

I know you are interested in the individuals under our care, as well as in the work generally. In my report I spoke of one of our girls being in the hospital. She is some better, but the doctor has no hope of her permanent recovery. Monday she returned to her home, a poor, miserable little place in one of the noisiest, dirtiest parts of the town, but it was *home* to her, and she was delighted to get back. Through visiting her many opportunities came for evangelistic work, and a number of people have heard the gospel story for the first time in their lives. One of the nurses has promised her to attend church as regularly as she possibly can, and seems much in earnest in seeking the way of salvation. We are very sorry that consumption has seized O Sute San, for she was the most satisfactory of all our supported girls. We cannot tell but that in her weakness she may be used as effectively in His service as she would have been in her strength.

Another little girl who was ill when school closed, passed, during the holidays, beyond the border into the full life beyond. She suffered intensely, but whenever she felt a little easier she would read her Bible. Such a companion was it during her illness that when she died it was put in the coffin and buried with her. Her home is a wealthy one. Her family know little or nothing of Christianity, but her older sister is a regular attendant at the woman's meeting in Kato, the village nearest her home.

An interesting girl came into the school lately. She attended a meeting Miss Preston held last winter in Yamura, a village some distance from here. The seed sown at that meeting was followed up by teaching from the evangelist, till finally she was baptized. Then came a desire for work. Her education was insufficient; she felt she must get more instruction, and finally decided she would enter a school somewhere, if she had to work as a servant to pay her expenses. Her brother said if she were that much in earnest he would pay her way. She has come in as a sewing pupil, taking special Bible instruction under Miss Preston, with a view to doing Bible work in the future. We have another strong-looking, warm hearted girl in the sewing department, who is working toward the same end.