christ may come to the little country village which as yet knows only gods of wood and stone. May it not be that "a little child shall lead them?" V.

BLACKBOARD LESSON.

Draw the form, Write the first heading. By questions get from Band the names; and so on with each column, pausing now and then for questions or to talk about some part of the work. Review by questioning rapidly on each station.

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STATIONS.	DATE OF OPENING.	MISSIONARIES AT PRESENT.	No IN SCHOOLS.	No. OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	NATIVE BIBLE WOMEN.	SPECIAL FEATURES.
Tokyo.	1882.	Jessie K. Monroe, Altes E. Belton, Marion K. Lambly,	78	6	5	Charity School by Kings Daughters (45) Orphanage (13 inmates.)
Shiduoka.	1887.	Minnie A. Robertson, Janie Cunningham.	26	3	3	13 near places visited. 8 baptized this year.
Kofu.	1889.	Martha J. Cartmell, E. A. Preston,	38	6	2	13 places visited. King's Daughter's Society. A large number wish for baptism.
Kanazawa.	1891.	M. Abbie Veasey, E. Crombie,	10 20 (Over)	2	3	School Industrial with night school. Orphanage (16 inmates)