

remarked that they had been awaiting my return so as to learn something of my honorable country. His fluent speech and a suspicious redness around the eyes made me tremble; and for two or three minutes his words fell on unheeding ears, while I poured out my soul to Him who is a refuge in every time of need, knowing He would show me just what was best to do. My talkative visitor wished to know something of my religion, so I decided to do my best to explain it.

As soon as I expressed my willingness to do so, other members of the household and a few guests were brought in, and for over an hour I addressed a most attentive audience of twelve people, including five women. After a few words of general explanation, I read and explained, as well as I could in a foreign tongue, parts of our Lord's discourse on the mount, and supplied them with literature to read at their leisure. After a little talk about Canadian customs—and I had shown them what kind of food we use—they thanked me heartily and bade me good-night, leaving me alone with Him whose message I had tried to proclaim. Soon a maid returned for a tract different from hers, and we had a short talk together. My heart was full of inexpressible joy and thankfulness, and while body and brain were so thoroughly tired out that for a long time sleep was impossible, I could hear some of the people in their room discussing what they had just heard.

Next morning I went to Tanaka where one of our helpers in Nagano met me. My weariness almost overcame me, and more than once I thought, "How *can* I conduct that woman's meeting this afternoon?" At one o'clock I decided to leave the children's meeting in the hands of my helper, and I went out to call the children, and my Father gave me complete rest for the next hour by directing my whole attention to the crowds of children that flocked into the preaching-place and filled it to overflowing, seventy-five in all, besides many who listened awhile at the door. At the previous meeting there were twenty, and before that only seven or eight.

At the woman's meeting which followed we had nineteen women and two men, three of the women being new