

pupils died very suddenly ; she was looking forward to the opening of the Sunday-school after the summer vacation with great delight, and even in her brief illness talked of it, and we have reason to believe that she, too, had a child's faith in Jesus.

The attendance at our Sunday-schools is very encouraging. Great interest is felt everywhere in the war. Some of our Christians have either gone, or are going, to the seat of war. To-day there is a prayer-meeting in the church and a gathering of friends to give a sincere and heartfelt send-off to one of our young men, a sergeant in one of the Northern regiments, which has been called off on service to Korea. The war does not and is not likely to affect us at all personally. The basis of operations is far away from here and is not likely to change, but we are interested in it because it is the absorbing topic of interest to those around us, and the Japanese are showing themselves so patriotic and brave that it cannot but arouse one's admiration. I understand there are 300,000 soldiers in the Empire, and that of these about 50,000 have gone to the war. So far the war has not affected our school, indeed, we have one or two new pupils coming in.

We are having cold weather, and feel the need of fires and warm clothing.

This is the month for the Branch and Annual meetings. I trust that God's blessing may be richly upon you, that wise decisions may be made, that increased interest in the work and greater inspiration for it may be the result of your meeting together.

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From Miss Brackbill.

LING-NGAI-SI, August 27th, 1894.

In a previous letter I spoke of the intense heat in the city, and as this kept on increasing, and the showers, which had occurred on an average once a week, ceased, it became almost impossible to study or do much else in the city, so we decided to take our teachers and go up on the mountains, where several of the people had stayed last summer. It is