

JAPAN.

All will be sorry to hear that Miss Blackmore has been ill, and will hope soon to hear of her full recovery. Under date of Jan. 17, Miss Blackmore writes :

"Just as the Christmas holidays began I was taken with a grippe, and not only did I lose my own opportunity of getting all sorts of odds and ends of work done, but Miss Munro's and Miss Hart's entire holidays were given up to waiting on me. I had not got on my feet when school re-opened. However, I am gaining rapidly now. I taught an hour to-day as a beginning, and intend to try full work to-morrow.

"It is the first time I have been ill since coming to Japan more than eight years ago, excepting of course, 'the Japanese head' I had before my furlough.

"A comforting assurance. How clearly he makes known to each worker the part He has planned for that one; and it is always *solid ground* beneath the feet, even in the roughest place to *know* we are working in just the place He wants us."

*Woman's Missionary Society and Church Relations Outlined.
Similar in all our Stations.*

From Miss Preston.

KOFU, JAPAN, Nov. 15, 1897.

Our school has a Board of Directors composed of six members which may meet once a month. Of these six, three are nominated by the Japanese interested in the school, and three by the Woman's Missionary Society. Of the latter, two are foreigners, and the other is Rev. Mr. Kobayashi, our pastor. The Board of Directors has a vital relation to the school—preparing the calendar and taking up many questions of interest affecting the school.

It has been the custom of the pastor to come to the school the second Sunday evening of every month to preach to the girls. He often stays after the service or comes early to talk over difficult points with the girls, giving the opportunity of asking questions. It has been, and is, the express