

house! Every mat was rubbed and brushed, the wood-work was polished until it shone and then began the work of decoration. Mrs. Nagai, the wife of a local official, very kindly let us have the loan of a very ancient and valuable *Kakemono*, or scroll, that was only intended to be hung up in times of congratulation and rejoicing, and also superintended the arrangement of the flowers. No barbarian of a foreigner could in a life-time hope to be proficient in the latter art, and only a few of the most highly educated Japanese will attempt to arrange the floral decorations for any public festival, and I am not exaggerating when I tell you that the lady I speak of was more than *two hours* trimming a large branch of fir, before the curves were considered correct. Well, when all was finished it was pronounced 'very good' and at 2 p m our guests began to arrive. The Rev. Mr. Midzam, who had come up from Takata where the Canadian Church has recently begun work, was the chairman, and in his opening address gave a history of the work I began in Kobe, and what our plans were as soon as the W.A. Hospital was built here; Dr. Shiba, Mr. Waller, and some other speakers spoke of the duties and responsibilities of trained nurses and the great need there was in Japan for educated Christian women to enter in this profession. Then followed a congratulatory address from Mrs. Takenouchi, the Secretary of our Fugin Rivia; a Japanese song by the nurses, and afterwards the presentation of the medals and diplomas and a short address from me. I wish you could have seen our sweet little graduates in their 'red cross' uniform, which was most becoming to them, and their shy, blushing faces as all the guests came up in turn to congratulate them. Among our guests (there were about fifty) were the 'head-men' of the different towns where our nurses had rendered service during the epidemics of camp-fever and dysentery in July, September and October; the principal doctor in private practice here, all our Church people, and other friends of the school. Tea and cakes, such dainty, pretty cakes, representing flowers and leaves, were served and every body seemed well pleased with the entertainment of the afternoon. The next day the members of our Medical Mission, doctors, nurses, and evangelists, were photographed, and on November 5th, the two graduates went over to Matsumoto to begin district nursing in Mr. Kennedy's Mission there. I miss my two daughters very much, but it was thought wise by the Bishop and all of us, that the nucleus of a Medical Mission should be formed in the other centre of Church work in the Canadian Diocese, and from all accounts which I have received of their work since they left Nagano, I feel sure that they are very useful to Mr. Kennedy. You will have heard that Dr. Shiba, who has charge of the dispensary, was baptized on Christmas Day, so we are all Christians together now. It was a matter of deep thankfulness to me, for I had always, from the first day he came to us in Kobe, made his conversion a subject of special prayer, and I feel that