

that day there was an anti-footbinding meeting, which I was anxious the Bible-woman who has always gone with me should attend. I had a nice little time in the Catechist's house, and was greatly cheered by the women and children understanding as well as they did. To-day I went to the home of one of Miss Leslie's pupils, but very few women came, as they are busy preparing the fields for the rice. On our way back we were caught in a heavy rain, and a dozen little boys came round me where I was taking shelter, pupils of a heathen school. We became most friendly, and they showed me their reading and writing books, which unfortunately I could not read as it was all classical Chinese character, not the colloquial which we learn. Will you pray that day by day I may be able to speak more freely and confidently in this very difficult and complicated language. I would like you to pray for the villages I go to regularly; I will tell you about them. Cieu-tah is a large village with a catechist, but he can only work among the men, and if these are as indifferent as the women we must feel much discouraged. Please pray for the one woman who seems in earnest, and who is now in Miss Steven's station-class, that when she returns home she may be the means of converting others. In Hung-tah there is a baptized Christian girl lately married into a heathen family much opposed to foreigners, and I am afraid they treat her very unkindly. Please pray that this one witness for Christ in that dark village may be true and bright. Nyncoding is a very hard place, and the people very rough. please pray that the three or four Christian women in this village may find their Saviour a strong tower of defence, for their temptations are many, and some of them are very poor. Ngie Sen is a very large village with only one Christian woman. If you will all kindly make these four villages the subject of prayer at your W.A. meetings; I am sure there will be much blessing attending our visits."

Miss Young writes from Nagoya, Japan, to her Huron W.A.

"Lately one of our kindergarten pupils brought four little friends with her, and as they were walking along the street, children they did not know joined them, so that when they reached the school there were thirteen little strangers. The kindergarten child, with a very anxious face, called her teacher out to look at the crowd, saying, these four are my friends whom I would like you to kindly teach with me to-