

The development of the Christian character that sees the right and follows it too, even when it is contrary to national customs and prejudices; and there comes with this the realization of what the influences of these girls is going to do in upraising the coming generation. Truly the Lord has been with us here, blessing and making us a blessing, the full extent of which we can never know until the day when He numbers His jewels."

I think that I have written all that is needed of explanation, praying that your annual meeting may be one of great blessing and joy.

A Dr. Howard, who has been staying in Japan for some months, says he has seen no such strong, healthy-looking people, of the same mission, as those of the Canadian Methodists. Some time during last year a lady of another mission was consulting Dr. Macdonald regarding how she ought to work in order to keep her health, and he told her to go to the ladies of 14 Torrizaka, and inquire how they arranged their work, and to do the same, for they were far from idle—none did more work, and there were no stronger persons than the members of our mission. Again, the wonder grows as the years pass by, at the strong family feeling there is among us all; from all sides we hear it, and are asked how it is that we are all such good friends, and love each other so much, and why we spend our summer vacations together. No one ever hears of a quarrel among us, and if an absent one is coming to us, we all are so rejoiced at the prospect of seeing her. For all this we do bow our heads in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His great kindness to us, and pray that we may be more and more bound together.

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From Miss Preston.

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Our school is not yet finished. We hope to take possession of the new building in a couple of weeks, but until then the school-work cannot go on, as the present building has to be restored to what it was when we rented it, and it is already considerably torn up.

One class on the "Life of Christ" we hold in the church