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Miss Sarah C. Smith, who, after leaving Tokyo on account of her health, taught in Hakodate two years, writes from Sapporo, where she is now aiding a Government school two hours a day, besides conducting her girls' mission school. She is the only American representative of our Church on Yezo.

“ Government schools here, except the Agricultural College, have vacation during August only, therefore, as I must be engaged in the Normal School I concluded to continue the girls' school also. Government has kindly built an addition to my house for the

accommodation of my school. We had a formal opening to which about sixty guests were invited, among them all the highest officers and their wives, many of whom accepted. The room was comfortably filled and all seemed pleased. The married ladies attending the English class in the school furnished the Japanese feast, always indispensable, while I furnished ice-cream, cake and apples, the Japanese being as fond of the former as Americans are. The apples grew on trees in my own yard.

“ The new addition is 21 x 33 feet. There is a large school-room below and a stairway into a book-closet underneath ; a room for sewing and study, and a sleeping-room above. The school-room is furnished with chairs only, no desks ; the others with matting. We have forty in the girls’ school, of whom eleven are boarders, all I have sleeping room for. The kindergarten, (taught by a girl from Bancho), numbers twenty, to which it must be limited for the present. I have from ten to fifteen in a Bible-class on the Sabbath, but the number does not increase. Three have become Christians and one of the three has gone a long distance from here as teacher in a village school, from where she often writes to me.”