

families. We are trusting that the obstacles in their way may be removed, and this desire of their hearts granted.

The daily Bible lesson becomes more and more a responsibility. When I look at the class before me and think of the possibilities for spreading the Gospel which its members present, I can only earnestly implore that I may present Christ to them and not hinder the work by any of *my own* teaching.

We have an excellent teacher at the head of the Japanese department at present. She spent three years in America, and has more of the foreign methods of teaching than is usually found among Japanese teachers. We find her a great help; she takes her part in all the religious exercises of the school, and has the good of the girls at heart. I find myself growing quite fond of her. I trust she may always continue as she has begun. We are exceedingly fortunate in our teaching staff this term; our sewing teacher is very competent.

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From Miss Brackbill.

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Regarding Orphanage work, I hope it may be commenced this year. We have plenty of land, and the building required would be small. Of course, were Miss Ford still living, she would have had charge of it; but someone else will have to take it as part of her work.

I did get very tired during the spring and early summer—did not realize how much so until I got away for a change—but the rest did me a great deal of good, and I am feeling quite myself again since my return.

We have seven boarding pupils in now, and expect more when the dormitories are ready. We scarcely know where to put these last ones, but thought we could manage for a few weeks.

We require unbound feet. There is nothing in the agreement about this. They are unbound as soon as they come