

At the risk of having our report too long for publication we have given more details than usual of some departments of the work.

Tokyo Branch.—School.

Eleven of our students spent the summer with us in our mountain home at Karuizawa. Some thought we were unwise in taking our work with us, but for many reasons it seemed best, and the results proved that we were wisely led. The girls were obedient, thoughtful and helpful, and expressed their surprise that they found so many opportunities of putting into practice our holiday motto—"freely ye have received, freely give." A few details may be of interest.

One girl sat up for two or three nights with a sick child; some frequently sat with a sick lady to allow her nurse to rest; others found work to do in comforting a Chinaman who was in trouble, and in so doing learned that "the hearts of Japanese and Chinese are the same." One for three weeks cared for the children of a tired mother who seemed to forget that what had proved so wearing to herself was equally trying to a school girl unaccustomed to the work, but afterwards O Ree San said, "God heard my prayer and allowed me to use my strong body for Him as I had no other talent. I was very tired every night, but remembering that this was the work He had given me to do I was patient."

One of the number found Christ during the holidays, and another began to attend class-meeting and to study to know and do His will.

After holidays we welcomed back to the work Miss Hart and Miss Hargrave. Their return and the coming of our new missionaries inspired us with hope and refreshed both Church and school.

At the beginning of the term Miss Blackmore's going to Kofu, rendered necessary by Miss Preston's illness, interfered with the English classes, and later the absence of one of our Japanese teachers, caused by sickness and death in