

An offer was made early in the year by Miss Wigle, of Nagano, Japan, to defer her furlough until the spring of 1901. In view of the limited number of workers available for Japan at that time the offer was appreciated and accepted.

As there was a prospect in the spring of Miss Preston's being able to return to Japan, it was agreed that if she found it necessary to come home again in a shorter time than the regular term, permission would be granted her to do so.

Miss Alton, of Coqualeetza Institute, expressed a wish to take a year's training in a hospital at the close of her five years' term, which expired in July. This desire to fit herself for still more efficient work was heartily concurred in.

Miss Fannie Forrest, of the Hamilton Branch, who was accepted at the last Board meeting, and Miss K. M. Laing, of the Hamilton Branch (both of whom are trained nurses), completed very satisfactory courses at the Deaconess Home and Training School and were appointed to China. In August they were sent temporarily to Japan.

Miss Jessie L. Howie of the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch, who received her training under Dr. Stewart, at Sackville University, came to Toronto in the spring for practical work at the Deaconess Home. She was appointed to Japan and sailed for her field in August.

Miss Alice Jackson of the Bay of Quinte Branch, who was accepted at the last meeting of the Board, also passed a satisfactory course in the Deaconess Home and Training School, and was appointed associate worker in the Kit-a-maat Home, British Columbia, for which field she left in June.*

Miss Maud Pettit of the Hamilton Branch, who was one of the candidates favorably reported upon by the Candidate Committee of the last board meeting, and Miss Lottie Deacon of the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch, are now, by direction of your Executive, attending the Deaconess Home and Training School.

A candidate from the Bay of Quinte Branch, who was appointed by the last Board to attend the Deaconess Home, withdrew in the early part of the year, as she found the course too heavy for her.

A young lady from the Toronto Branch, who is now a kindergarten student, was conditionally accepted at the April meeting of the Executive.

Another W. M. S. candidate from the Toronto Branch has been appointed by the General Society to the position of matron of the Boys' Home, Port Simpson.

Miss Carrol, of Vancouver, has been engaged for the present as matron's assistant at the Crosby Girls' Home, succeeding Miss Blanchard.

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