

the journey down has done him good, and he is returning soon. Dr. Hare is also down with him. Mr. Cady and party are looked for in a few days. There are several others here waiting to go up with him, too, so there will be quite a company to start off. This home of Mr. Evan's is really a treat. It seems so good, after steamer-life, to find oneself in a Christian home, where morning and evening worship is held, and all are in sympathy with the Master's work.

A long letter from Mrs. Kilbourne, with greetings and instructions re purchases, etc., awaited me here. She states that she and her husband have donned the native dress. The lady from Winnipeg, whom I wrote you of some time ago as expecting to come on the December steamer, did not leave until January, so when I started on from Yokohama it was good to find a familiar face on board and have a congenial fellow-traveller; it was also pleasant to receive a box and letter brought by her from Winnipeg for me. When I left home, the home-circle felt as if, in view of the war and the starting for Japan alone, I was going to certain death; and so it is pleasant to recount to them all His lovingkindness by the way. Apparently crooked places were found, on reaching them, to be made straight; friends found all along the way, and "no word has failed of all His good promise."

All business is suspended for a few days to celebrate the New Year. People in gala dress are around the streets, bunting is flying, and Chinese lanterns without number make a pretty sight in the evenings, while fireworks of all grades of noise make the nights hideous with their racket.

When I left Tokyo, Miss Munro and nineteen of the Japanese girls in the school were ill with what the doctor pronounced influenza, so the place had assumed quite a hospital air, and Mrs. Large and the others had their hands full in caring for the sick. Mrs. Large and Miss Alexander came to Yokohama to see me safely off, but did not stay till we started, as the sick ones needed attention. The few hours' stop in Kobe was made pleasant by a friend to whom Mrs. Large had written, who came on board for me and with whom I went to see the beautiful Kobe waterfall and some of the shops. At Nagasaki the steamers take on coal, and it was interesting to watch the crowd of men, women and