

existence, and power of this false religion is a mystery beyond our ken. You may be interested in the story of a little girl, received as an out-patient in our hospital about three months ago. We used to call her to ourselves "the Elf," from her weird looks and wild ways. She had fallen from a tree and been injured sufficiently to oblige her to remain in the Hospital some weeks, you can imagine her style of home, when her mother requested Miss Lillington (the Doctor) to give her spirits, as she had always been used to it at home. She was most troublesome at first, lying, stealing and most uproarious, in fact, just a little savage. But before she left, the native Christian nurses reported a great improvement in her conduct, and it was touching to hear that this little wild creature had been deeply impressed by the story of the Saviour's love and self-sacrifice, and had told it in her own childish way to the matron. She is now being visited and taught in her heathen home, and we trust, may become a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom she learnt to know first within those Hospital walls. You may have heard of the great scarcity in this country just now, which we fear points to impending famine, the horror of which only those who passed through the last terrible one about 20 years ago, can in the least degree imagine. Will you ask for special prayer from the W.A. members and at your meetings that this great calamity may, in God's mercy, be averted. Please give my kindest remembrances to those W.A. members whom I had the pleasure of meeting in 1894."

*Rev. J. A. Teitelbaum to Diocesan Treasurer, Dec. 15th, 1896.*

"Enclosed please find receipt for the five dollars sent by St. George's Church, Newcastle. I thank you much for the same also for subscription to Hospital Quarterly for 1897. The Hospital is now in full working order, every bed is occupied, indeed we have been obliged to refuse some patients; you can hardly imagine what a boon it is to the people. Of course, we have by no means all we require, we shall, if possible to get the money, have to enlarge in the spring. If some of the W.A. could assist us to get some of the articles I append we should be most grateful: *Old Sheets* for bandages; *night-shirts* for patients; *pillow-cases*, *blankets*, *towels*, *slippers*, *pictures* and *literature* for patients."

*Mrs. Waller, Nagano, Shenano, Japan, writes Nov. 28th as follows:*

"Thank you so much for the LEAFLETS, I was so glad to have them; we feel most grateful to the W.A. for their great kindness this last year. Miss Smith will doubtless have told you what a nice graduation ceremony we had this month, two nurses passed their examinations very well indeed, after the graduation they went almost immediately to Matsumoto to begin work there, they were such sweet little nurses we did dislike so much to see them go, but, of course it is the right way, and best for God's cause. Last Sunday