

school, and it was requested that they should be taught every thing Western, but especially English, dancing, and Christianity. The teachers could not make the parents understand why they would teach their daughters Christianity and not dancing; both were from the West, and they had heard as much of the one as of the other.

I have written frequently about the good work which has been going on quietly during the past year. Miss Morgan and I went into the class-meeting every other Wednesday. For a few weeks before the holidays the meetings were very interesting; one after another the girls would speak or pray. It is impossible to tell of the joy we felt when listening to them telling of their love for Christ, their faith in Him, and of how He helped them in their struggles.

While the past year has had quite as many troubles and discouragements as the year before, although of a different kind, yet it has been a year with a great deal of brightness in it. The Master has been nearer to me than ever before, and I have proved Him to be "a very present help in trouble." Miss Morgan, too, has been wonderfully sustained in her affliction; she has borne her loss so bravely (the sudden death of her only brother). Her patience has been a lesson to me. God has been with her in her trouble, no one could doubt that.

Our five Japanese teachers are now all Christians, so there is no one in the school working against Christianity. For some weeks before the holidays the girls had a prayer-meeting every day to ask God's blessing upon our school, and that the numbers might be increased. Ought we not to be encouraged when we remember that our God is a God who *hears and answers prayer*?