

JAPAN WORK.

From Miss Hargraves.

KANAZAWA.

The work has been a great joy, a delightful service, though there have been times when the physical has been well tried. I am not glad to leave, but there being that "other side," the home-going, I cannot call it a "trial" to leave the work now.

The very word home suggests so much of rest and quiet. That, with good bracing Canadian air, is all I need, I think, to build me up again, and make me forget I have any nerves.

The year with Miss Veazey has been an inspiration in many ways. I respect her very much, and in my estimation she is very capable for the duties that fall to her hands here. I sincerely regret, I assure you, having to step out and let my part of the burden fall on her shoulders. For I arrange and plan beforehand, as I know there will be much for her to take up. I hope not too much. She will only have two months alone before summer vacation, but that is all I wish to think of her having.

Now, in reply to yours. You speak of our industrial work having extended. Yes, it has. You will rejoice to hear we now have our work in a more flourishing and encouraging condition than it has shown this winter. True, God has opened the way before us.

In the Kawa-Kami school—the building erected by the donation from Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle—we have twenty girls, between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two, just the class we had long wished to reach. They are all from very poor families, have no education at all. We give them embroidery work during the day, and have them attend a night-school for lessons—not forgetting *the Book* we came here to teach from.

We have forty and over at our Sunday School there every Sunday, and the room is crowded on Monday evenings at the preaching service. The embroidery class is upstairs.