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A GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS SHERMAN wrote from SAPPORO, May 19 :

I wish you could see our girls. We have one hundred and eleven, as promising a company of young women as can be found of the same number, I dare say, in any school in Japan. Among them are sweet and beautiful Christian characters. Reports come of those who have gone out from this school and are actively engaged in work for the Master, such as gathering the children of a country place under a tree for Sunday-school.

When you wrote of " candidates " who can sing solos, I thought perhaps my prayer for a fellow-worker who can sing, is now to be answered. . . I learned the value of singing in Japan, after seeing how much is accomplished at the Methodist School in Hakodate by a special teacher from home ; and then hearing the way our girls sing, and how the congregation sings on Sunday, for every one sings whether he has ever seen the piece before or not. Few homes have

any instrument, but ability to read notes would give power for learning new hymns without an instrument, and I wish for our girls to have this. Send us two ladies who can teach music and sing, and one to help us in the other teaching.

May 28.—This week a Mr. Franson of some Scandinavian mission was holding union meetings in Sapporo. The evening it was in our church we took our “ Helping Hand Society.” Nearly all the unsaved girls went forward for prayers, and the next morning at our invitation Mr. Franson came to the chapel and spoke to all our school together ; *twenty-nine of the girls decided for Christ*. After instructing them about I John 1:9, and asking if they had faith to believe, he said, “ Now shall we not thank God for doing this ? and as each prays she may sit down.” It was touching to see the littlest girl of all cover her face with her hands and lead in the first prayer, others following until all had prayed.

I have been spending a night and a day with Miss Rose, who has a kindergarten school in Otaru. Sapporo has about forty thousand population, but Otaru seventy-five thousand. It is very pretty there because of the sea on one side of the town and a circle of mountains on the other three sides. Now they are green and beautiful. Here and there high up is a little patch of snow lingering to see the green.

Work on our school building has begun.