

before we can send them out to the homes of the sick. The Government here is putting up buildings for a nurses' school on quite a large scale, but their work is entirely secular, and it is an unwritten law of that hospital, that if a nurse attend any Christian service she must be dismissed from the school. This I have on very good authority, and I can easily believe it, as the doctor in charge is a man of very bad character and bitterly opposed to Christianity. So you can see we long to train our own church women in hospital work, and not oblige them to study in a place where our holy religion is ignored. Our work is steadily gaining ground and, by God's blessing, has quite an influence for good, I believe. Prices have been so high this year that the poor, and especially the sick poor, have suffered more than usual. I have often longed to take some of the patients we visit and give them proper nourishment and comforts until they were well, during the cold weather, which is almost as severe in this province as in Canada. But situated as we are there is so little one can do. Did I tell you in my last letter that Onishi San, one of the last nurses, has given up the work? She was only in the dispensary a very short time when she said her father was ill, the usual Oriental excuse, and that she would have to go home. I was not sorry as I believe she was not fitted for hospital nursing. It may interest you to know that a baby girl has arrived at Dr. Shiba's, such a funny, interesting mite, in long sleeved Japanese robes. Mrs. Shiba's mother has come to live with them, a dear old lady, and a good church woman; and it is so nice to see the three generations all christians, grandmother, parents and child. They live very near me and we see a great deal of each other. You will be glad to hear that the church is almost finished and that Bishop Awdry is to come on the 15th for the consecration. When we have photographs taken of it, I shall send you one. Our Fugin Vuvai voted kind greetings to be sent to the W.A. in Canada, at the March meeting, which was held at the Nurse school. The Japanese workers join me in sending kindest regards."

*Bishop's Court, Calgary, April 22nd, 1898.*

"I am writing for the express purpose of asking whether among the various W.A's., it would be possible to find a woman of middle age able and willing to undertake the rough work at the Blackfoot hospital. You are, I am sure, constantly hearing of the good work that institution is doing. I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Turner and his two devoted daughters. The work they have to do is constantly increasing and they ought not to have to do the cooking and dish washing. They have more skilful work to do, but there surely must be some one who, while unable to perform the skilled duties required of them, would be willing for Christ's sake and for His work's sake to join them and perform the equally important, if inferior duties, of which I have spoken."—CYPRIAN SASKATCHEWAN AND CAL.

(Will any one wishing to volunteer for the above, kindly apply to the Prov. Cor. Sec., 161 College Street?)