

ness or a "bad head." "Make Bible-women of them?" If we only could! But experience teaches us that Bible-women cannot be "made." They must as truly be called to the work as the deaconess. What to do with these girls is a difficult problem only to be solved by the establishment of one central industrial school. We bear with this class of girls year after year, because it seems kinder than to send them back to their homes.

Our "King's Daughters" and "Busy Bees" have worked as enthusiastically as ever. O Hama San was sick in October, and there was enough money in the treasury of the "Busy Bees" to pay her doctor's bill.

The Christmas season was a happy time to our girls, and more than ever they realized that it is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive."

Looking back over the whole year we can say. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The new year is before us. We enter upon it with faith that He who has never failed us in the past will be with us "all the days."

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### SONG OF THE CHILDREN.

*From Miss Alcorn.*

**I**N October a children's meeting was opened in Bancho. As the girls from the school are too busy to take up any more Sunday work, this meeting is held on Thursday. Takeuchi San has charge of it, and knows just enough English to call it her "Thursday Sunday School." Between thirty and forty regularly attend.

In Ando Mura—the district in which Takeuchi San distributed the Scripture portions—we intend to begin another children's meeting. During the summer a man in that district died, and his family had the "portion" which he had received and read, cremated with his body. They believed in some way it would benefit him.

During a recent celebration for the soldiers, tracts were distributed freely among the people who came from all parts of the province.

In Numadzu, Ito San has distributed tracts in thirty houses, hoping this would in time open the way for her entrance with the Bible. For two months she has visited in the hospital. Ito San is doing good work.