

I thought we would be able to lower the estimate for next year by at least the amount of this year's surplus, but the high rate of exchange has destroyed all our economical plans. Rent is a large item, and one that I had hoped we should not have to pay many months longer. The present building will not accommodate any more boarders, and there being no adjoining one available, the founders thought before the holidays that, with some help from us, they might be able to build this year instead of next, as they promised in the agreement to try to do. But the people throughout the Province, and most of the founders themselves, have spent so much on the recent elections that they say sufficient money cannot be collected to build at present. The school will never grow to be self-supporting, I am certain, but if the students increased to fifty or sixty, and there were no rent to pay, the running expenses would be reduced to a minimum.

The Christian work in the school has been most interesting and encouraging the whole year, and God's blessing has richly rested on the teaching of His Word from the beginning. The first term was one of great interest in the Bible, because of its novelty and the uniqueness of its teachings. The second term was one of earnest inquiry on the part of quite a number who partially believed, but more than half doubted, the truths taught. But in the third term there was a clearing away of the clouds and a coming out into the clear light; and at the close of the evening service, the first Sunday in June, when all hearts were suddenly touched as it were with "a coal from off the altar," and six of the large girls took a decided stand for Christ, the joy of both teachers and taught can only be known by those who have experienced it. Three more asked for baptism the same week.

The past year has been one full of rich experiences, and I wish to render thanks to the Giver of all good for the many blessings He has showered upon me. I have realized afresh how true it is that no sacrifice is made for Christ without receiving in return the hundred-fold. As we workers in the interior are greatly isolated during the year, we cannot but miss the companionship of those of our own nationality; but God seems to come closer to show us more fully than ever before what He is able and anxious to be to us, and to teach us to find the brightness of His presence, wherever we turn. Whenever He puts us forth into a position of greater separa-