

the place of our "S"; like Miss Paterson's Home would be, Paterson San No uchi. Japanese is a strange language, and one which you cannot study by reasoning, because there is no reason in it. When I first came to Japan I used to ask why a certain thing was said one time and another time could not be said at all, and all the answer was "There is no reason," now I don't ask the reason for anything. To have to say in Japanese, "If I get there in time I will take the train, but if I don't get there in time I won't take the train," is to our ears ridiculous, but they cannot see it. We are going to try a new plan, but cannot in the least tell how it will answer, the opening of a Christian Boarding House; we have some Christians, and some Students enquiring after Christianity, who are at the High School; they get no sympathy. We feel if we could get them under direct Christian influence it might do much good; there is a craze now for the study of English, and we intend having a reading room, so some English magazines would be very acceptable.

Tell my Auxiliary sisters they are never forgotten by me, ask them to pray for this Home, that the training and teaching given to these girls may bear much fruit in the future of Japan; *now* is our opportunity for this remarkable country, and there is no surer way of influencing the women and girls than by means of these Christian Japanese Bible women. The mothers in Japan who embrace Christianity are powerful agents against heathendom. May our Heavenly Father be with you all, evermore strengthening with His love and fatherly guidance all the work undertaken by the Auxiliary for the comfort and help of those of your workers "who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land."

I forgot to say, will the girl's Auxiliary arrange sometimes to write to Takizawa O Kiku San, and the Senior Auxiliaries write to Yoda O Tome San, they would be so charmed and encouraged.

*Extract of letter to Mrs. Banks, from Rev. H. Bourne, Essonville.*

"We received the parcel all right, and in good order; we are very thankful for the valuable contents. The linen supplies a long felt want; the Font also is most useful, and much admired, I have already used it for two baptisms. Please thank Mrs. Brock for the lovely Prayer Book, and Mrs. Massey for the magnificent Bible; these also have been long needed, and we pray God's blessing may attend the gifts."

*Letter from Mr. John Harper, Fort Hope, Moosonee, to Mrs. Banks.*

"I sit down this afternoon to let you know that I got the bale of goods. Many thanks for the help. I was nearly naked when I got the bale, I just arrive from the wilderness with my family. I am been a long time with the Mission, I never got anything like this bale of goods, I will give some to the Indians. Poor Indians are very naked indeed, I will tell them all about the bale of goods, and who