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Good Words from Three Schools.

Sapporo. The interest in Christianity which pervaded the school last year seems to continue.—Sarah C. Smith.

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MISS MARY BELLE SHERMAN, appointed in 1902, wrote from SAPPORO, Hokkaido :

We are comfortable in our new building. The things from Chicago are a constant joy and comfort. It is so nice to have the necessary furniture pretty and cheerful. I have my piano, and my rooms, with stove and rug, are warm and bright. I thank God everyday for my home. It is wonderful how much of what I gave up He has given back to me. In America I knew the strain of a teacher's life, later in city mission work I felt the pressure of demands upon

physical strength and sympathies. In comparison I consider the work here easier and pleasanter ; but it is not possible to work as much here, for continued study, or lack of exercise in the open air, causes a pain in the back of the head, known as “ Japanese head.” This makes legitimate more recreation than I had given myself in previous years. A Congregational missionary, home on furlough, has lent me a little Hokkaido pony, and

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have I had on him to the woods and mountains. We are in the city, so you may imagine the joy it has been to ride out where I was alone with God and could speak out loud the praise of my heart. Life here has little of the hardship I expected to find. The greatest trial has been that I was not able to speak for Christ because I could not be understood.