

SHINING FOR JESUS.

Are you shining for Jesus, dear one?
 Shining just everywhere,
 Not only in easy places,
 Not only just here and there?
 Shining in happy gatherings,
 Where all are loved and known?
 Shining where all are strangers?
 Shining when quite alone?
 Shining at home, and making
 True sunshine all around?
 Shining abroad, and faithful—
 Perhaps among faithless—found?

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FIELD STUDY FOR DECEMBER.

Subject: Tokyo.

Our Woman's Missionary Society opened work in Tokyo in 1882; Miss Cartmell, our first missionary, left her home in Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 25th, and arrived in Tokyo on the afternoon of Dec. 27th. Evangelistic work was the first work that she did there. She soon saw the great need that there was for Woman's work for women, and her first thoughts and plans were how to reach them. So she sent out invitations to them, and the first gathering was around Dr. Eby's dining room table, the doctor acting as interpreter. When Miss Cartmell moved to her own little home, which you see in the picture, she had a chapel there, so the work came to her. Here she held meetings with the women twice a week and Sunday-school with the children. She had also a class of young men to whom she taught English—some of them embraced Christianity. The work among the women was slow at first, and she was obliged to hold out inducements in the way of offering to teach them English and crochet work, which opened the way to tell them of Jesus. Property was purchased by the General Society, and two schools build in the district of Tokyo, called Azabu, and Miss Cartmell moved there in September, 1884. The Girls' school opened with two pupils, who were not long left alone, for these schools were opened just at the time when the Japanese had awakened to the importance of educating their daughters; when they had a strong desire to learn English and adopt foreign customs. The applicants were so numerous that in the summer of 1885 an addition was built, providing for 100 pupils. Then Miss Spence, afterwards Mrs. Large, was sent out from Ontario to take charge of this school, and under her excellent, careful management, and with her assistant missionaries it grew and flourished. In 1886 another building was erected for 250 pupils, and it was soon full, while many outside waited for admission; this building was enlarged in 1888. Then it was whispered disloyal to their own religion and their country. A that foreign schools were making the Japanese girls large school was built under the patronage of the Empress, which took away the high class girls from our schools, but the work then had been so thorough that impressions had been made never to be forgotten, and some of the native girls had become assistant teachers, evangelists and Bible women. The work spread from

Azabu to other districts of Tokyo. Last year a grant was given to purchase a new site for a new building; for the one built in 1886 had been really rendered unsafe by earth-quakes and typhoons—it was hoped that it will be ready for occupation in October. There are now in Tokyo Miss Blackmore, Miss Hart, evangelist, and Miss Veazey, who has charge of the school. They are sadly in need of more helpers to aid them in the good work which has gone steadily on in spite of all discouragements. We are glad to know that two more will soon be hastening to their relief.

QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

- (1) When did our W. M. S. begin work in Tokyo?
- (2) Who was our first missionary there?
- (3) What kind of work did she do there at first?
- (4) What great need did she see?
- (5) What was the result?
- (6) Tell something of the growth of the Tokyo school.
- (7) Tell all you know about our missionaries, our property and the work being done there at the present time.

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QUESTION DRAWER.

Echoes From Branch Meeting.

How would you select your delegate?

First, pray that God may guide you in your choice and then guide the delegate.

Select one who will be likely to become enthused and bring back a good report.

How would you prepare for convention—that is, for District or Branch?

The last meeting in Auxillary, Circle or Band before convention should be spent in preparing for it. Study the laws governing conventions. Give the delegate questions to ask. Let her understand what she can do to help, and what she can bring back.

What are the duties of the delegate while there?

She must first remember that she is the choice of the Auxillary. She must take with her three ideas—"Going, Getting, Giving." She must be prompt at every session, devotional exercises too—note-book and pencil in hand, jotting down all the good things said and done. Papers and discussions are not digested unless the points are gathered up—the blackboard is most helpful. She must be wide awake to the demands of the hour; keep the mind open; get into the spirit of the occasion. Forgetfulness of self makes a good delegate.

What are her duties when she comes back?

She must discriminate between the Auxillary and the public meeting. In the latter details are not necessary, but a general idea of the work done. Give the Auxillary the contents of her note-book. What most touches the heart is good to take back. The delegate of one year should educate the delegate of the next.

What is the most helpful report to take home from a Branch meeting?

Such a report as will make every member of the Auxillary feel that she has been there.