

such as I had not seen in Japan before—came in at the side door and stood listening. She stayed until the close, listening most intently, and when some of the little ones would get restless and prevent her from hearing so well, she would throw out her great, gruff voice at them and terrify them into silence. The lesson was about Zacchaeus and the "Golden Text," "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." As the children repeated the text again and again, I did so hope that the words would linger in the mind of that poor woman and make her want to hear more. The girls said, coming home, that the children were much more orderly than usual. They wondered if it was the effect of her presence or mine. These little Sunday Schools are very interesting to me. I often wish my friends at home could visit one. The little wriggling, squirming morsels of humanity that attend them, nearly always with more wriggling and squirming morsels on their backs, would delight the heart of anybody who could rise above their dirty little dresses, faces and hands. Many of them are so cute and bright. It is very funny sometimes, when we are passing through the streets, to meet two groups of children—one addressing us in language anything but polite, and giving us information about our ancestors that we never learned from any other source, and the other group, composed of some of these little Sunday School children, bowing low in their very best manner. I regret that honesty compels me to add that sometimes the bows are followed by suppressed giggles that assure us they are not growing too good to be natural. Poor, poor, little children! Our hearts ache for them often. The girls who teach in these Sunday Schools are themselves taught the lesson on Saturday evening. They really seem very earnest and anxious to do good in this way.

A SPECIAL APPEAL.

Miss Hargrave, of Nagano, Japan, writes under date of August 14th, 1900.

I write to ask if you can do anything toward having our need in Nagano supplied. We want something in the way of Bible pictures for use in our daily Bible lessons with the little ones.

For the past two years I have had the use of the "Royal Scroll," published by Powers, Fowler & Lewis, of Chicago, sent by Dr. and Mrs. Nichol, of Montreal, for use in the work here.

I must now pass it on to the Shidzuoka Branch, so am at a