

he will now take even a greater interest in our work. O Sada San and O Nami San are the same faithful, devoted workers that they have always been, one dispenses medicine and the other assists in bandaging, etc., and visits the sick poor in the afternoon. I have besides two young girls, O Kana San and O Kimi San, who came to us from the Church Orphanage in Tokyo last November, with a view of eventually studying to be nurses. They are only sixteen years old and will be ready to begin the course when the W.A. Hospital is built; At present I teach them English, Dr. Shiba teaches them physiology and hygiene, and they act as apprentices, in the dispensary, to O Nami San. They are both very good girls and assist in the Sunday School and other Church work. I think I told you that Miyaki San, our capable Bible-woman, has always studied nursing whenever she had time, since she has been with me—almost two years—and has taken several 'cases.' Last autumn, during the dysentery epidemic, she went out to Murokami Mura, a town about thirty miles distant, and took charge of a hospital with thirty patients. The authorities were delighted with her management, so when there was a 'call' last month for a nurse to take charge of an Accident Hospital on the new line of railway near here, I had perfect confidence in sending her. She is a most earnest and successful *missionary*, and is old enough (thirty years) to work among men and maintain her dignity and self-respect. (The Japanese do not think it proper for *young girls* to nurse men.) We are now very much in need of a Biblewoman to work among the patients in Nagano, and I have written to Osaka to see if I can get a worker. One of our first patients was admitted a *catechumen* two weeks ago and two others are 'enquirers.' Altogether we feel that God is indeed blessing our work, and although 'outward results' in Japan are very slow, we are certain that 'in due time we shall reap.'

The Pro. Cor. Sec. had the honor of attending a meeting of Diocesan officers of the United States W.A. April 22nd held in the Church Mission House, New York. Monday, prayers were said by the Chaplain in the chapel and the meeting held in the W.A. room. Mrs. Whittaker, wife of the Bishop of Nevada, president. There were 30 officers present, representing 11 different Dioceses. Bishop Tuttle of Idaho gave a short address regarding his Indian work. Much business was attended to and reports of committees brought in, this being the last meeting until October. A very warm welcome was given to Canada's W.A. representative who carried to our mother the filial greetings of her W.A. child, we having followed her noble example fifteen years later. A most cordial return message of fellowship and good will was entrusted to the Secretary, who begs to take this opportunity to deliver it to all our members. The Pro. Sec. was then entertained at luncheon by Miss Emery, Secretary U.S.A.