

## JAPAN WORK.

Extracts from Mrs. Large's Report and Letters.

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It seems as the years pass by that the work increases, and there is less time for it to be done in proportion as our ladies increase in number. Last year my annual work was written with only the last words to be added after the meeting of our Council; this year I am just *beginning* where I should be ending.

The past year has been one full of encouragement in our work; all the way has not been clear sunshine, but the clouds that came but made the sunshine all the brighter.

We cannot report as many conversions as last year, because of the great ingathering then and the comparatively little change in the students in attendance; but we can truly say the Master has been in our midst, and strong, earnest Christian characters have been growing—characters that must and will tell on the Lord's side when these girls go out from our school and take their places in the world.

The little girls resolved to save some of their pocket-money every week, and devote their savings to the Azabu church. Between Easter and July they gathered eleven yen, which they gave to Mr. Hiraiwa; this collection was made at their own prayer-meeting each Sunday afternoon.

Our King's Daughters' Circle have done, and are still doing, a good work; they give fifteen minutes a day to work for charitable purposes; it is not much time, but a good deal in the school-life of a Japanese girl.

I must not forget to speak of our Ontario Readers, which