

I ask that it may be left an open question as to where the home shall be started. I am at present on a visit to the Rev. F. Kennedy, at Matsumoto, so that I may be able to study the work, and judge of the advisability of opening the Home here. Already Nagano has a good staff of Japanese helpers, and therefore I favor the idea of establishing the home here, where the pupils will have the benefit of instruction from the Rev. Mr. Kakuzen, whom many of our Canadians will remember. The Rev. Mr. Kennedy will also kindly assist. One of the great difficulties that is before us is to find a suitable house, but this trouble we must always expect, until we have buildings of our own. What I greatly desire is to be able to lease a piece of ground, and build a Bible Home; this I think would not cost more than \$400. Then in time the Mission House could be built in the same compound; but this I fear we must not hope for at present, it may come in time, if our faith fail not. One requires to know something of the nature of this country to understand that Nagano and Matsumoto, although not more than 60 miles apart, are divided by one or more mountain ranges, which can only be crossed on foot, or by Kurumas; as only 26 miles are travelled by rail, it takes twelve hours of hard travel to make the journey. Matsumoto is a town of about 28,000, and in a year or so they hope to have a railroad, which will no doubt largely increase the population. One of our greatest difficulties is to procure the services of native Bible women; the other Dioceses cannot supply their own needs, and therefore we cannot expect help from them. Mr. Kennedy tried in vain to get a helper this winter, so Mrs. Kennedy had to do the best she could alone. I was indeed glad to be able to bring my teacher over with me, and already the benefit of her help is felt in the Mission. However anxious we foreign women are to do all we can, we are and shall be always more or less hampered by the language, and our ignorance of the customs, and etiquette of the country. Now I appeal to you as Canadians, and Church People, will you not do all you can to help us to build and support this Church Bible Home. "The love of Christ constraineth us" all; some to go forth and carry the glad tidings, others to give of their means to spread the good news; all of us can belong to one or other of these companies in the Army of Christ."

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From Rev. J. Matheson, Onion Lake, to Provincial Dorcas Secretary.

First as to the number of Indians under my charge. The approximate number, including heathen, Romanist and Protestant, living in the district I visit and labour in, is about 1000 souls, about 120 of these are members of our Church. Second, number of children in the Boarding School, 17. Of these 17 we will draw pay for ten, at the rate \$6 per month, per child, the rest are paid for by the Master Himself, and we find Him far better pay than the Department itself. He supplies all our needs. The \$6 per month is pay in full for board, clothes, washing, tuition, and everything else connected with the