

are having pleasant helpful holidays. Dr. Needham, a noted evangelist, is here, and he and Mrs. Needham are holding a series of meetings, taking the form chiefly of Bible readings, which are very profitable.

"The Presbyterians held their Council here as usual. It is very helpful to meet these veterans in the work with many of the familiar faces that one has seen in the years that are past.

"The work in general is very prosperous in Yamanashi. There are discouraging places, but there is so much to encourage."

Miss Blackmore sends a postal from Azabu, under date of September 8th: "We are back at work again, except Miss Munro, who is remaining a few days longer on the mountains. School opened to-day. Two new pupils entered, three applied and two came to ask how to make application.

"We had a typhoon night before last, which tore off 105 tiles from the roof, and a good deal of plaster from the outer walls, but did no serious harm.

"The Kanazawa ladies are detained here, not being able to reach Kanazawa either by train or boat."

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From Miss Brackbill.

CHENTU, *July 11th, 1898.*

By last mail I sent the Annual Report, but as your letter of April 26th has since arrived, I feel constrained to write again to tell you how disappointed we are about new workers. We do hope that both a nurse and an evangelistic worker may be found to come out this fall. Of course, a doctor is also needed, and we are glad one is coming. Even after they arrive they should have the whole of the first year for the study of the language.

I have done what I could in the evangelistic line, but with all the other duties it has been very little at the most, and now we should have regular organized work going on, not only in the city but itinerating as well.

We have had a grant for a Bible-woman for five years and still are unable to secure one, and begin to think we will have to train one ourselves.