

"I returned to Nagano on the 2nd, and our school began on the 5th. Five of the former seven pupils re-entered, the two married women having removed to Tokyo. I have the same three helpers as last year and look forward to a happy season.

"Our school hours are from one to five p.m. Kawara San has the first two hours for sewing, then come the Japanese and English lessons. I will have the Bible lesson only three times a week and on Sunday, as I have meetings to prepare for and am trying to arrange some kindergarten Bible lessons.

"Having the school to attend to every afternoon except Saturday prevents me from going away on the train to the places where we had meetings last year, so in thinking how I could best fill in the mornings of each day I decided to organize a kindergarten class for three mornings a week, leaving the other two for visiting and Saturday for meetings.

"You may be amused at the idea of my taking up kindergarten work, as doubtless you know I never had special training in that line nor any practical experience, but it is simply a case of trying to use the power of "adaptation to circumstances" that I may utilize the opportunity the Master has sent.

"Mrs. (Judge) Chika, one of our Christian women, is very much interested, and will help to gather in the children. There is no such school in Nagano, and she has wanted me to inaugurate one. However, my present idea is not a regular school, but rather a means to an end. While we use kindergarten methods our object shall be to teach 'the old old story.' I feel it is the Father's leading, and it is so good to know none of the children will be too small to understand and appreciate in some measure the story of the Cross. What they learn in their tender years will not be forgotten, and while we may not have them with us for more than a year (as I do not now plan for a longer time than that) the seed sown in their young hearts will be cared for by the great Husbandman. Personally it will be a great satisfaction to have the same children four times a week (as they come to Sunday School) in a class, instead of only once, as is usual in our children's meetings here."

Miss Preston writes from Kanazawa, July 26th: "We