

loss for pictures for next year, having only what will supply the need until the end of December.

I write to you, thinking that by so doing I will be sure to secure the best selection, also thinking that you may know some generous heart who would like to supply the Nagano kindergarten with the pictures, as I believe there are those interested in the work who are glad and willing to help in these special ways.

If nothing better can be secured, then I would like to have another "Royal Scroll," though I would like something in which the Old Testament pictures are larger.

Miss Blackmore says, in reference to the foregoing. "I heartily endorse what Miss Hargrave has written."

A postal from Miss Blackmore, under date of September 6th, in regard to the new arrivals, expresses great satisfaction at "such a fine reinforcement." Miss Laing was to go to Kanazawa, while Miss Howie and Miss Forrest remained in Tokyo.

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"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS."

*From Miss Howie, Tokyo, Japan, Sept. 5th, 1900.*

We are at last in Japan, and I am so glad to be here, although I enjoyed the journey very much indeed.

At Vancouver Mr. Emberson and Mr. Prudham looked after our baggage, so we had no trouble there.

Mr. Norman was the first one to meet us, and it was a great surprise to him to find his sister on board, as she did not expect to go till later.

Shortly after, Mr. Borden, Misses Alcorn, Jost and Hart came, and, although not acquainted, I felt at home as soon as I saw them.

When we reached shore the jinrikisha men attracted our attention, and all felt that we never wanted to ride in a jinrikisha and have those poor men pull us around, but I noticed that before we reached Azabu we became quite resigned to our new mode of travelling. Indeed, I thought my man rather enjoyed the journey, as he passed the others in going up the hill and fairly galloped after he reached the top. I sat back, and instead of pitying the "poor man," admired his agility and wondered if he would land me safely at the school, for he seemed to have a total disregard for all obstacles and acted as though we had the right of way.

I have already met Misses Alcorn, Jost, Robertson and the Tokyo workers. They all gave us a warm welcome and I am feeling quite at home already.