

friends awaited me here. What a happy time we shall have together.

For some reason—I think because so many spoke of her Christ-likeness—I had looked forward longingly to the time when I might meet Miss Ford. The dear Lord took her, we know not why, but her influence remains.

It was very pleasant to have Miss Brookes with me all the long journey. She is always the same—a kind-hearted, true friend. Miss Brackbill came to Mount Omei for a much-needed rest, and it did not take long to learn to love her. She is a strong, noble character. I hope I may truly appreciate all she has done as a pioneer. I think of the loneliness of the many months before Miss Ford joined her, of how they planned, and worked, and suffered together, and became as dear sisters—and then of the parting. She has worked to get this comfortable home for us. You could not but admire the careful planning and the result. With Miss Foster I am hardly acquainted, but am sure I shall like her. Her hearty laugh does me good.

Perhaps it seems very strange that I have written about the members of our household in this way. I am so glad, though, that we can be as sisters—that we are congenial when we have been sent so far from our dear, dear brothers and sisters in Canada.

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From Miss Munro.

TOKYO, *Sept. 9th, 1897.*

For some time all seems to have been hurry and bustle. First came a telegram from Nikko, where Misses Crombie, Belton and Wigle have been spending the summer, saying that Miss Belton was ill. The next morning Miss Blackmore started for Nikko. Of course, this created no little excitement. The day following, Miss Preston left us for Yokohama, and the same day we heard of the arrival of Mrs. Gooderham and Mrs. Large. We had not expected