

of Chinese who come among us, some few at least, may return to their own land filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and become instruments in His hands to make known the glad tidings of the Gospel of Peace among their countrymen.

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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF SOUTH TOKYO.

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Indeed for permanent Bible Women we have to look rather to those who have been left widows at thirty or upwards, or even worse, strange to say, to those who have been divorced under the easy Japan law, through no fault of their own, and are then still more at liberty to shape their own lives.

(2) The Bible Home is very well placed. Matsumoto needs some woman's institution as a nucleus of women's work, just as Nagano has its admirable Nursing School. Matsumoto is almost, if not quite as important a centre and as large a town as Nagano. The two places are a whole day's journey apart, and if the journey is to be done in one day two mountain passes must be crossed, and this is more than a lady can generally do. Matsumoto therefore cannot be reached, in the matter of women's work, by Nagano; it *must* have its own institution if real good is to be done in this line. Moreover, in so isolated a place it is far better to have two houses of foreign missionaries close together than one alone. Two in such case, if the people get on together, is much more useful than one. In consequence, they can help one another with the difficulties of language, thoughts, ideas of extension and power of making use of opportunities, always a great difficulty to one household alone. Mrs. Kennedy's state of health illustrates this strikingly enough, though her mother is with her. What would be the effect on her, on her husband, and on her work, if neither her mother or Miss Paterson were in Matsumoto? Isolation of this kind is depressing enough for a *man* who can get about and find health and spirits by walking over the mountains with knapsack on back to his nearest neighbour. What would it be with a woman's more sedentary life? But the Home is well placed, not only by being in Matsumoto, but by being just in its present situation. About the best situation