

opportunity to help in the Christian work of the hospital. In the ward where she sleeps there are just three of them—Kubo San, another elderly woman (also a Christian), and a younger woman who knew nothing of Christianity when she came in, except that a relative of hers (a blind man who had been in the hospital several months and learned there of Christ) had become a very good man and had told her she would hear good teaching there. Consequently she is eager to learn all she can during these days of opportunity. As her eyes are bad she cannot read the Bible for herself, and of course Kubo San cannot either; but the third woman's eyes are all right (she is crippled with rheumatism), so she reads the Bible and Kubo San explains its meaning in the simple language necessary to make the new thoughts clear to a mind not accustomed to much thinking.

Tanno San is no better. Another abscess is forming and is very painful, but she is bright and cheerful, and very very thankful for the care taken of her.

The ladies of Shizuoka and Nagano were in the city for a few days at Easter, and the city cousins greatly enjoyed having them.

Our closing was a real success—a beautiful evening, and the girls did their very best.

A letter just received gives the painful intelligence that Miss Lambly's health is in such a condition that she will be obliged to return to Canada this summer.

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## CHINA.

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From Miss Brackbill.

CHEN-TU, *January 6th, 1898.*

Your letter of November 2nd arrived January 2nd, having been just two months on the road, an unusually quick trip. We were so glad to hear the report of the annual meeting and such good news. It rejoiced our hearts to hear that another lady had been appointed for the work, and was possibly on the way. May the nurse and doctor soon follow, particularly the nurse as Miss Foster hopes to take up the evangelistic work unless otherwise ordered by the society.