

our usually severe winter may lead many more fortunately situated to provide for these needy ones.

The East End School opened on September 2nd, under favorable circumstances. Thirty-six pupils were present, ten of whom had been in attendance last year. It is encouraging to know that of this number eighteen are from Roman Catholic homes. The class-room, which is not large, is now pretty well filled with energetic little workers from four to sixteen years of age.

Miss Matthieu writes: "After school hours I have visited on an average four families daily, and thus gained their favor and the promise of a few new pupils. An aged man expressed a wish for a Bible, saying he had seen but one Bible in his life, and that was years ago, when he met the late Rev. Mr. Beaudry, who invited him to his church. The man told his priest of this fact, and asked him for a Bible, but the priest refused. The old man told me he had felt disappointed ever since, and that now he was so happy in the possession of this book. As he held it between his hands he promised to read it very carefully and pay me its value. I wish you could have looked at his happy face, beaming with joy because of his newly-gotten treasure. May our hearts yearn within us for the salvation of this man's soul. I praised God for this gleam of sunshine at the close of a day's work for Jesus in and outside of the school-room."

JAPAN.

Extracts of a letter from Miss Wigle, our latest missionary to Japan.

AZABU, TOKYO, December 3rd, 1895.

I arrived in good condition physically. I have not felt at all tired since getting here; in fact the ocean voyage seemed very restful to me, except the first day or two. We had a rough sea nearly all the way; the guards were on the dining tables all the time but the last two days.

There were eighteen missionaries on board, including two Japanese who had been studying in America, so we had some very congenial company. One of the Japanese became a Christian nine years ago, and has been in the United States since. He does not know whether his family will receive him