

Baby has never been ill, he is seven months old to-day. Japanese houses are very draughty and I really wonder he keeps so well, but as Miss Paterson says Japanese babies are born in a draught and they can stand anything, so I suppose my babies are like that. You will, I am sure, all be pleased that Miss Smith and her nurses have moved to Nagano. Before they came our congregations were chiefly men, so they add greatly to our women and also to our Woman's Meetings; now christian women also attend our Woman's Association. Our Bible woman was married in February to a Catechist, I trust they will do good work for our Master in their new sphere of work. We have more places now than we can fill, but in July two young men are coming, both from this province, and baptized by my husband. We are all so thankful for the generous help received from the W. A. A nice situation has been chosen for the Hospital, the ground is in the name of four native clergy and two catechists. The church fund slowly increases; we have made Miss Paterson Treasurer, and the building will begin in July, and be carried on so far as our money will go: we have in addition to the site about \$375. It will be such a blessing to have a proper place of worship, instead of growing accustomed to being without a church; we feel the need of one daily. During Lent we had daily services which were well attended. The paper I enclose you will recognize as the usual present token always sent with a present in Japan. Just as I am writing our Provincial Governor sent it in with a present. Please remember me to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary at your Annual meeting; ask them to be very earnest in prayer for our poor heathen sisters in this wonderful country of Japan.

From Rev. J. S. Boyd, Foochow, China, 2nd April, 1896.

I am very glad I did not purchase a bicycle before I came out as it would be absolutely useless; this hint may be useful for the next comers which we hope to welcome here before the end of the year. I wish we had brought our dinner and tea sets as these cannot be got here; if we had known we would have purchased in Japan. We are still in Foochow as you will see and are likely to remain here until the fall. The Consul has given permission for all to go into the country but wants all back in Foochow for the summer, so it is hardly worth while going up when we would have to return so soon. We are hard at work at the language but find it very difficult to study together, we hope to have another teacher soon. Chinese is different from Japanese in that one cannot do much by ones self; however, we are not discouraged, and the wonderful interest manifested by the people makes us very anxious to learn the language as soon as possible.

The Teacher's house at the Blood Reserve was destroyed by fire; incendiary; no insurance; Government will not insure.