

Secretary. Some very carefully print the name of the Branch on the outside of the bale. I am thankful to say that our Home has already been a very great blessing to the poor Indian children. Out of 26 last winter, no less than 16 professed to have experienced a real change of heart; and only two or three have given us any cause for disappointment. The more I see of Indian camp life, the more am I convinced that our Homes are the only hope for the children. Humanly speaking, it is quite impossible for any child to grow up pure in heart or mind under such influences. There are many bright exceptions, but generally speaking, the whole atmosphere of the camp is polluted with immorality. About ten days ago I returned from the end of the lake, a distance of 70 miles, with four children for the Home. I left some of the Indians almost angry because I could not admit their children, and on the morning of our departure some of the poor little children were crying in their disappointment at not being able to accompany the fortunate ones, but I knew our accommodation was too limited to admit of more. I trust our dear Christian friends will plead with God for a rich blessing on our scholars this winter, and that those who have already yielded themselves to Jesus may be kept and grow in Grace. Mr. White will be in here in a few days so I will ask him to write you. May God abundantly bless you in your important office. Mrs. Holmes joins me, though late, in wishing you and your sister a very blessed and happy New Year. Yours sincerely,

GEORGE HOLMES.

We feel sure all our members will rejoice at the news received lately from Miss Smith, and will not forget to ask that God will abundantly bless this new formed foreign Branch of our loved W.A. "On the 7th of this month all the Church women here met at my house and we organized a Fugin Kwai, or Woman's Auxiliary to the Church in Nagano. Mrs. Midzuno, who is soon expected to join her husband, who came from Kobe to work in this Mission, was elected President; Mrs. Waller, 1st. Vice-Pres. Miss Smith, 2nd Vice Pres., Okagaki San, Sec.; Soga San, (the catechist's wife) Treas.; Ysutsui San, (the Bible Woman) and Miyaki San, District visitors; Hamaguchi San, and Tanaka San, District nurses; Okano San and Araki San were appointed Dorcas workers, their duty being to make garments for any poor in the congregation. We meet once a month, turn about in the homes of the members, and each committee must have a written report of its work."

This Branch can only stand in the same relation to us as the North West W.A.'s do, an independent Auxiliary, our D. and F.M. Board not having any jurisdiction in Japan. Still we cannot but feel to it as we do to the others, in the light of being the mother Auxiliary, and give it a cordial welcome as another member of our happy family.