

is best for her; he himself thinks his daughter will never give up her faith, but be a Christian all her life. I will enclose two letters just as they are, and extracts from others. We enjoyed the visit from Miss Blackmore and Miss Wicle very much. Our closing exercises passed off successfully. The governor of the province and various educational dignitaries were here. We had four graduates, two of them in English as well as Japanese. One of these continues her studies in our Azabu school. Four of our students were baptized in March. We have the prospect of a large number of students this coming term—we hope, the largest in the history of the school. Another girls' school is being started, however; it remains to be seen how formidable a rival it will be.

We are having holidays now, but they are busy ones, as there are odds and ends of work to be done in preparing for the new term. The boarders and new students enter on the 11th.

We are very grateful for the prosperity God is giving us. May He continue to be with us here, and may He continue His manifest presence in power and blessing with you at home.

*Extract from a letter written by S—A—, a graduate of the Kofu school, to one of her teachers.*

ICHIO MURA, February 21st, 1896.

“I will tell you what I do every day. Every morning, after I took my breakfast, I go to my uncle's house, and there my aunt teaches me sewing. At night I study ‘Kobugo’ (Japanese literature) and writing. But on Sunday I stay at home; lately my parents allowed me to rest on Sunday, and my father came to me and said it is good thing to work on Sunday. He persuade me hard, but I did not hear his word. Since that time he never say again about Sunday; so on Sunday I always read books and study Bible. I can get great help from my note-book, which I made in my Bible lessons.

“I asked my father about the Baptism, but he said he will allow me some time, but not yet. At my uncle's house when I prayed before my dinner all the servants laughed at