

receiving information that made us feel that a visit from us could have little practical result, we decided not to go.

Our visit to Nagano station was most satisfactory. Rev. B. Hashimoto and wife are doing faithful work there, and Shimada San, our Bible-woman, who is spending her holidays at her home, has gotten a firm hold on a number of women and children, and is making good use of her advantages.

Like Kofu, Nagano is situated on a plain with many outlying towns and villages. The plain, however, is much smaller than that of Yamanashi, so the distances are not nearly as great. Mr. Hashimoto has already begun work in several outside places, and there is good promise of growth and extension.

The people to whom we spoke about opening a school in Nagano are all anxious for us to do so, though they admit that after a few years, when the railway reaches Matsumoto, we would doubtless have a larger school there. In Matsumoto, however, our church can scarcely be said to have a beginning; there is no settled worker, but an evangelist visits the place occasionally, while there is a flourishing Methodist Episcopal Church of twenty years' standing. In Nagano we have a prosperous church; for this reason we are inclined to consider Nagano city the place for the establishment of our school. I do not mean that this has been decided, but we are trying to obtain all the information possible.

So many pleasing little things occurred on our trip. At Uyede, Kuni Ito (a pupil of the Azabu school), met us with the pastor at the station, and went to the meeting with us. When the people gathered we were surprised to see seven teen little girls file quietly in and seat themselves in two orderly rows. Evidently they were quite at home in the church. I asked O Kuni San who they were, and she replied that they were her Sunday school girls. She then explained that the pastor is so busy on Sundays, having to preach at Tenaka as well as at Uyede, that he had no time to have a Sunday School and there was no one else at all to do it, so