

by the words of the Psalmist, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." The death of the Doctor's little daughter filled our hearts with sorrow. Our official staff consists of a superintendent and two nurses. The superintendent is a very busy man—his duties are manifold. In addition to his medical work (which alone is sufficient for any ordinary man) he must, as Justice of the Peace, administer justice to the transgressors, who are quite numerous in a mixed population, and as local preacher he must fill appointments, whether convenient or otherwise.

Miss Stevenson, whose duties commenced in April, filled the place left vacant by Miss Lawrence. She is well qualified for missionary work, and in time with proper training will make an excellent nurse.

In addition to my work in the hospital, I have made 119 visits among the sick of the village. I had time and opportunity for prayer and reading the Scriptures with them 44 times, and have presided at 8 meetings in connection with the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

We have religious services with the patients every day, in which quite a number of them take part. On Sunday afternoon the missionary or some of the Christian natives hold a preaching service in the wards, which the patients greatly enjoy. I do not know what number of conversions have taken place in the wards, but I do know that some of them date their conversion from the time when they were in the hospital.

In grateful acknowledgment of your many prayers, sympathies and favors, I remain, your loving sister in the work.

JAPAN.

From Miss Blackmore.

AZABU, TOKYO, Oct. 1st, 1896.

I am sorry not to have been able to write to you by the Canadian mail, but it went out at an especially busy time.