

cloud of anxiety resting on us for the last few days. Kuru Sakakura, one of our supported girls, who graduated two years ago, and who has been Miss Munroe's interpreter and most efficient helper, took a cold which quickly developed into a cough. On examination bacilli of consumption were found, and we felt almost hopeless of her recovery. To-day Miss M. and T. went with her to Dr. Kitaiato, who is a specialist in treatment of consumption, to have her examined and see if he would take her into his hospital. I have just returned. Dr. Kitaiato thinks there is good ground for hope, as the disease has only just commenced, so we left her comfortable and happy in a clean, quiet room, and we feel as though the sky has suddenly cleared.

We are all well, and work is going on steadily. Now that we have again two evangelistic workers in Tokyo, some of the places that had to be dropped after Mrs. Large left are reopened, and Miss Hart has had most enthusiastic welcomes from the women among whom she worked before.

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From Miss Hart.

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I begin to feel now as if I am once more at home in my work. There have been many changes, and I find that many of the women have moved away, some have died, others married, and so on, making it seem almost like new work in some districts. However, some I knew are still as I left them, and I have received hearty welcomes from all I knew. I have been surprised and, at the same time, very glad, for I did not realize that the women had come to feel as much at home with me, or that I was a friend they could trust. You, perhaps, cannot understand how hard it must be and is for some to feel toward a foreigner as they do toward one of their own nationality. And the hearty welcomes have given me much more courage and hope of being useful in the work.

To-day I had a new experience, in a way. I have often before, I suppose—in fact, I am sure—been the first foreigner some women have spoken to, but was never told it till to-day. Some weeks ago, a woman called at the house where one of our Bible-women boards. As all were out but