

would not do that, as he was quite able to clothe the child, so she left us. No others have been taken in, and as our boys entered the Boys' Home in October, our number is quite small comparatively; however, with the accommodation of this Home, it is better so. Our winter has been very mild, indeed; we have had no real cold weather yet.

There has been a good deal of sickness and several deaths in the village, but we have all been blessed with good health.

The case from Toronto arrived last mail, and we send our most sincere thanks to all the donors. The bed comforters are lovely, I am so glad to get them; but everything is so useful, and will help us so much with the clothing. Many of the clothes will need very little altering.

We have not had the religious revival we hoped for, but are having very good services at present. May it be the dew drops before the plenteous showers.

JAPAN WORK.

It may be remembered that Miss Cunningham went last fall to Kanazawa, a city on the west coast, where Rev. J. Saunby had been appointed to open up work on behalf of our Canadian Methodism.

The following letter from Miss Cunningham will be read with interest:—

KANAZAWA KAGA, Dec. 8th, 1890.

We opened our first Woman's Meeting on the 23rd of October. Besides Shimadasan and myself, there were five present. A preaching service is held in the same place on Sunday evenings, and also a Sunday-school in the afternoon, in which Mrs. Saunby and Shimadasan teach. On Sunday mornings and also on Friday evenings a service is held at another place quite near. These latter services are attended mostly by those interested in Christianity. There are sometimes twelve or thirteen present.

Buddhism is very strong in Kanazawa, and the great difficulty has been to get any one to rent a house for Christian services. At last (we feel sure, in answer to prayer), three rooms were obtained in a splendid situation. Work was opened there the first week in November. November 9th, we started a Sunday-school in Nagadohei, which is the name of that part of the city. When Shimadasan, Mr. Hosaka and I reached the house, about twenty-boys followed us in.