

ARIGASAKI, MATSUMOTO, SHINANO, June 20th.

Two or three days ago we all moved out to Mr. Kennedy's house, and although the workmen are still all here, and the noise is fearful, we felt that the sooner we all got away from our old place, the better it would be for us, and daily the summer rains are expected to set in; so, early on Wednesday morning, we started the moving, the first load going off before eight o'clock, you see here it is slow work, as all the loads are drawn by men, no horses or waggons, just hand-carts, but by keeping six of them going, we managed the move in one day. The walls of our house, which are made of Kabe, (mud) are still very wet, and the first night or two the water poured off the windows, as if there had been a hard frost, and our bedding and clothing felt quite wet, but, fortunately, the sun is at present warm and bright, so we don't expect the damp will do us any harm, and we are so delighted to get out to a place where we can get a breath of fresh air, and where we can look on the outside world without having to do so through wooden bars. Oh! You can't appreciate it as we do, unless you have been as we have been, shut up in a dirty, sweltering, narrow Japanese street, surrounded by children who seemed to scream from morning till night, and sometimes from night till morning. At first I used to think the children were being murdered or tortured, and used to be quite anxious, but I soon learned to know that it was just their way of crying. Now that I have built the "Home" I would like to see my first girls through their course, which will take three years, that is of course if the W.A. gives me the \$200 yearly that I have asked for; but as I made the request about a year and a half ago, and as yet I have only received help from Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec, to the amount of \$115, my prospects of taking four girls into the "Home" don't look very bright. I must have a grant of \$50 a year for each girl. I will take in two girls, feeling sure that this help will come yearly, but my personal expenses of keeping the "Home" going will be just as great with two girls, as if I have four or six, and also classes must be held, teaching given for a small number just as much as for a large; and then, if I could take in four or six girls, see the hopeful outlook for the Native work for the future, the greater number of Native workers we have the faster Christianity will spread in Japan, and remember there are 42,000,000 (forty-two million) souls on these Islands; and our hands need to be greatly strengthened, if we hope to carry the glad tidings to one-third of these people. I wish I could have a *certain promise*, that by the *Autumn*, the grant of \$200 a year could be secured to me, I would then be able to give a decided answer to the girls who desire to train for Christian work in the "Home." When Mr. Kakuzan asks me about it, I tell him I cannot yet give a decided answer. Mr. Kennedy and I often talk it over, but still no letter comes from Canada to say that all is well, I fear that my friends in the home lands must be falling away from me. . . . For several