

impossible to do without a Matron, and therefore appointed a girl from Yokohama, who has been with me two years as teacher and Mission worker, the Home and Matsumoto Mission paying her salary between them. It was necessary that girls of heathen minds should have some one in authority over them, and as their future Bible work would take them to rough parts, it was necessary that they should learn to help themselves, therefore under the direction of the Matron they learn to cook, sew, etc. The Matron helps daily in the School, giving the Bible lesson, which she prepares with me; she takes the girls to the woman's meeting, teaches in the Sunday school, and visits the Mission weekly. We also intend holding English classes twice in the week, by this means we hope to draw some school teachers and older girls, which will, in time, open their homes to the visits of the teacher. These classes will be taught by the Matron, so you see how useful she is, in fact I could not do without her. You might be inclined to ask what work I do inside the Home, not very much; I am the head, therefore all must be referred to me, and I have to see that everything is properly managed. But much of my time is taken up in holding classes for young men; it is a work I like and in which I am successful, and I trust it may open the way for Christianity. Most of my pupils are young men from the High School, and one is a master in the School. I get some interesting cuttings from Church papers, which I am going to have translated in Japan. Mrs. Williamson has written to me about having the W.A. Mission Prayer in Japan, as being a bond of union between us. I shall have it done at once, and the girls of the Home will use it morning and evening, when we have prayers in the little Chapel in Mr. Kennedy's Home. I should like to tell you of our Thanksgiving service, held yesterday. It was a public holiday, being the first day that the Empress eats new rice, and to many of the Japanese the Empress stands in the place of God. The two rooms which have, at present, to be our Church, looked very pretty with all their floral decorations and festoons from the ceiling, with