

His exposition furnished much new thought and fresh insight into the Word.

Last year was a prosperous one in our work. "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," and we look to Him for continued guidance and help.

A number of our girls are teaching little children during the holidays, and I think they will do much good. They seem to be very fond of this kind of work, and though some of them may not be able to impart very much, yet I am sure some seeds of truth are sown that will doubtless bring forth much fruit.

We are looking forward to the coming of the new ladies and Miss Robertson's return.

Mr. Kobayashi is the same earnest, warm-hearted man as ever. His help in Yamanashi is invaluable, and in our school-work we find him a tried friend and true.

## CHINA.

From Miss Brackbill.

CHENTU, *July 12th, 1897.*

I am sending herewith the reports for the year ending June 30th. I have been busy at them until twelve o'clock for the last two nights, as there were so many interruptions during the day.

You will see that the account is made out in Chentu taels. It is far easier to keep it this way, as most of the money is paid out so. It would be a great boon to us if there were a uniform currency throughout China, as we not only have the Chentu "taels" and "cash," the value of which is constantly changing, but Hankow taels, Shanghai taels and Mexican dollars, and, when travelling up the river, to these are added Ichang, Chung-king and Kia-ting taels, none of which are alike.

In no case have we gone beyond the appropriations, ex-