

It is beautiful to see how the girls have developed. The teachers of other mission schools are much surprised at the way in which the foreign teachers have the confidence of the girls, and what they are capable and willing to do. We have sincere, devoted Christians among them who are ready and willing to go out into the streets and hunt up an audience if one does not come to them to listen to the words of the Gospel.

The sacredness of the work, the honor of being laborers together with Him who has called us here is great, and yet not one of us is able to do all we wish and yearn to do. Our best work is training these girls, who understand and can work among their own people to much better advantage than we ever can. The all-round education they receive in our schools makes some beautiful characters among them. We certainly have cause to be thankful for the results we see.

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From Mrs. Large.

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Mr. T. was in yesterday. He says the war is going to make this a hard year in our ordinary Christian work; people are too full of war to think of church going and the social means of grace. We must be prepared to see hard times and perhaps much discouragement.

I told you the regiment to which our soldiers belonged had already left for the seat of war. They went only to Yokosuka, and were sent back; but their summons has come, they expect to leave any day. Yesterday, just as we sat down to dinner, Mr. Kumagai came suddenly; they had been given the afternoon in which to say good-bye to their friends. In his joy at getting a half holiday he had come away without any dinner, and had just gone first to see Mr. Takagi, the pastor, and then came here. He spent an hour with us and left. About an hour after, another soldier, Mr. Y., came to say good-bye. An hour passed, when he said, "Others planned to come and see you to-day, and I was to wait here. They must have been prevented, but, if I am not hindering you, I would like to stay longer; I have no