

fresh air to dilute the clouds of smoke from pipes and cigarettes used so freely by both men and women—used, in fact, to an alarming extent.

The floor, as was generally the case, was very dirty, and quite wet with melted snow, and not favored with even the hot-water cans on which the passengers in the first and second-class cars are privileged to rest their feet. But with a wrap and travelling rug one manages to keep quite warm, especially on sunshiny days. Soon I was busy reading a tract, which, as I had intended, drew the attention of my fellow-passengers; so, of course, I shared my reading matter with them, and soon nearly every person in the car was reading a discourse on "Temperance" or "Tobacco," or "The New Birth," or something equally profitable. At every station some left the car and others entered, and were in turn supplied with literature. One old man asked me to explain a sentence he could not understand, about the Jewish sacrifices: why they were efficacious at one time, though now salvation can be obtained in no way but through belief in Christ. There was just time for a brief explanation before we reached Komoro, and so our conversation ended. The Father only knows how many of those fifty or more written messages will reach the hearts of those who received them.

Mr. Hashimoto, the pastor, met me at the station, and we went to visit a family where one of the daughters is a Christian. After a little general conversation I asked if I might give a short Bible talk, to which they readily agreed, and brought their mother and six guests from an adjoining room. We talked about "Light in Darkness." Five of the number were from a neighboring village, and knew nothing about Christianity. We had a very interesting time together, and gave them some printed explanations to supplement what had been said. I could not help thinking the Spirit had led us to that house, for we had not intended to go there at first.

As the hotel at which I had stayed on the two previous occasions had proven very unsatisfactory, it was necessary to find a new place. I had felt almost sure that I might stay at the home of one of our Christians, but they could