

all the news, and I thought it would be rather queer to tell the same thing over again; I know I always like to hear a new story myself. Thank God we have a book of the old, old story that we never can get tired of. Well, I must stop, with love to all the little girls in the Band.

JAPAN.

From Miss L. Hart.

“Unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, offer also the other”

14 TORII-ZAKA, AZABU, April 24th, 1897.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—I expected to write to you some time ago, telling more about two or three of the new women who have been coming to the Shitaya meetings. The jinrikisha man's wife seems to be very much interested in the Gospel story. She is a hard-working uneducated woman, and finds it very difficult to remember the days of the week, so many poor people just live from hand to mouth and from day to day without much thought of what day it is, as all days are really the same to them. Well, this woman's little boy evidently enjoyed the singing, and perhaps the large-house (church), so he often asked her to hurry and go to “that place.” Later, as he was able to say more, he got the words “Sunday School,” and every time he got hold of a book or bit of paper, he said he was going to Sunday School. The mother is always at the meeting if it is at all possible, and seems to be understanding a little, and certainly enjoys the meetings very much.

I think you have an idea of what a busy time New Year is in every Japanese home, or I should say the week before New Year's, and how hard it is to keep up our meetings at that time, but I was delighted the last Sunday of last year as one woman after another came to the meeting, until fifteen in all were there, the majority of them non-Christians. One woman was there for the first time. I told you a little about her before. She had tried to get there before, but